Jacoba van den Brink and Earl Henry Near exchanged rings and vows in Trinity United Church on a snowy April day, Saturday the 3rd, Rev. Gordon Turner conducted the double ring ceremony and the church was decorated with baskets of white mums and pink carnations.

The bride, a secretary at the Ford Motor Company, Oakville, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. van den Brink, 277 Main St. N., Acton. The groom, a policeman with the Guelph City Police Department, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Near, 104 Mill St.

George Elliott played the organ for the ceremony.

Pink and white

The bride were full length peau de sole with long pulled sleeves, lace overlay on the bodice, and pink ribbon edging the scalloped train, cuffs and bodice.

A white flower shaped headpiece held her shoulder length She carried pink roses and

stephanotis. Two attendants

Maid of honor was her sister Evelyne van den Brink and the bridesmaid a friend, Kathy McKenzie. They wore gowns of flowered white sheer over pink satin with pink ribbon trim, and

carried bouquets of white mums carnations.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Groomsman was Glen Near, brother of the groom and the ushers were John van den Brink, brother of the bride, and Walter Tryssennar, Listowel, a friend.

The reception was held at Guelph. Acton Meadows Golf club where table decorations followed the pink and white theme.

pink dress, plnk lace coat, white accessories and yellow roses. The groom's mother were blue with nylon overlay and sleaves, white accessories and red roses.

The wedding cake was made as a wedding gift by a friend of the family and was decorated with pink roses.

Flowers from Holland

Belleville, Guelph, Fenwick, Shelbourne, Belwood, Windsor, Bramalea, Montreal, Georgetown, Listowel and Acton. The bride's grandmother was present from Shelburne, wearing blue

India described at Thankoffering

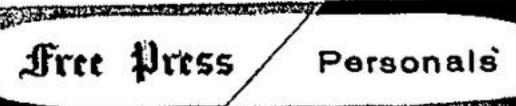
by Mrs. J. Murray of Milton, guest speaker at the Trinity U.C.W. Thankoffering meeting Thursday afternoon, May 13. Mrs. Murray and her husband, minister of the Presbyterian church in Millon, were moving the same day but she fulfilled her speaking engagement with her usual enthusiasm.

The Murrays lived many years in India and she had many interesting stories to tell.

Taking part Mrs. Murray was introduced

Mrs. E. Lidken. Mrs. H. R. Force read a psalm and Mrs. R. MacArthur led in prayer. Miss Dorothy Simmons sang a solo and Mrs. R. Denny

Mrs. J. Lambert and Mrs. H.



Miss Daisy Folster is a patient in Guelph General Hospital,

Right Worshipful Brother Joseph Fuller and Right Worshipful Brother C. K. Browne attended the Royal Black Preceptory Grand Lodge and Orange Lodge Convention at the Fischer Hotel in Guelph last

All members of Halton county supper at the beautiful home of Jim Swanborough, reeve of Burlington. The Oakes and McKenzies were representing Acton.

Miss Dorothy Simmons, with welfare. president of Acton Women's Institute, and Mrs. R. L. Davidson attended the Halton county music festival. Miss Simmons presented the W. I. shield to the winners for its category, the M. Z. Bennett school choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson recently drove to Montreal to meet Mrs. Wilson's sister, Miss May Warrior, who arrived from Britain on the Empress of Canada. Miss Warrior is looking forward to an extended visit in Canada, the United States and the Bahamas.

Ontario Place was opened last weekend for two trial preview days, and local people who've golf, skiing, and the Presbyterian been active in the Conservative organization were invited to many circles, and particularly by attend.

The annual bazaar and tea at Halton Manor last Wednesday proved very successful, their new venture. Donations of baking from Acton were gratefully received and promptly sold. There was a good

Mrs. Hazel Orr is now living in Guelph, after many years on Bower Ave. She's a former high school teacher. She'll be coming back to Acton often and is still acting as regent of the Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E.

attended the Canadian Funeral Directors Association convention in Vancouver, enjoying side trips and a motor trip through the Rockies before flying home. Although the Royal Family was there at the same time, the Shoemakers didn't get a close look despite being on a ship docked next to the royal yacht.

and pink carnations.

Reception follows

'the bride's mother chose a

A large arrangement of flowers from an uncle, nunt and cousins in Holland came as a surprise on the wedding day.

Guests were present from with a corsage of white

Her life in India was described by U.C.W. president Mrs. C.L. Rognvaldson and thanked by

played the organ.

Patterson took the offering.

A few guests from other churches joined the U.C.W. including a carload from Georgetown. A nursery was provided.

Lanch was served afterward.

Mrs. L. Wegman has arrived from Holland to spend a month with her son Jan, and his wife friends are sorry to learn. Elizabeth and family. She will later travel to Los Angeles to visit

> The Rev. Walter Fosbury goes back in hospital this week for treatment. The further congregation of Churchill church and many friends hope he'll be better soon.

Three men will represent council and their wives were Halton County Department of entertained Saturday at a buffet Social and family services at a convention in Thunder Bay June

> Committee chairman Reeve there Ron Harris, Warden F. G. Oakes and Director Jim Gray will attend the convention dealing

Attending the dinner and annual meeting of the Halton County Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association from here were Warden and Mrs. Oakes, Mayor and Mrs. Duby, new president H. H. Hinton and Mrs. Hinton, board member Mrs. Horace Blyth and Mr. Blyth, Miss Alma Braida, Mrs. R. Arbic, Mrs. Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. Jack

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Scoyne and family moved from their Elizabeth Dr. home Friday for their new home in Ridgetown. Mr. Scoyne, formerly Free Press Foreman, purchased his home town newspaper, the Ridgetown Dominion. The Scoynes have been active in cubs, minor sports, church. They'll be missed in her relatives, the Allans, and fellow workers of both Murray and Doris at the Free Press. Best wishes of many go with them in

Sylvester Rouse, John Tyers, Arlie White, Nino Braida and Denis Gibbons of St. Joseph's Parish attended the Sacerdotal Jubilee Dinner honoring Bishop Ryan, Msgr. McHugh, Father Dan Ford and Father Cremmen at the Sheraton-Connaught Hotel in Hamilton Sunday. The Bishop and Reverend clergymen were celebrating the 50th anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Shoemaker of their ordination to the priesthood. Other members of the 1921 ordination class were the late Father O'Brien and the late Father Leo McBride, former pastor of St. Joseph's, Acton. Father V. J. Morgan, who will be celebrating his jubilee next year, will attend a priests' dinner for the jubilarians in Hamilton this

Motor trip The couple left on a motor trip through the States as far south as Mexico, including a few days in the Ozark mountains, Leaving, the bride wore a blue pant sult with white accessories and a gardenia corsage.

They are making their home in

Special events

A trousseau ten was held at the bride's home on March 28.

There were several events arranged for the bride-to-be, Mrs. A. Long held a miscellaneous shower and buffet supper February 12. Mrs. J. Lightle was hostess for former neighbors of the groom's family at a miscellaneous shower March 12.

Mrs. A. Laurenza, Bramalea, held a miscellaneous shower for friends of the bride from when she worked at the Ford Company in Bramalea, on March 14.

A linen shower was held at the home of Mrs. G. McKenzie on March 20, with the hostesses Kathy McKenzie and Mrs. H.

The bride-to-be was taken out for dinner and presented with a wedding gift from fellow employees at Ford in Oakville. A stag was held for the groom March 27.



MR. AND MRS. Earl Near were married in April in Trinity United church. The bride is the former Jacoba van den Brink. They are living in Guelph where the groom is with the police

By Wendy Thomson

One facet of living in the country doesn't pop up too often, but when it does, it's greeted with a big sigh of mingled reproach and pity, for a dog with a snoot full of porcupine quills is a most pitiful sight. In the 12 years we've lived here, I don't know how many times

we've armed ourselves with pliers and settled down to a session with a dog (both ours and neighbours') who's been a bit too curious about a porcupine. I suppose it's the same with most farmers.

I was at a house one night when that family's dog, a big German Shepherd type, came home with dozens of quills deeply imbedded in his muzzle. My immediate suggestion was that I run home and send Gord over to lend a hand. The lady of the house was quite surprised and said "Oh no. We can handle this ourselves."

To tweezer quills When she went into the bathroom and came back with a pair of her eyebrow tweezers, I flung up my hands in despair and left the poor dog to its fate. I don't think I'd been home five minutes when the phone rang. "Do you suppose Gord could come over to help?"

Unfortunately, the dog had had enough of the messing around and wouldn't let anyone touch his head, so they did the wisest thing

and scooted him in to the vet's. Last year, I thought we'd have a major session on our hands. even though it involved only four quills. This time they were in the velvety muzzle of one of the ponies! But Earl Grey just stood there quietly until the dirty deed was undone.

Second time

I wish our hound, Sue, was that calm when faced with (or defaced by) quills. She came home a few weeks ago, looking forlorn with a bristling muzzle. That was the second time, and most dogs learn the first time, so she had cause to look abject. We forgave her, flattened her out on the floor, and prepared to

Now, everyone has heard tales of what to do when faced with a quill, but we've yet to find a

method that works well. Snipping the ends off them to let the air out, or turning and twisting them before pulling to flatten the barbs were tried the last time; but with Sue, you're lucky to be able to get hold of the quill in the first place, let alone play with it for a while. In the end, she was packed in the truck and hauled to visit Dr. Oakes.

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The job was done in no time, with Sue under anaesthetic. She was most pathetic, being carried back into the house. The eighty pounds of her hung as limp as a big black noodle. When Gord arranged her on her rug, she looked so defenceless, her tongue pulled forward and hanging out of her mouth. Each of the famous cars lay puddled on the floor.

By the time we went to bed, she hadn't twitched a muscle. It was well after midnight when we were awakened by a huge crash. Sue's front half was groggy, but up, while her back half was quite willing to stay where it was for a while. Gord soothed her, bedded her back down, and came back to bed himself.

Nursery care

An hour later, there was another crash. Finally, in order to get a bit of sleep, Gord carried Sally Sue in to David's bed (David promptly got up and tottered off to find a spare bed.) For the next few hours, the poor hound thumped around (without banging too much). When she finally fell out, son Jim took over the nursery care till morning.

She made quite a sight, staggering around the house with a penitent expression, the next day. Visitors were quick to ask if we'd dug up the old still that was reported to have been here at one

I hope she's learned her lesson now, but there's no telling, really. Last week she came home after meeting up with a porcupine again. This time she must have played it carefully-she had one lone quill in the end of her nose.

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said to the auctioneer, "Talks", was the reply. "He's been bidding against you for an hour"

in Acton today

district annual of the Women's Institute is being held in Acton in Knox Church. Acton W.I. made plans for 150 or more expected. Ludies of the church are catering.

Flowers of Hope donations

Donations are coming in well in the Flowers of Hope campaign, with many more returns expected this week. Some canvassers are just finishing up their districts.

Anyone who is missed in the door-to-door canvassing is asked to take donations to the Bank of Montreal.

Proceeds from the Flowers of Hope drive are for the Association for the Mentally prayer. Retarded. Local people who benefit from the campaign attend the Sunshine school or adult workshop at Hornby.

The seeds, given in thanks for donations, will produce marigolds this year.

Leatherland club's president

Y's Menettes held their elections, naming Sally Leatherland president; Lynn Robertson vicepresident; Anne Perry secretary; Margaret Wallis treasurer, and Carole Bomans bulletin editor and friendship

A donation of \$100 was made to the Y for badly-needed equipment for the boys' program. Another \$100 is available for a girls' program.

The Y's Menettes final meeting of this season will be a barbecue in June.

District annual

Today (Wednesday) the

As hostess in May for the Af-

The president, Miss Isabel Anderson, opened the meeting with a poem of Jane Scott's honoring Mother and a prayer of Peter Marshall, also in honor of

Worship service

The worship service was convened by Mrs. Hassard, when Mrs. H. Graham led in reading responsively Paalm 145 and Mrs. A. M. MacPherson offered

Mrs. O. Moran told of the Book of Luke which the Rev. Harris of the Presbyterlan Church of Birmingham, Michigan, called a Doctor's Biography of Christ, He spoke of Luke not only as a doctor, teacher and Christian gentleman but as an author who brought to our notice so many stories of beautiful happenings that his book has been proclaimed the most beautiful book ever written.

Hymn singing closed this

Memory of mother

A tea and bake sale by Knox Choir was announced for May 29 when donations of baking would be greatly appreciated.

the singing of I Need Thee Every Hour and a prayer, the members enjoyed an hour of fellowship and the dainty lunch provided by the

Free Press

Cancer Society ends season with dinner

On Tuesday, May 11, a most successful pot luck supper was held in the Prebyterian Church hall for all captains, canvassers, drivers and activity volunteers who helped the Canadian Cancer Society's Acton Branch reach over their goal again this year,

Among the 80 per cent were two most interesting speakers, Miss Dorls Brown, who is in charge of the social work department at the Princess Margaret Hospital and Mrs. Helen Cummins, activity program convener for Ontarlo Division.

Need for volunteers Miss Brown spoke about the great work of a Cancer Society volunteer. She explained through examples of specific families the

need of the Cancer Society volunteer. She told how the cancer patient

often needs someone who will step in and take over not just driving but being a friend. He often needs someone to talk to: someone to tell his troubles to: someone who does that little bit extra-a bouquet at the right time-a gift package-a smile. It's not the big things but the little things that mean a lot.

Afternoon Auxiliary has good attendance

ternoon Auxillary of Knox Church, Mrs. A. M. MacPherson welcomed 22 members-a very happy occasion—as many unable to be out for several meetings due to illness and inclement weather were happy to be present and taking part again.

In the absence of the secretary. Miss R. Clark carried out the work of the secretary and called the roll which was answered by something each remembered of her mother.

After closing the meeting with committee.

Campaign returns

It has been announced that Acton and area's contribution to the Canadian Cancer Society this year reached \$1,453.94 over their goal. Captains, canvassers, drivers and activity volunteers all expressed pleasure at the success of the campaign at their

over goal

************************* Mrs. Cummins, who always gives everyone a congratulated the new activities group for the wonderful work they have been doing during the

last year. She gave the group

dinner last week.

suggestions of different hospitals and homes to send the articles they have made to in order to best serve the cancer patient. The Activities Group under the

things to make and also some

direction of Miss Mary Papillon had a most interesting display of articles ranging from baby's sweater sets, stuffed animals and doll furniture to books, bed lackets and socks. Anne Norton and her

committee arranged this very successful evening. Those who came to the supper brought lovely novelty gifts for the gift bags. Such articles as nonps, toothpaste, combs, coloring books, and crayons were received.

A special "thank you" was expressed to all those donors who made the campaign so suc-

Acton and area's contributions to the Canadian Cancer Society some more excellent ideas on reached \$4,453.94.

Life in Trinidad described to U.C.W.

A native of Trinidad, Mr. Forbes told members of Unit 2 of the U.C.W. of his homeland, at their meeting in the church Tuesday afternoon of last week. He has lived in Canada for 13 years but pointed out he could reach Trinidad by plane in seven hours.

The government operated schools are well equipped. Children who pass exams at the age of 11 get five years free in the secondary schools. The English system of education prevalls.

About 85 per cent of the people attend church, he said, and all classes get along well on the island. English is the leading language and pitch the main export.

Gift for baby Mrs. Shields introduced him. He was thanked for his informative talk and given a gift for his new baby.

Mrs. Lidken opened the

meeting; Mrs. Dorothy Simmons took the devotions including a solo Happy Home and Mrs. J. Lambert read Scripture. The C.G.I.T. banquet will be Tuesday, May 25. On Thursday,

June 3, a pot luck dinner will be

served for all the ladles. On June

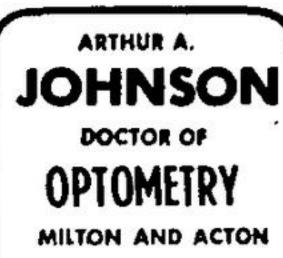
I the unit will provide lunch for a buslond of Guelph women who are mostly blind; they will be travelling to Yorkdale. Mrs. Shoemaker gave her

report on sick and shut-ins. Mrs. Brooks read a humorous poem on being over 70. Viet Nam lad Letters from the adopted boy in

whole family have benefitted from the help and he is able to ko on to school. Holl call was answered by 26

Viet Nam were read. He and his

members. Mrs. Ralston and her group served a lovely lunch and a friendly half hour was spent.



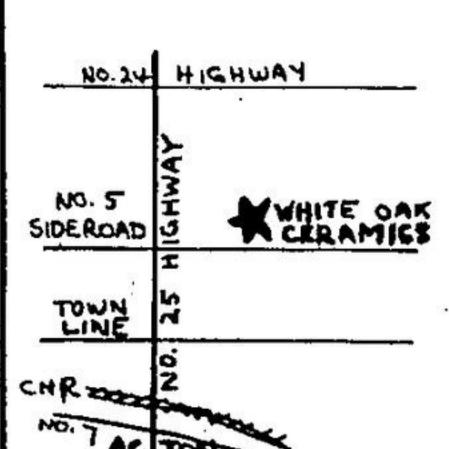
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