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**NEWLYWED** — Recently married in a ceremony in the Christian Reformed Church on the 7th Line of Esquimaux were Mr. and Mrs. Gil Zylstra. The bride, the former Lyn Rodgers, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rodgers of R. R. 3, Georgetown. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Zylstra, also of R. R. 3.

## CHATTING . . . .

with Mary Biehn

● **Want to save some money** and enjoy a few hours of good entertainment in the bargain? Go to an auction sale!

● **For me, becoming a devotee** was the silver lining of one of those first little clouds to mar the bright horizon of early married life. When first my husband announced he was going to an auction sale, I couldn't have been less interested. I was hardly even aware there were such things. But when he returned laden down with a twelve-foot hall runner, for which we had no hall, and an antique zither, which nobody knew how to play, I made up my mind that the next time he wanted to go to a sale, I would go with him. A restraining influence, that's what I'd be. Ha! Now guess who it is that keeps tabs on sales to see where and when they're to be . . . and who does most of the bidding.

● **I enjoy them at any time**, but the ideal sales, in my opinion, are the ones held outdoors on a sunny spring afternoon, with fresh green grass underfoot and newly-leaved shade trees for shelter if the sun gets too hot. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly as prospective buyers look over the articles to be sold. Auction sale patrons are an interesting lot in themselves, representing a good cross-section of our populace from country, town and city, from all age groups, and interests ranging from bargain hunters to antique collectors and dealers. We like to go to a sale about an hour before starting time to enjoy this browsing period, and examine at our leisure whatever we might be interested in.

● **And it's amazing** how many things you can all of a sudden get interested in. Things you never realized you had always wanted, or could use. You spot them out and mentally start figuring how high you're willing to bid for them. This is supposed to be a good safe-guard against bidding fever. It's also guaranteed to keep you in a pleasantly dithery state while looking over the tables of dishes and bushel baskets full of miscellany which have suddenly taken on the allure of undiscovered treasure troves.

● **A good auctioneer** of course, helps make a sale more interesting. If he has the talent for a bit of quick-witted repartee along with the ability to cope with lightning fast bidding shooting at him from all directions, you've hit the jackpot for entertainment.

It's fun to watch, but it's even more fun to join in the bidding. An inexplicable excitement will grab you, especially when the competition for an article gets hot. Then the lines of communication between auctioneer and bidders get so magnetic you can practically see them. A battle of wits and judgment is on. Are you willing to miss out on your coveted treasure for the sake of another measly dollar . . . and another . . . and another . . . ?

An auctioneer has to be a very knowledgeable man, in addition to having a good idea of what a widely varied offering of merchandise is worth, he also has to figure out whether a patron is merely nodding his head in conversation with his neighbour, scratching his nose because it's itchy, smoothing

his hair because it's blowing away — or bidding. Sometimes he also should have eyes in the back of his head to see the people behind who are trying to get into the auction.

● **It seems** auction sales have had a tremendous upsurge in popularity in recent years because more and more people have become interested in early Canadian furniture and dishes. And sometimes the reverse is true. People who just like auction sales in general have become intrigued with the subject of 'Canadiana' simply by exposure.

● **It's becoming more** and more difficult for an amateur to bid on something he THINKS is genuinely old, and good, because there are usually several antique dealers in the crowd who KNOW and the bidding spirals accordingly. But not always. And if you'd like to dabble along the edges of this hobby, borrow one or two of the general knowledge type books from the library and bone up on the subject a little. Surprising how much more fascinating even that smattering of knowledge can make a sale.

● **However, all my thoughts** aren't fun-thoughts at a sale. Sometimes, in certain circumstances, there's an underlying sadness to the affair . . . seeing a person's treasures set out for public assessment. And good indeed must be the furniture to stand up under the harsh glare of sunlight, unsoftened by a home's decor.

● **Yet, from a practical** standpoint, people who buy at auction sales take pleasure and pride in what are new acquisitions to them. Often in fact, the articles are much more valued by their new owners than they were by the original ones. So that the surge of sentiment does not take root too deeply.

Nevertheless, sales do make me think sometimes, how foolish we women are, not to use our very prettiest and best things as much as we can to get our full measure of pleasure from them. Those piles of beautiful linens with hand-done crocheting and embroidery, yellowed from disuse, provide their own mute testimony.

And while we're taking a glimpse of the other side of the coin, I might as well admit that I have been known to come from auction sales with the odd clinker. But I had fun acquiring it. And you never know. It just might come in handy sometime.

● **Like that zither** I was telling you about. Who could have foreseen the Beatles? Just last week our teenager and his friends re-discovered it. Now if they only had the gadget for

### BRIDGE CLUB

Fifteen tables of duplicate bridge were in competition on Tuesday, June 3rd in the Legion Auditorium at the Georgetown duplicate bridge club.

North South winners were Mike Lorusso, R. Prust; Reg. Frid and Ted Kendrick; Cam Sinclair and A. Norris; Don Williams and R. Dawson; Mr. and Mrs. F. Hampshire.

East-West, Mr. and Mrs. R. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. R. Dickson; Kay Harmer, Eunice Bremner, tied for fourth; Mrs. A. Norris and Sue Sullivan, John Inglis and R. Raymond.

## Consider Museum As Part of Public School System

Halton County Museum may become the first museum in Canada to be integrated into the public school system.

Following the lead of the American Museum Association which has implemented such integration programs in the United States, Halton County officials are seriously considering the idea for this area.

The far-ranging plan, according to the museum's director H. J. Newman, could be used for the 1969-70 school year.

The scheme will involve classes of youngsters from grades six through 13 spending full days at the museum which displays the changing aspects of Canadian life from 1800 to 1900.

The younger students may also be taking advantage of the old one room schoolhouses on the Kelso Consecration Area land for part of the day's instruction.

Mr. Newman, feels that students should get more out of the museum if it is a part of their courses.

At present, schools visit the museum for a quick tour at the end of the school year. The trip is treated more like an outing that a valuable educational experience said Newman.

A museum should not just be a place where a bunch of old heirlooms are stored with tags on them, he said. It should be of value to the community — a living place of knowledge and information.

"If anybody in the community wants information on a subject, they should be able to come to us and we should be able to supply it for them" he said.

All schools in the Halton system will get a chance to learn from the museum under the new system.

The museum will be open for the whole summer to the public. Its ever changing displays, located in a remodelled barn, carriage house and crafts house, make it "a live place rather than a mausoleum," said Mr. Newman.

## Continues as Officer Ontario Grand Lodge

Mrs. H. Preston, Mrs. A. Bullock, Mrs. J. Shortill, Mrs. I. Switzer and Mrs. D. Harris attended the annual sessions of the provincial grand lodge of Ontario, Loyal True Blue Association, held in the Kerby Hotel, Brantford, last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Shortill was re-elected to her office of Provincial Grand Secretary and Mrs. Bullock was appointed Associate Grand Lecturer.

On the Tuesday evening, a husband of members from the local lodge, Halton's Pride No. 393, including the degree team

## NURSING GRADUATE



CAROL ANN BARBER

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barber, 50 Market St., Carol Ann Barber was a member of the graduating class of Toronto General Hospital school of nursing and received her diploma at the May 15 ceremony in Convocation Hall. She is a graduate of Georgetown District High School.

travelled to Brantford to perform the Seating Drill for the Provincial Grand Lodge officers.

The team was under the direction of the degree mistress Mrs. D. Harris and piper George Greig played for the drill. The director of ceremonies and conductor of the newly formed Juvenile Lodge, Linda Greig and Kathy McDonald, presented corsages to the officers.

Other members of the team attending were June Greig, Ethel Arthurs, Millie McNiven, Ida Dawson, Sylvia Brown, Joan McDonald, Doll Carter, Donna Marchmont, Kathy Chalmers, Marion Beattie, Shirley McDonald and Betty Dixon.

## TREE DAMAGE OFTEN HIDDEN

All trees have a "cambium" or thin layer surrounding trunks and branches immediately under the bark. This living tissue produces new wood and bark each year. Even though

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fire may not appear to cause much damage, if the cambium layer is injured the tree could die or be harmed for life.



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