

Douglas Harley, Pauline Cass Knox Church Wedding Ceremony

Because of alterations being made to St. John's United Church, a wedding scheduled for there on March 15 took place instead in Knox Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Robert Scrivens officiated at the marriage of Pauline Veronica Cass and Douglas Frederick Harley, Bernard Shrubsole was organist and Mrs. Donald Hancock, an aunt of the groom, sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father in a double ring ceremony, the bride wore a full length wedding gown of white silk with nylon overdress. The gown had clusters of brocade flowers, especially at neck and hem and she wore a scalloped headpiece and four tiered veil and a long train. She carried a bouquet of white roses and ivy.

Gloria Lee was maid of honour; Dianne Foster, Dale Walsma and the bride's sister Janet Cass were bridesmaids; and Colleen and Patti Sunnucks, nieces of the groom, were flower girls. Attendants wore full length gowns of sapphire blue velvet with long bell sleeves and scooped necks, blue velvet bows in their hair, and carried bouquets of white carnations and blue stephanotis. They wore pearl necklaces and silver bracelets, gifts of the bride.

Bob McKay was groomsman

lic school. The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harley, 33 John Street West, is associated with his father in operating Harley Motors.

They are living at 21 Raylawn Crescent.

Canadian Indian Life Illustrated to IODE

Holy Cross Separate School principal R.C. Perrott with the aid of coloured slides showed Countess of Strathmore Chapter IODE what life is like among Canada's Indians when he spoke to them at their regular monthly meeting March 12 at the home of Mrs. James Linton, 6 Lyons Court.

Regent Mrs. K. Barber introduced Mr. Perrott and he was thanked by Mrs. James Evans after a question period.

Mrs. Barber presided for the meeting during which the following business was conducted:

A motion was tabled and adopted that the usual annual donations be given to provincial headquarters. These cover scholarships, bursaries and memorial funds.

Mrs. J. Evans asked that the chapter renew their subscription to the National Geographic magazine, this to be forwarded to the adopted school in Newfoundland, and a motion was passed to this effect.

Members are still busy knitting baby clothes, these are for-

Regional Government New? We Had it 77 Years Ago

Is Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough's proposal for regionalization of government in Halton and Peel really new? Or is it just reverting to a form of district government that was popular in Ontario 177 years ago?

Historical records of Halton indicate the county was once a part of a regional government embracing two counties — almost two centuries ago. It was Halton and Went-

warded to headquarters by Mrs. J.T. Armstrong, Services Home and Abroad convener for distribution wherever needed.

The chapter will celebrate its 30th anniversary in April, this to take the form of a party night April 14 at the home of Mrs. William Carr, 102 Rexway Dr.

Before the conclusion of the business part of the meeting, Mrs. Craig Reid turned over to the chapter an IODE pin which belonged to her late mother.

Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. O. Hunter, Miss Hilda Erwin, Miss Helen MacDonald.

Mrs. D. Charles thanked Mrs. Linton for the hospitality of her home and to the ladies on the lunch committee.

worth in those days, but it was two-county government nevertheless.

Canada was "discovered" in 1534 by Jacques Cartier and the discovery was followed by 200 years of slow growth and turmoil. Once the French had given up the new frontier to the victorious British forces, the settlers began flocking to the new land. Among them were 10,000 United Empire Loyalists who moved here from what is now USA, beginning in 1782.

In 1791 Canada was divided into two pieces — Upper Canada (Ontario) and Lower Canada (Quebec). They were reunited in 1841. It was 1867 before the British North America Act established Canada as a Dominion.

Upper Canada (Mainly what is now Southern Ontario) was divided into four "districts" in 1778 by Lord Dorchester. But it was Canada's first lieutenant-governor, John Graves Simcoe, who established the first regional government in this area in 1792. Simcoe called the four districts Eastern, Midland, Home and Western — and Halton County was part of the Home District.

Some time after that the districts were further divided and what is now Halton County ended up in a merger with Wentworth County in an area called the Gore District. Halton at that time included the townships of Beverley, Dumfries, Esquesing, East and West Flamboro, Nasagaweya, Nelson and Trafalgar. Wentworth contained Ancaster, Barton, Binbrook, Brantford, Glanford, Onondago, Tuscarora and Saltfleet Townships.

The first settlers in what is now Halton were known to

have come around 1783, but the county was not too populous in the days of the Gore District's "regional government" — in fact historians say many of the previously named townships had been roughly surveyed and marked out on maps but had no white inhabitants. More settlers arrived in the period between 1810 and 1820 to build mills and town sites.

Early population figures are difficult to find, but it is known that by the year 1817, Halton contained 6,684 people.

When the first Halton County Council was formed in 1853 there were no municipalities large enough to be called villages or towns. The county municipalities were listed only as the four large townships — Esquesing, Nasagaweya, Nelson and Trafalgar. The towns of Milton and Oakville were added in 1857, the village of Georgetown in 1865, and the villages of Burlington and Acton in 1874.

Today's regional government proposal, a merger of the entire counties of Halton and Peel into a 900 square mile "super metro" area, is a modern form of regionalization. Today the province wants a buffer strip to keep Toronto and Hamilton from spreading toward one another. They want a large area operating with local municipal councils to preserve area autonomy, and a big regional council to oversee the works of the giant new region.

It's a far cry from 1792 when the whole southern part of the province was "regionalized" into four districts, then subdivided into smaller districts like the Gore, and finally boiled down to one-county government.

Continues Night School Programs

Night schools, offering programs and courses for adults, are to be established by the Halton County Board of Education, it was decided at last week's board meeting. The school are to be set up through the board's advisory vocational committee and at discretion of the director of education. Maximum costs to

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be assumed by the board will cover physical accommodation and advertising. The board also adopted a policy to encourage an effective liaison with park and recreation committees in the various municipalities to provide recreational programs for citizens of Halton.



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RECOGNIZE SAM'S SERVICE — Esquesing Township employe Sam Mileham (left) was feted by his employers recently when council held a dinner in his honour and presented him with a desk set. Reeve George Currie, right, deputy reeve Tom Hill, former members of council George Leslie and W. R. Lawson, road superintendent Bud Snow, and township clerk K. C. Lindsay all spoke briefly at the dinner, a surprise tribute in honour of his more than 25 years of service.

Regional Government Would Consolidate Police Forces

Georgetown Police Department would be absorbed into a new force of 400 men policing the Halton-Peel region when a new metro-type government for the two counties is adopted.

The merging of municipal forces would mean the transfer of about 100 Ontario Provincial Police officers out of Halton and Peel.

The new setup was revealed by Municipal Affairs minister Darcy McKeough.

"In the Halton-Peel region it appears that one man could be immediately appointed as chief," Mr. McKeough said. A likely candidate for the job, he agreed, would be Oakville Police Chief Fred Oliver.

New Device Will Control Phone Noise

Tiny electronic devices the size of a man's thumb, are to be installed in 2,140 rural party line telephones in the next year in a Bell Telephone effort to eliminate undue noise from the line.

District manager, A. H. Blachford announced this week that it will take three Bell craftsmen at least one year to complete the installations.


The tiny device is a gas tube isolator and while it is being installed, the men will change all carbon protectors and inspect for loose connections or other defects that could cause interruptions.

The 2,140 telephones are located in the rural areas of Oakville, Brampton, Kleinburg, Huttonville, Victoria, Snelgrove, Bolton, Palgrave, Georgetown, Nobleton, Caledon East, Milton, Campbellville and Streetsville.

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