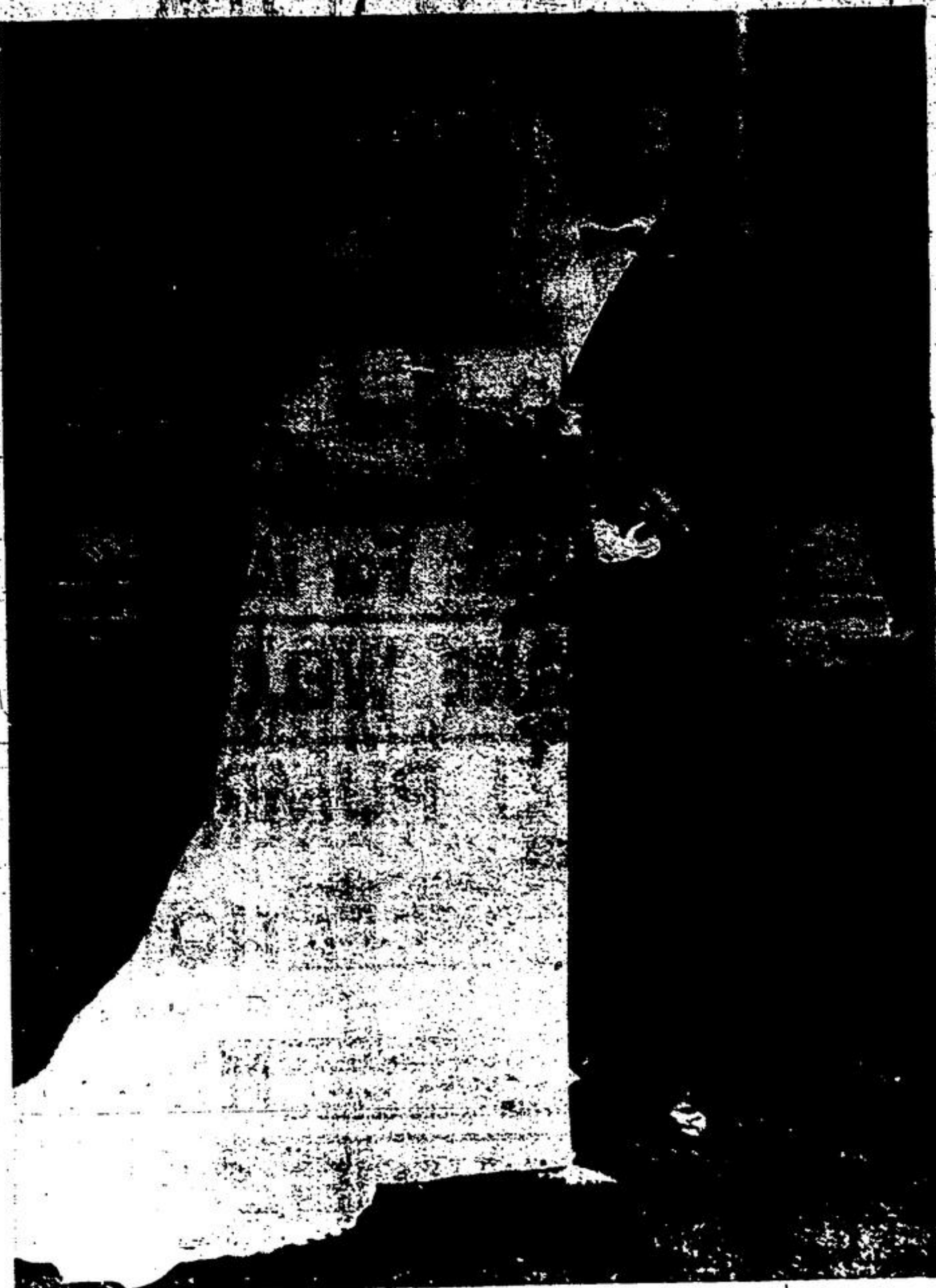


Atkinson-Smith Wedding Vows in St. George's Anglican Church



MR. AND MRS. JAMES ATKINSON

Reverend E. C. Mills officiated at the marriage of Sandra Maureen Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Smith, Georgetown to James Robert Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atkinson, Georgetown, on Saturday, August 30th, in St. George's Anglican Church.

The couple chose the anniversary of the bride's grandparents Mrs. G. Poile and the late Mr. Wm. Poile who were married in the same church on August 30th, 1913.

The church was decorated with standards and altar vases of yellow shasta daisies and large white mums.

Mr. G. De Kleer was organist and Mrs. Marilyn Ottaway sang The Wedding Prayer and O Perfect Love.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a simple empire style gown in fine corded silk faille with Gupure applique accenting the neckline, bodice, sleeves and long train. Her full length veil in silk faille which fell from a head piece of cascading flowers was applied with similar lace.

The bride's bouquet of yellow rosebuds and white Fuji mums was centred with a spray of white Scottish heather, which her great aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Scotland had flown over from Scotland. The bride wore a string of pearls

— a graduation gift from the groom.

Miss Patricia Ritchie, Fergus, classmate of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Jacquie Cameron of Norval, Mrs. Pat Gudgeon, and Miss Mary Harlow, Georgetown. They were gowned alike in empire styles of white nylon sheer over hot pink. The bodice was accented with rows of white lace and tiny applique. They carried bouquets of white Fuji mums.

Jack Gudgeon was groomsmen and Bob Cameron, Barry Brown and John Bradley, cousins of bride, were ushers.

At a reception at Knox Presbyterian Hall and later at the Odd Fellows Hall the bride's mother received for her daughter in a peach dress and coat ensemble, a multi shaded peach hat, white accessories and a corsage of cymbidium orchids. The groom's mother assisted in a beige and silver dress with a yellow hat, silver accessories and a corsage of sweetheart roses.

For a short honeymoon trip, the bride wore a two piece navy suit, turquoise hat and scarf, with navy accessories and a corsage of pink miniature carnations and sweetheart roses.

Guests at home included Mr. and Mrs. James Forrester, Kit chener, grandparents of the

groom and the bride's grandmothers, Mrs. Orpha Smith, Fergus and Mrs. Gertrude Poile, Georgetown.

Guests came from Fraser Lake, British Columbia, Elliot Lake, North Bay, St. Catharines, Welland, London, Thornhill, Mildmay, Scarborough, Loretta, Thornhill, Mildmay.

Prior to her marriage the bride was honored with showers given by the parents of the 68-69 Pee Wee hockey team at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Densmore; a miscellaneous shower given jointly by Mrs. D. Williams, Mrs. R. Bradley, Mrs. N. Butterworth, Mrs. R. Dixon at the latter's home; a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. J. Cameron, Mrs. P. Gudgeon, Miss M. Harlow, and Mrs. Gillett at the latter's home and a pantry shower given by Miss Pat Ritchie in Fergus.

The bride and groom were presented with gifts by the graduating class of St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Guelph, and by the staff of Centennial Public School.

The groom, a graduate of Lakeshore Teachers' College is a teacher at Centennial Public School, Georgetown. The bride, member of the 1969 graduating class of St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, is on staff at Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton.

They are making their home at 5 Murdock St., Georgetown.

Halton Medical Society Rejects Payment Formula

The Halton County Medical Society issued a statement this week recommending the rejection of the 90 per cent payment formula provided by the Ontario government's medicare program.

The Society has a membership of 175 doctors in Georgetown, Acton, Milton, Burlington, and Oakville.

The statement, issued following a meeting of the Society executive, says:

"Contrary to the expectations of Ontario Health Minister, Mr. Thomas Wells, the Halton County Medical Association has decided to recommend rejection of the 90 per cent payment formula provided by the Ontario government's medicare program."

"An overwhelming majority of doctors in Halton County regard the OHSIP rates as a completely unjustified form of taxation. It is, in fact, a 10 per cent surtax which will be borne by many thousands of patients who were fully covered under various medical insurance plans prior to the introduction of OHSIP."

"At the same time, we wish to assure the public, that individual patients who experience financial difficulties will not be billed for any services beyond the OHSIP rates. As in the past we are conscious of our responsibility to provide the highest quality of medical service to all, regardless of ability to pay. We wish to retain that fundamental freedom which is best expressed in the doctor patient relationship."

Red Cross Trains Citizens For Friendly Visiting

People often feel that knowing how to visit is instinctive and requires no orientation. They forget that most visiting will not be among friends who know them and enjoy their company, but they shall be visiting strangers. Some will be apathetic, some sick, some suspicious, and a few even hostile. Visitors usually have to earn a welcome by knowing how to say and do those things which arouse interest, which will set at rest fears and doubts and which will gradually gain the confidence of those visited.

The American National Red Cross in appraising some of its activities phrased it this way — that the strength of their Red Cross programs was in the fact that volunteers were trained for this work.

These days, willingness is not enough. There must be training and discipline as well. There must be an orientation on the general problems of aging, with a need for a continuing supply of up-to-date information and guidance. Respect must be engendered for the old person and his culture, and for his experiences which have molded his way of thinking.

Training, too, will increase their own self-confidence.

They shall feel at ease, in control of situations as they may arise.

The groping for something to say, and the embarrassing silences will give way to the easy approach and the ready exchange of words, ideas, and presently confidences.

Training, orientation, instruction — whatever people choose to call it, and by whatever method they receive it, is an imperative for all who seek to serve. It will broaden their own horizon, teach new skills and increase knowledge of the problems and needs of human kind.

George Street Resident Mrs. H. Stockford Dies

A long-time resident of Georgetown, Mrs. Harry Stockford, 18 George St., passed away on Tuesday, October 14th, at the home of her daughter and son in Thornhill. She had been in failing health since early summer.

The former Violetta Eveline Willoughby, she was the daughter of the late Rev. John Willoughby and Eveline Gamsby. She was born in Little Britain in 1885 where her father was a Congregational Church minister, and lived in other Ontario communities where he held pastorates in Ringwood, Harriston, Drayton and Forest.

When her father died just before coming to Georgetown, the family moved here and her brother, a student minister, took over the charge at the Congregational Church, now the public library. Here she met Harry Stockford and they were married on Christmas Day, 1908.

Mrs. Stockford, was the last member of her family, having been predeceased by four brothers, Rev. Bertram A. Floyd, Elmer and Oliver Willoughby.

She was very interested in music and at one time taught piano and sang in the choir of the Congregational, later the Methodist and St. John's United Church of which she was a member.

Mrs. Stockford is survived by two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Thomas Watts (Evelyn), and Charles A. of Thornhill; Mrs. Jack Rush, (Marian) of Downsview, and Elmer of St. Catharines; also six grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home on Friday afternoon by Rev. R. Scriven of St. John's. Pallbearers were her two grandsons, Wayne Watts and Gary Rush, and family friends Keith Thompson, Gordon Inglis, Gordon Alcott and Garfield McGilvray.

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Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

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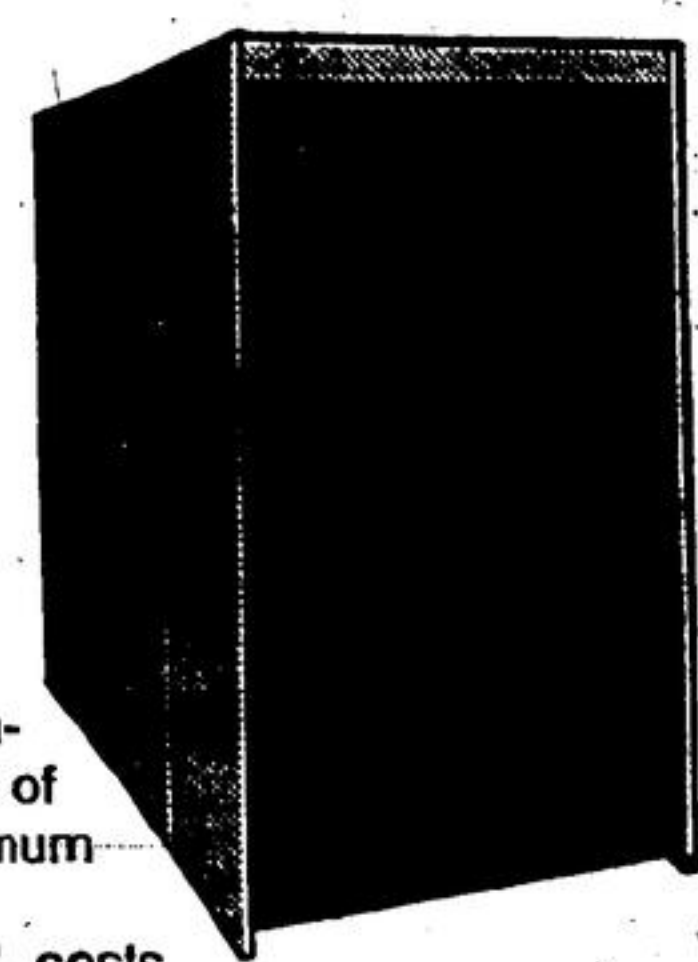
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Watters 'Blames Pill' for Enrolment Drop in County Public Schools

Peter Watters, chairman of the Halton Catholic School Board, said the pill is to blame for an unexpected drop in student enrolment in the county public school system.

"The birth control pill is working among the Protestants, but not with the Catholics," said Watters, a bachelor.

Catholics are forbidden to use the pill under the pain of sin, according to an encyclical issued by Pope Paul.

Watters noted that while there is a shortfall of nearly 1,300 students in public, elementary and secondary schools, there is no such shortage in separate schools.

"There is no great drop in the number of Catholic children being born, although I don't think this is the case with Protestant parents," said Watters.

He said separate class enrolment is short by less than one student per classroom. Enrolment in the county's separate schools is 120 students below what was expected. There are 7,330 separate school students in the county.

Sharp Drop Last week Halton County Education Board officials announced they were startled by the drop in enrolment. Douglas Lawless, assistant director of education, told trustees the drop in new enrolment "has caused a temporary upset" in plans.

He said it is likely the board will cut back on its school expansion program. Lawless, blamed, among other things, the high cost of housing in the county for upsetting school enrolment predictions.

Some trustees said they believed the lack of middle income housing is retarding development and discouraging people from moving into the Halton region and also causing couples to have fewer children. As the result of the shortfall of students and the Halton education board has been left with over 20 surplus teachers who have no students to instruct. They are being used for supply teaching and this has resulted in regular supply teachers losing work.

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