

Attendants in Red Velvet For Valentine Day Bride

A nursing graduate of Toronto General Hospital, now on the staff of South Peel Hospital, Cookville, Mary Grace Barber became the bride of John Owen Finley on February 15.

Rev. Norman Young officiated at the three o'clock ceremony in Knox Presbyterian Church and Mrs. Edgar Gowland was organist. "The King of Love" was used as a processional hymn and "New Thank we all our God" as a recessional. During the signing of the register Mrs. Gowland played "O Perfect Love" and "Jesus Joy of Man's Desiring". Standards of white gladioli, anemones and mums were flanked by white candles to decorate the church.

The bride wore a gown of white satin and appliques of embroidered anemone lace with a tiny chapel train. A shoulder length silk illusion veil was held by a circlet of pearl flowers around a satin rose. She wore a necklace of cultured pearls and carried an old fashioned cascade of red roses and stephanotis. Her father gave her in marriage, Mrs. Herbert Spitzer, Lincolnton, Alberta, was his brother's groomsmen, William Hodgson, Port Credit, Ray Steele and Harry Bennett, Toronto, were ushers.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley will reside in Cookville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Finley, Toronto and is agent for the Imperial Oil Co. in Lorne Park. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith D. Barber, 9 King St. E.

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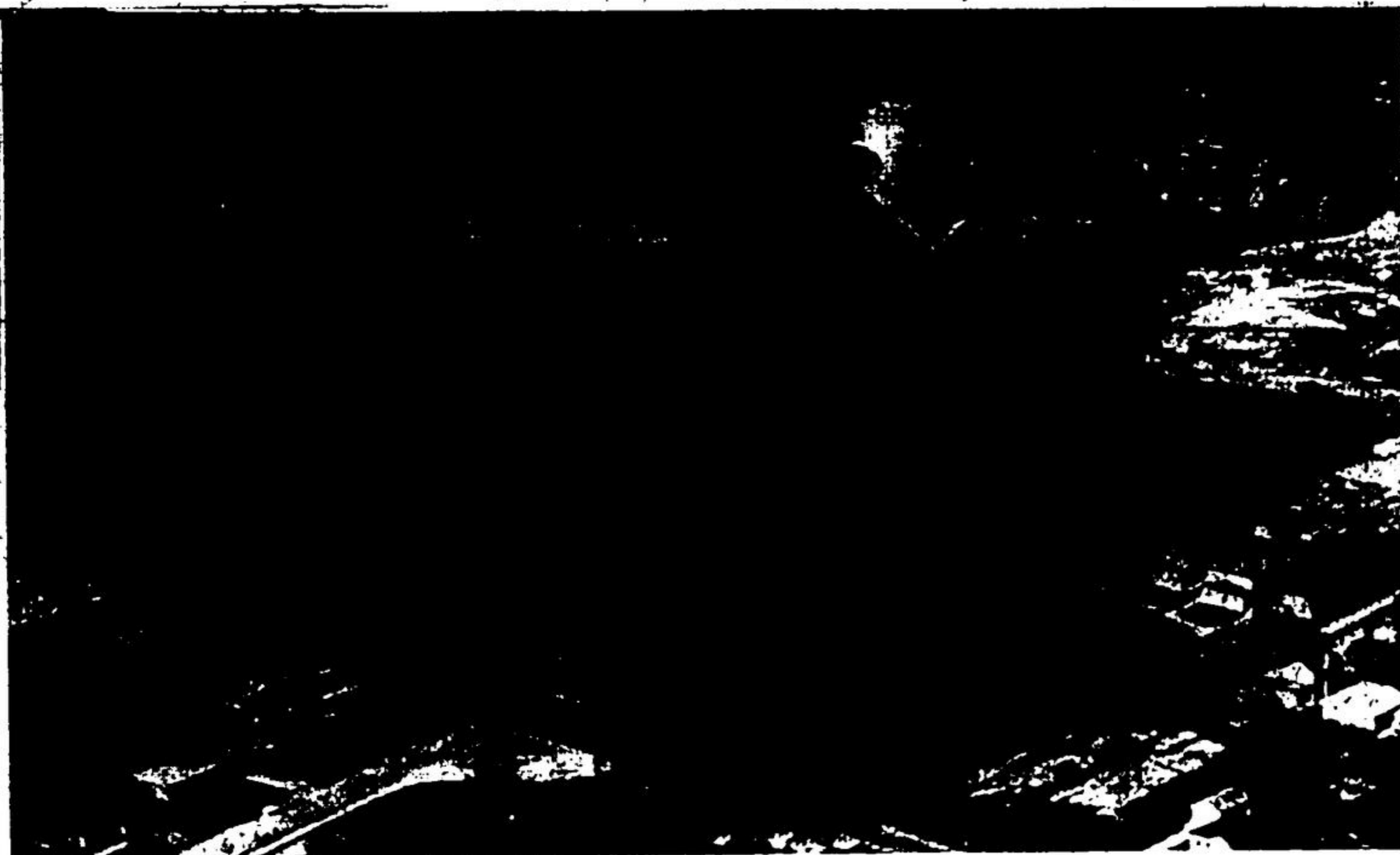
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Plants Sit Astride Boundary That Would Have Been Moved

TOWN LOSES

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J. T. Weir, Q.C., who with T. Van Sickle represented Esquimaux township in opposing the action, suggested an adjournment so that the Board could look over the area in question. "Since my clients, Smith and Stone and Meadowglen Growers make up all the industrial assessment in the area and both oppose annexation," said Robert A. Smith, lawyer. "I would be in favour of that." The chairman agreed and took an hour off to look over the area, accompanied by all parties concerned.

Grades Hazardous

On resumption of the hearing, Town Engineer Wm. Carr told of the traffic congestion on the access road to both the mills, Smith and Stone, Vartan Associates, especially since the closing of the CNR railway crossing. Steep grades on John St. East, Ewing St. and River Drive, prove hazardous for trucks, he said.

According to the engineer, the closing of the railway crossing caused truck traffic to use the Main St. bridge, the 8th line bridge, or the John St. underpass. As a result, improvements were made to Ontario St. at a cost of \$11,800 with an estimate of \$100,000 to fix it from the 8th line to the 9th line.

In reply to a question from Y. Nelson, engineer Carr answered, "The area proposed to be annexed could be serviced adequately with both water and sewers, by extending existing services."

"The boundary of the land you want to annex just manages to dodge all the houses in that part of Glen Williams," commented Esquimaux lawyer J. Weir dryly, as he began his cross-examination of the engineer.

Two Thirds Vacant

He questioned Mr. Carr's estimate of \$100,000 to fix Ontario Street, claiming that his \$20 a foot figure might apply to subdivision roads, but not to the difficult terrain of Ontario St. "In fact, said J. Weir, "it was the problem of access to existing plants, no annexation is needed since Ontario St. already goes there."

"Why spend large sums of money to bring in additional land when two thirds of your industrial land is vacant?" demanded J. Weir.

"One owner controls all the land," replied Mr. Carr, "so council expressed the desire to have other industrial land."

"None of the land in the 45 acres under discussion is owned by, or even optioned to the town, anyway, so you still wouldn't own it," retorted Mr. Weir.

From a report he had prepared in November, 1962, the engineer was asked by lawyer R. A. Smith to read the cost of developing the area. It read — "by the time of completion the land would have to sell for \$5,000 an acre." The report concluded that it would be uneconomical since other industrial land in town was selling for less.

I.C. Hibbert, town assessor confirmed that 340 acres of a total of 400 acres of industrial land were vacant.

Amplified

Mr. J. Young claimed to have been in town for some time, but the council had created a "Weir" area.

Cherry Pie, Muffins Judged at W.I. Meeting

The February Home Economics and Health Women's Institute meeting was held Tuesday afternoon the 18th at the home of Mrs. Vern Pickett, President. Mrs. John Bird opened with the ode and creed, secretary Mrs. Bob Alexander read the last month's minutes and several items of business were discussed and \$10 voted toward the Music Festival.

An invitation from Norval W.I. to attend the copper tooling course in the old Pinegrove School on March 3rd and 4th was read. Roll call was "bring an item of sewing or baking for sale" and delicious eye-catching goodies and articles of sewing were brought and later sold which brought in a nice sum.

Falls Apart

R. A. Smith pointed out that the change would mean an additional \$8,000 a year in taxes for Smith and Stone. He had the Town Treasurer testify that Smith and Stone paid \$58,400.58 in taxes in 1963.

In answer to the question "Is Council doing anything to encourage the sale of present industrial land," Coun. Young replied: "We bend over backwards to promote it, and we have them sold, but when they get to the door of Delrex Developments, the whole thing falls apart."

Councillor Emmerson appeared briefly and stressed the traffic problem in the area, claiming that in case of major fire, fire trucks would find it impossible to get through the John Street underpass.

Councillor Don Powers, Water Chairman, explained that the town supplies water to both Smith and Stone, and Meadowglen Growers. He went on to point out that customers outside the corporation limits are usually charged double rates, but this has never been applied to Smith and Stone, since half of the plant is in town. Last year Smith and Stone paid \$13,050 for water, said Mr. Powers.

Marginal Basis

"As plant accountant of Smith and Stone," queried R. A. Smith, "would you say it operates on a financial marginal basis?" "Yes," replied Cr. Powers.

"You know, the company was concerned about rising costs," continued the lawyer. "Did you ask the company if you could tell council the facts?"

"No," replied Cr. Powers. In opposing the dismissal, town solicitor Fred Nelson claimed the good of the town and the area annexed was the important factor. He felt it was a logical extension of the town's boundaries to an area served solely by Georgetown. "The municipality that pays for the water mains, sewers and roads is entitled to the revenue," he maintained.

He contended that the larger piece of land was necessary for future improvements to roads to serve industry and inhabitants in the area, with the cost of providing them mitigated by the increased taxes.

In a brief reply Mr. Weir opined that no consideration of future development had been given. "It was a little too thin to ask just for the area housing the plants, so a little more was asked," he concluded wryly.

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Oakville Minstrels Provide Musical Evening at Manor

The church service on Sunday afternoon, February 22nd, was conducted by Mr. Clayton Cole, with Mrs. N. Hare playing the organ. Mr. N. Hare sang a very fine solo, the beautiful hymn "The Ninety and Nine". Mr. Cole's Scripture reading was taken from chapter 2 of Ephesians.

A very enjoyable, smooth flowing evening of entertainment was provided for the residents on Saturday night, Feb. 21st, by a group of thirty minstrels from the Walton Memorial United Church in Oakville. The president of the minstrels, Mr. David MacDonald, was present. Mr. Bill Parker was the music director of the show, with Brenda Busby as assistant director and choreographer. Two ladies shared the duties of pianist, Mrs. Carol MacKay and Mrs. Miriam Warden.

The first portion of the show took place in front of a striking backdrop which depicted a city park with trees and a park bench. This portion had as its title "Vote for Me" and was the final rally in an election campaign to elect a superintendent for this park.

The second portion of the featured musical selections and dances, performed in a radio station. Brenda Busby performed several clever dances and Joan Murphy and Bill Parker sang solos. A sing-song was conducted, with the cast coming down from the stage and mingling with the spectators to sing familiar ballads. The performance ended with a medley of negro spirituals supposed to be sung at a church meeting with Bill Parker as deacon.

MAIL BAG

**Wonders Where
Increased Taxes
Are Going To Stop**

12 Ostrander Blvd.,
Georgetown, Ontario,
February 18th, 1964

To the Editor:
Georgetown Herald,

When or where are increased taxes and costs to the working man going to stop?

All we have heard since the beginning of the year is the Federal, Provincial & some local government bodies must have more revenue. Income tax has already increased in the guise of old age security. Hospitalization will be up over 50% commencing July, 1964, automobile licenses are up, gasoline tax and no doubt all kinds of hidden tax.

The latest is our own local hydro. The bill issued this month increases the minimum bill from \$2.00 to \$4.00 — 100%, and in addition there is no 4th rate increasing ordinary bills by a considerable percentage.

The Hydro offer has no explanation to offer, outside of the fact "you will be notified by mail." The increased minimum bill will no doubt be a financial burden to people on pensions or limited income.

It is fast getting to the stage where the Government might as well collect our pay cheques and feed and clothe us. It is to be hoped Mayor Gibbons finds it possible to keep property taxes at their present level or reduce them.

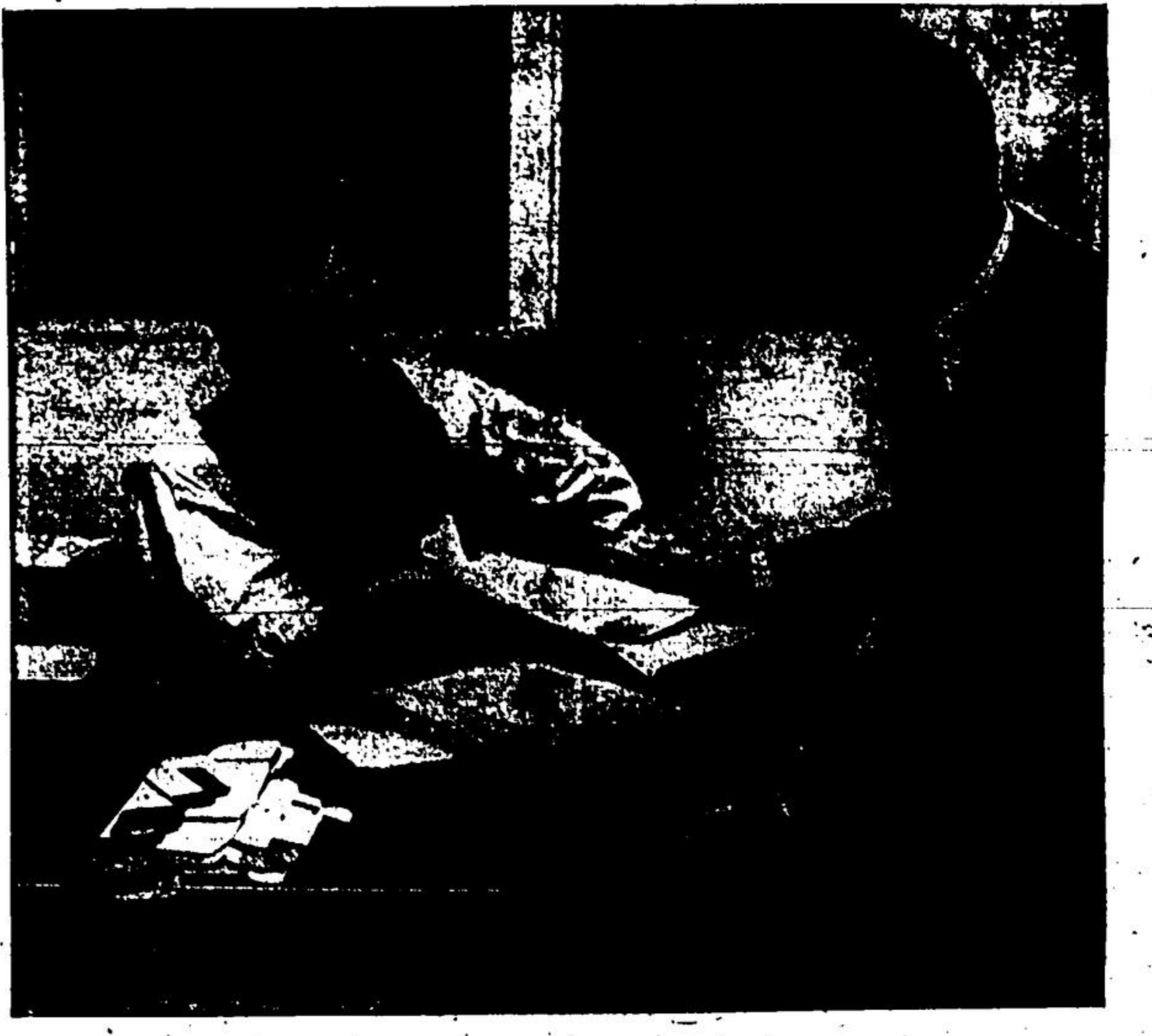
Yours truly,
H. MOSS

Troussea Tea, Showers For Bride Mary Barber

Mrs. Keith Barber entertained at a trousseau tea at her home, 9 King St. on February 9 for her daughter Mary, whose marriage to John Owen Finley took place the next Saturday.

Friends in town: Toronto, Irlington and Oakville feted the bride prior to her marriage. Mrs. J. A. S. Boomer, Irlington, had a pantry shelf shower, Mrs. Robert S. Ilankas was a shower hostess at her Toronto home and members of the Oakville Hydroplane Club entertained at the home of Mrs. Walter Anderson, Oakville. Mr. Finley is commodore of the club.

In Georgetown, Mrs. George Glassford, Union St., Mrs. Norman Hill, King St., and Mrs. Bernard Armstrong, Murdoch St. tendered showers Mrs. Herbert Spitzer, Limehouse, was co-hostess with her mother at the latter.



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