

Visser-Synnott exchange vows



CATHERINE SYNNOTT and John Visser were married June 22 at St. Joseph's church. They are living at R.R. 1, Acton.

Photo by Claudio

In a double-ring ceremony at St. Joseph's church June 22, Catherine Ann Synnott and John Jochum Visser were married. The Rev. J. J. Gillen performed the afternoon ceremony and Mr. Redmond played the organ. The church was decorated with white and yellow daisies.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Synnott, 20 Kingham Rd., and the groom is the son of Mrs. Janet Visser, Stanhope, Quebec.

Les Doby, uncle of the bride, was soloist at the ceremony and sang O Perfect Love and Wedding Prayer.

The bride wore white peau de sole with Juliet headpiece and waist-length veil trimmed with white daisies. She carried yellow roses.

Matron of honor was her aunt Sheila MacInnis, Guelph; bridesmaids included Theresa and Helen Synnott. They wore yellow with white polka dots, floppy hat and carried white and yellow daisies.

Leo Synnott gave his daughter in marriage. Groomsman was John Vander Sluis, cousin, Guelph and the ushers William

Quebec and Randy Samson, the bride's cousin, Guelph, bride's cousin, Guelph.

Reception
The reception was held at Acton Music Centre with guests present from Rockford Illinois, Maine; Stanhope Quebec; Peterborough; Guelph, Rockwood, Campbellville, Osprings, Streetville and Acton.

The bride's mother wore multi-colored flowered gown and yellow carnations; the groom's mother yellow chiffon with white carnations.

Among the guests were the bride's two grandmothers, Mrs. J. Doby and Mrs. J. Synnott and the groom's grandmother Mrs. J. Visser.

Points east
The couple left for points east, the bride wearing blue with a gardenia.

They are living at R.R. 1, Acton.

Showers for the bride-to-be were held by Mrs. Vander Sluis, aunt of the groom, Guelph; by Mrs. Ken Hodgson and Mrs. Bert Fowler, Acton; Mrs. Charlie MacInnis and Mrs. Henry Samson, aunts of the bride, Guelph.



SHARON BARBER and John Bard were married in a double-ring ceremony on June 8. Their 10-day honeymoon was spent at Cove Haven Honeymoon Resort in Pennsylvania.

—Wm. Stuckey Photo

June 8 Bard, Barber united in wedlock

In an afternoon wedding at Knox Presbyterian Church on June 8, Sharon Lee Barber and John David Bard were united in wedlock. Sharon Barber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Barber of R.R. 1, Acton and is employed at Diston Canada Ltd. in Acton.

John Bard works for N. W. Clayton Co. Ltd. and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bard of R.R. 2, Guelph.

Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie officiated at the double-ring ceremony, while Ted Hansen played the organ. The church was decorated with white gladiolus, white and yellow mums and red carnations.

Roses, stephanotis
The bride's gown was a floor length empire waisted lace dress with full long sheer lace sleeves. The headress

was a white lace Juliet style cap beaded with pearls and aurora borealis beads and sequins. The bouquet was a cascade of red roses and white stephanotis against white lace.

Maid of honor was Marilyn Barber, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Kathy Barber, sister of the bride, Cheryl Bard, sister of the groom and Debbie Drinkwater.

Yellow, gold gowns
The attendants wore floor length gowns of yellow and gold multi-flowered sheer over pale yellow taffeta. They each carried a nosegay of yellow and white carnations against yellow net.

Mervin Barber, father of the bride, gave his daughter away.

The best man was John Roszell. Ushers included

Brian Given, Jack Martin and Laurie Reid.

The wedding was by an evening reception at Erin Heights Golf Country Club.

Honeymoon resort
The bride and groom travelled to Cove Haven Honeymoon Resort in the Pocono Mountains in Pennsylvania. The bride wore a pale blue polyester sleeveless dress with matching waist length jacket. She had white accessories.

The bride had one kitchen and pantry shower, three miscellaneous showers and one personal shower. A trossseau tea was held by the bride's mother. The groom enjoyed a stag at the Rockwood Hall.

The newlyweds are living at R.R. 2, Guelph.

Fisher, Maxwell vows exchanged in June

Corinne Erica Maxwell and Dale Warren Fisher exchanged vows in the Knox Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 29.

The double ring ceremony was conducted by Rev. Andrew McKenzie, with Ted Hansen playing the organ.

Corie Maxwell, a student at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Maxwell of Acton. Dale Fisher, also a student, at Control Data Institute, is the son of Mrs. Bessie Fisher and the late Gerald Fisher.

Starburst bouquet
The bride's gown was a white polyester satin with leg of mutton sleeves. The lace on the forearms and neckline was the same lace as in the full length veil. The starburst bouquet consisted of stephanotis and a single white orchid.

The maid of honor, Cathy Ashley, wore a yellow gown, patterned with small orange flowers, accented with a white wide brimmed hat. She carried a round bouquet of white daisies.

Two bridesmaids
The bridesmaids, Cathy Campbell from Ingersoll and Heather Cormack from Guelph, wore turquoise gowns of the same pattern and white daisy bouquets.

The father of the bride, Eric Maxwell, gave her away.

Best man for the occasion was Gary Fisher. Ushers were Brian and Bill Fisher, all brothers of the groom.

A dinner and reception were held at Acton Meadows Golf Course.

Mrs. E.J. Maxwell received for her daughter in a blue geometrically patterned gown with a matching jacket. The groom's mother wore a turquoise and mauve gown.

Short dress
The bride's going away

oufit was a short white dress with a short sleeved blue and white jacket. She wore a gardenia on her lapel.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Niagara Falls and they plan to live in Toronto in September.

The newlyweds received a congratulatory telegram from their friend in Japan, Hiroshi Adachi.

Six showers
The bride had four miscellaneous showers, one kitchen shower and one personal shower. The groom had a bachelor party on June 21. A trossseau tea was held by the bride's mother, the Saturday before the wedding.

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Burt, Harrop Hornby ceremony

Doreen Alice Harrop and Harvey Goldwin Burt exchanged vows in a double-ring ceremony at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Hornby on June 15.

Doreen Harrop is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Harrop of R.R. 2, Norval. She is employed at Bell Northern Research.

Harvey Burt is employed at Diston Canada Ltd. in Acton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Burt of R.R. 2, Acton.

Canon J. E. Maxwell officiated at the ceremony while Mrs. A. Bye played the organ.

The bride wore an empire style gown of polyester satin with a detachable chapel train. The scoop neckline, bodice, sheer sleeves and train were trimmed with lace. Her headpiece was a Juliet cap with a long layered veil edged with fine lace. She carried a bouquet of red roses, stephanotis and babies breath.

The bride's attendants wore blue floral floor length gowns of georgette with matching jackets and butterfly sleeves. They carried bouquets of white and mauve daisies with babies breath.

The matron of honor was Aileen Little, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Joan Barnes, sister of the bride, Marie Wilson, sister of

the bride, Doris Burt, sister of the groom, with junior bridesmaid, Gail Wilson, niece of the bride, and flower girls, Kim and Kelly Little, twin nieces of the bride.

Alan Harrop, the bride's father gave her away.

Best man for the occasion was Earl Burt, cousin of the groom. Ushers included Gordon Hamilton, cousin of the groom, Howard Roszel, Barry Little, brother-in-law of the bride and ring bearer Richard Barnes, nephew of the bride.

176 people attended an evening reception and dance at St. Clair Masonic Hall.

Toastmaster for the evening was Bill Wilson, brother-in-law of the bride.

The bride's mother received in a floor length gown of blue with white accessories and she wore a mauve orchid.

The groom's mother wore a beige floor length dress with matching accessories and she wore a pink orchid.

Before her marriage the bride was honored with seven showers. On June 9, Mrs. Alan Harrop held a trossseau tea for her daughter.

The couple travelled to Cornwall, Quebec, Ottawa and Algonquin Park for their honeymoon. They are living at R.R. 2, Acton.



ON JUNE 15 Doreen Harrop and Harvey Burt were married at St. Stephen's church.

the painted box

By Wendy Thontson



Lately, I've been accused of holding back about our recent animal status. And it's true.

When friends ask what livestock we have on hand, I list off the usual "Dozens of pigs, one dog, three cats, and two ducks," and they often matter-of-factly add for me "And the horses."

Umpteenth times this spring and summer, I've replied "No — no horses. They're all gone." And there is always the startled comment "But you didn't write about that!"

No, I didn't. It's still a very painful subject as far as I'm concerned, but I guess I might as well end that chapter in my life.

Gord's young gelding, Shawnee, was sold last year over Rockwood way and only my mare was left. My plans were to board her at Roy Ionsen's all winter then get us both in shape for a bit of competitive trail riding this year. However, things didn't work out.

Mostly, I just couldn't swing it financially. Often, by the time I paid her board, there was no money for gas to drive down and back. I tried taking a chance once and ended up walking a mile and a half to a station.

Sweet nothings
Still, just knowing she was there was enough. Every time I went to Georgetown I slipped into the stable with a carrot and spent five minutes whispering sweet nothings at her, still planning a grand summer, and just generally unwinding.

Then came the day. On April 14, I was cleaning her up and she looked absolutely beautiful, but my head (and heart) was in a real turmoil. Another month's board was due. Velvet needed to be shod, and what was really the clincher—Ionsen's were moving.

So when Roy offered to buy her back, I figured I might as well end it quickly and let her go.

However, I've found that really wasn't a quick end. Although I haven't seen Velvet again (as far as I know), this whole section of

Start Beavers in September

At the end of September a pack of Beavers will be organized in Acton — a group of boys from age five to cub age, which is eight. This kind of group is still in the experimental stage, having started in Winnipeg in 1971.

This will be the first troop in this area.

Prospective leaders Andrea Sharples and Lynda McDonald went to Belfountain to observe the group there and they will be taking

a training course at Blue Springs for three days in October.

Thursdays
The youngsters will meet Thursdays in the scout hall in the fall. Their uniform consists of the hat, vest and scarf, and they have rituals of their own, apart from cubs and scouts methods.

Some of the Beavers may join the Scouts in their booth at the fall fair to explain the program.

10 Actonites attend Orange Lodge parade

The Orange parade held in St. Thomas on Saturday was attended by 10 Acton residents.

The group travelled to Guelph to attend a memorial service at the cenotaph. From Guelph they travelled to St. Thomas to celebrate the

Loyal Orange Lodges Day. Mrs. C. K. Browne of Main Street said that it was a "wonderful day", and the Orange parade enjoyed a "good turnout."

The group returned to Acton around 9 p.m.

Presented crest here

Sir Harry Brittain, whose picture was in the Free Press centennial section three weeks ago, died last week in Britain at the age of 100. He was one of Britain's most colorful newspaper fig ures and the founder of the Commonwealth Press Union. He crossed Canada a dozen times.

He presented to Free Press editor H. P. Moore a copy of

the Acton, England, town crest, years ago. It hangs now in the library.

out on the Rockwood Trail Ride. The day that was to be the high point in my life with Velvet marked the start of another interest instead.

Eight horses have come and gone from our pasture in the past six years, the kids' ponies, Velvet's twins, Alice's big grey Arab, Morgie the Appaloosa, and so on. Even the pasture is gone.

These six years contained some of the happiest and most interesting days in my life — ones I don't expect to equal anywhere, anytime.

And that marks the end of my horsey tales.

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TOASTING THEIR life together are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fisher. These newlyweds are planning to live in Toronto, where they both attend school.

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