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MARRIED IN ENGLAND

NEIL WALLACE and Edna Higgs were the principles in an April 3rd wedding, in St. Gregory's Church, in Cheltenham, England, which had a local connection. The groom, a former Georgetowner, is the son of Mrs. Wyn Wallace, 3 Dale Gate.

Shannon, Cannon Coming Big Draw for Teenagers

Headliners Freddie Cannon and Del Shannon who have been secured by Club Midtown for a mammoth 'dance show' in the park Friday, June 9th will probably draw teeners from all over this part of the country like moths to a flame, and with their success on wax who could be surprised.

Freddie Cannon accumulated hordes of followers with his first disc, Tallahassee Lassie, and since then has answered their clamour for more of the same with Okefenokee, Way Down Yonder, Jump Over, and many others, all immediate hits.

Though a more recent discovery in the teen age galaxy of stars, Del Shannon rocketed to the peak of popularity with his record, Runaway, which hit the coveted top spot within a scant three weeks. Initial sales soared into the hundreds of thousands, a triple tribute to Del, who not only sang the hit, but also wrote the music and lyrics.

Del Shannon was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., on December 30th, 1939. Although his family had no musical background he started singing and playing guitar at the age of 14. After graduating from high school in 1957, Del entered the Army and was stationed in Germany as a radioman with a field artillery battalion. He auditioned as a guitarist and was chosen to appear in the 7th Army's production of 'Get Up and Go' show in Stuttgart, Germany.

After discharge he appeared in local clubs and at dances around Michigan and came to the attention of disc jockey Ollie McLaughlin of station WHRV in Ann Arbor, Mich., who had Shannon audition for Harry Balk and Irving Micahnik of Embee Productions in Detroit. Immediately a record session was set up in New York with 'Runaway' being the result.

Many Songs

He is managed by Artists, Inc. of Detroit, Mich. who also manage Johnny and the Hurricanes and other top teen talent. His booking agency is General Artists Corporation. Besides writing 'Runaway', Del has written many other songs. His songwriting career is guided by Vicki Music, Inc., his exclusive music publisher.

On the personal side, Del Shannon likes to hop into his Thunderbird and go fishing in the Great Lakes and in fresh water streams. His favorite motion picture stars are Marlon Brando and Lee Remick, Johnny Mathis, Ray Charles and Ella Fitzgerald are his favourite singers while Chet Atkins get his vote as an instrumentalist.

His multi-faceted talents and abilities as recording artist, musician, song writer and performer have given him little time for himself since his sudden emergence on the popular music scene. Concentrating on his career is uppermost but he has been able to work in some fishing and getting out with his school buddies.

June 9th will be his first appearance in Eastern Canada.

Freddie Cannon is a slim, good looking 20 year old with brown wavy hair, laughing brown eyes, an infectious grin, who loves sports and weenie roasts and has a natural vocal talent that's resulted in eight consecutive pop records in a little more than a year.

Revere

Freddie, who hails from Revere, Massachusetts, where he lives with his parents and 13 year old sister, Mary Lou, set his sights on a musical career as a toddler. At seven, his ambition was to have a combo like his truck driver dad, who still plays lead trumpet in a group called Freddie Carmen and His Orchestra.

While his dad leaned towards slower swing songs on the Guy Lombardo-Lawrence Welk order, Young Freddie Picariello — he later changed his name for show biz — tuned his ear to music with a snappy beat. Alone or with school chums, he spent hours spinning the records of Country Western artist, Hank Williams, and rhythm 'n' blues King Chuck Berry.

Although Freddie's dad openly frowned on a musical career; (it's not a steady enough occupation, son. Make it a hobby and work at something that insures a steady flow of bread and butter.) Freddie's mom and dad were delighted with the natural flair for rhythm that their son showed.

By the time he was 15 and a student at Lynn (Mass.) Vocational High School, young Freddie had realized his first ambition; he'd teamed up with a few buddies to form a little band. Freddie who had already mastered the guitar, was the lead singer.

Freddie and his band were soon on the 'most wanted' list for the neighbourhood teenage parties. "You're as good as the bands that play for record hops," his friends declared, "why don't you try out for one?"

Freddie, a veteran "of practically every record hop that hit town," smiled shyly and shrugged "Maybe we will."

When he was 16, Freddie played his first record hop. A wildly enthusiastic audience clamoured for more. Freddie Cannon was on his way. But he stayed on the bottom rung of the entertainment ladder for almost three years, until one day last spring, tunesmiths Bob Crewe and Frank Slay saw Freddie perform.

Impressed with the youngster's singing style and stage presence they offered to collaborate with him on a demonstration record. The result: "Tallahassee Lassie." Swan Record men heard the demonstration disc, recognized an excitingly new different sound and lost no time in signing Freddie to a long term contract.

"Freddie has a fresh, spontaneous style," explained a Swan exec. "What's more, he feels his music and he can project that feeling as well as his own dynamic personality to his audience — whether he's performing live or on a record."

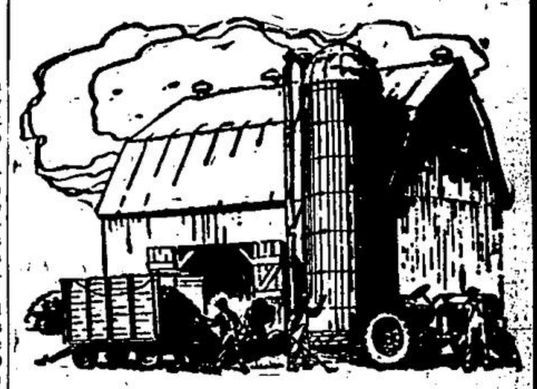
"Tallahassee Lassie" proved an immediate success. In less than a month, it broke into the international roster of top 40 tunes, soared to fifth place on pop music polls in the United States. Freddie followed it with 'Okefenokee,' his million seller 'Way Down Yonder in New Orleans,' 'Humdinger' and 'Muskrat Scramble', 'Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy,' 'Jump Over,' and 'Happy Shades of Blue.' His first album 'The Explosive Cannon' was a sure smash, he followed it up with another album: 'Freddie Cannon Sings Blue,' and this is an album to hear. This album pretty accurately describes the way this talented young lad has entered the entertainment field, and is here to stay! Watch this lad's career, and you'll agree that Freddie Cannon is here to really stay!

MRS. HEAVER DIRECTS MUSICAL PRODUCTION

Pupils of Pine Grove public school are busy rehearsing Gilbert and Sullivan's famous comic opera 'The Gondoliers', which will be presented under the sponsorship of the Home and School Association of Friday and Saturday evenings, May 26 and 27. The cast includes the schools choirs and pupils of Grades Five to Eight, about 125 altogether.

Directing the production is Peter Grafton, of the school staff. Mrs. M. Heaver, music supervisor in Trafalgar schools, is directing the music, assisted by R. Andrews, a member of the teaching staff. Mrs. K. Finlay of the Home and School Association is providing costumes and the set will be by Norman Young, a teacher. The production is being specially

Mrs. Heaver, the former Marion Hepburn, is a former well known Glen Williams resident.



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County Fire Bureau Offers Safety Plaques to Schools

Plans for the fall fire prevention program in Halton's elementary schools are now being formulated by the County's fire prevention bureau, and one innovation of this year's proposed program will be the awarding of plaques to the top classroom in each municipality.

During the October fire prevention week, the fire brigades in each Halton municipality plan to hold open houses and the classrooms bringing the highest percentage attendance of children and parents will win a beautiful trophy for their school. Earlier in the school term the children will receive home fire hazard checksheets, and these will be filled in by the parents and returned to the fire brigades at the open houses.

Incentive

Awards to the top classrooms will be presented at the annual fire prevention dinner. "We feel these plaques will be a big incentive in getting the parents and children interested in the great need of fire prevention in the home," said Alf Peacock of Burlington, who is organizing the program for the bureau. More final details of the local contests are yet to be formulated.

At a meeting last week, the bureau heard County Mutual Aid Co-Ordinator Douglas Wilson, Chief of the Oakville brigade, explain several courses and speaking engagements that he and other Halton firefighters have attended. He told members that Halton's fire prevention bureau has gained acclaim across the Province, and several other counties have asked for information on setting up similar bueaus.

Interested

Chief George Wright of the Trafalgar brigade reported the Trafalgar Township safety council is interested in assisting the bureau with fire prevention work, and a delegate will be attending future meetings of the County group.

Following last week's meeting members viewed a film strip showing fire hazards around farms. The photographs had been taken by bureau president Don Cherrington and Wes Miller of the Trafalgar brigade, and will be shown to farm groups as part of the bureau's farm safety program.

Fire Burns Fatal For Elgie Varey

Burns received in a fire at the Acton Station Hotel a month ago proved fatal and Elgie Clifford (Coon) Varey died in Guelph General Hospital, Friday, May 12.

Funeral service was held Monday afternoon, May 15 at the Rumley - Shoemaker funeral home, Acton, conducted by Rev. H. B. Stokreef and interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Joe Hurst, Chester Peycha, Roy Agar, Sam Brunelle, Gunther Frishling and Pete Turkosz.

He was a member of the Legion and Legionnaires held a memorial service Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Mr. Varey learned cabinet-making from his uncle in Georgetown and was highly regarded in the trade. After discharge from the army he had a business in a building beside the Station Hotel, now demolished, to make room for a parking lot. Later he established Acton Woodcrafts, Main St. S. He lived in Acton for the past 25 years

Interested in sports, he played with the Acton softball league.

Born in Georgetown in 1914 a son of Ethel Martin of Toronto and the late Mark Varey, he was 47 years of age. On July 4, 1935 he married the former Pearl Bartlett who survives him at their home, 290 Arthur St. Three children remain, Valene (Mrs. Henry Jones) of Acton, Lynda and Leonard at home; two brothers Russell of Toronto and Morley, and a sister Kathleen (Mrs. Ernest Plumb) of Aurora.

OSHAWA SALLY-ANN BAND TO VISIT HERE SUNDAY

The Salvation Army Oshawa Citadel Silver Band will be heard in Georgetown on Sunday afternoon May 28th at 3 p.m.

The Band will march along the Main Business Area and then coduct a program of Sacred Music on the lawn of Knox Presbyterian Church.

The 35 piece Silver Band is under the leadership of Bandmaster Shepherd and will be accompanied by the Corps officer Major Marsland Rankin.

STEWARTTOWN

Attend Relative's Funeral in Fergus

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lawson, Mrs. H. P. Lawson, and Miss Hettie Lawson from Georgetown attended the funeral in Fergus on Friday of Mr. Harry Steele. The late Mr. Steele was a nephew of Miss Hettie Lawson's and a cousin of Mr. Walter Lawson.

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Mrs. J. Sanford is visiting with her sister Mrs. D. Heath, and her niece Mrs. B. Maguire, on the Town Line, R.R. 1, Oakville.

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Mrs. R. Alexander of Burlington spent a few days with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lawson, and was present to celebrate the birthday of her granddaughter Lynda Jean, who was four years old on Friday, May 19th. Lynda's birthday guests were her little cousin Jamie Lawson, James and Joan Lindsay, Brenda Reid and Cathy McDonald.

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Mr. Dick Sandish of Thorold recently had the misfortune to lose three fingers in a mower, and is at present in hospital. Dick's many friends in Stewarttown wish him a speedy recovery.

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St. John's Guild members have just completed quilting a very pretty quilt in blue and white, in the "Rail Fence" pattern. Mrs. C. Smith very ably pieced the quilt for the members.

Mrs. Clifford Cook of Fenelon Falls, a former Stewarttown resident, spent a few days with her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beckett and spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Humphreys.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hunter and family spent Mother's Day with Mr. Hunter's mother, Mrs. M. E. Hilliard at Orangeville, who celebrated her 70th birthday that day, with a family reunion, 33 members attended the occasion.

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Mr. Norris Marr of Detroit, spent the week-end with his sister, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wilson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wilson, Ruth and Philip, attended the wedding in Pembroke of Mrs. Wilson's nephew, David Arms, of Brantford and Sandra Scales, of Pemoroke, then motored on to Ottawa to see the tulip display.

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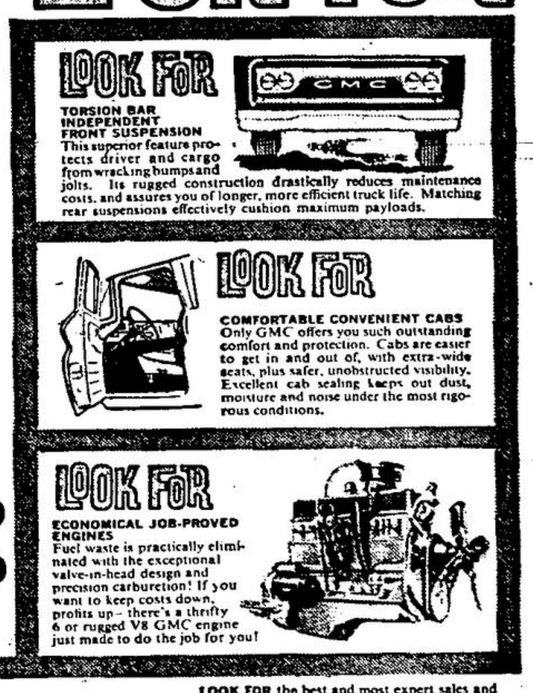

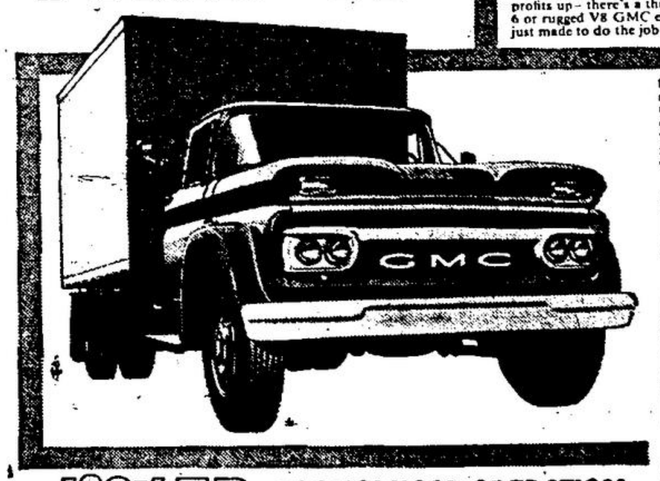

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