



PRINCIPAL OF THE high school, David Katz discusses the swimming pool with mothers of grade nine students. The mothers were invited to discuss to Mr. Katz anything they wanted to know about the school system. Left to right, Mr. Katz, Olive Ellerby, Laurie Cook, Betty Dubie and Vilma Geng.

### Gain parent-school rapport

Each week, David Katz, principal of the high school, invites parents of grade nine students to his office to speak with them and to answer any questions concerning the school system they might have.

Because the system has changed so much in the past few years, Mr. Katz felt it was necessary to explain to the parents just what is going on. Perhaps in this way the parents would be able to understand their children better and learn with them.

Free time  
With the new freedom in

school and class time, parents sometimes begin to wonder why the pupils have so much free time.

"Education is an ongoing thing. If you stop, you're dead!" explains the principal.

Such things as exams for grade 13's were discussed as well as the credit system, the swimming pool, the semester system, the Student Development Centre and the school in general.

The meeting is designed to gain a better rapport between the parents and the school.

Most of the parents so far have all agreed that it certainly was worthwhile, knowledgeable and entertaining.

### Van Stralen - Otten wedding at Clinton

On August 17, Henry Van Stralen and Janet Otten were married in Christ's love in a late summer wedding in the Christian Reformed Church of Clinton.

Janet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boven of Seaford, and Henry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Van Stralen of Acton.

Officiating at the double-ring ceremony was the Rev. John Van Til, who is the campus minister for the Christian Reformed Church at the University of Western Ontario, London.

Music for the wedding consisted of "Theme from Home and Juliet," for the bridesmaids; processional was Trumpet and Organ Processional by Purcell; O Perfect Love and Bless the Man were hymns sung by the guests and A New Commandment was the doxology.

Fred Van Stralen and his wife from Woodbridge sang The Wedding Song, during the signing of the register. The organist was Ralph Thorn of London and George Prins of Dunnville accompanied on the trumpet.

Attendants  
Maid of honor was Miss Anne Jonkman, of London, friend of bride and groom. Bridesmaid was Mrs. Joyce Kat of Oshawa, sister of the groom. Flower girls were Marjan and Femmie Steenbergen, of Beverwijk, Holland, cousins of the bride. Charlie Doornbos of Guelph was the groom's best man, and the groomsman was John Van Stralen, brother of the groom. Ushers were Wayne Gort and Ralph Otten.

After the ceremony a buffet dinner and reception were held at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Clinton. Approximately 170 guests attended from Holland, Grand Rapids, Mich., Kamloops, B.C., Toronto, Acton, Clinton, Seaford, Guelph, Hamilton, Oshawa, London, Montreal, Burlington, Listowel, Oakville, Stratford, Wingham and surrounding areas.

The Van Stralens are living in Burlington.

Pro  
Linda (Brida) Coe is one of the pros at Milton Figure skating club this season.

Murjorie Kathleen, daughter of Mrs. Roy Burt of R. R. 1, Georgetown was united in marriage to William Howitt Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Douglas of R.R. 1, Acton on September 14.

St. John's United, Georgetown, was the scene of the double ring ceremony, with Rev. Harold Martin officiating. Mrs. Reg Williams of Stewarttown played the organ and Mrs. James Powell of Lawville sang the Wedding Hymn and the Wedding Song.

The brother of the bride, Donald Burt, gave away the bride who walked down the aisle in a Spanish style gown with empire waistline and long full sleeves, gathered at the wrist with silk organza over tulle. A sweeping train and headpiece was trimmed with Brussels lace. She carried a bouquet of red roses and white carnations. The bride wore a gold amethyst pendant that was 75 years old.

Attendants  
Miss Barbara Burt of Georgetown sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids Mrs. Helen Stubbington of Acton and Miss Linda Smith of Campbellville the brides-cousins, wore floor length gowns of emerald green crepe and carried nosegays of rust and yellow mums, daisies and baby's breath. Flowers girls, Misses Bonnie and Julie Ward of Georgetown, cousins of the bride, wore floor length gowns of orange ice crepe and carried wicker baskets of yellow and rust mums, daisies and baby's breath.

The mother of the bride wore a floor length pink lace gown with a corsage of red and white sweetheart roses.

Groom's mother wore a floor length blue and green gown of silk organza with a corsage of yellow and white sweetheart roses.

Father of the groom Norman Douglas Sr. was groomsman while the ushers were Norman Douglas Jr., brother of the groom and Jerry Jolicoeur, the groom's brother-in-law. They all wore white jackets with black velvet trim and black trousers.

An evening reception was held at St. Alban's Hall, Glen Williams at which 90 guests were present including: both grandmothers on the groom's side and many relatives from

Toronto; the groom's sister and husband from Alkirk, Ont. and other guests from London, Brantford, Brampton, Georgetown, Acton, Milton and Hamilton.

The mother of the groom made the wedding cake which was decorated by Mary Price of Campbellville.

Five showers were given for the bride during August and September. Miscellaneous showers were given by Miss Linda Smith, Mrs. Helen Stubbington, Mrs. Judy Burt and Mrs. Marion Chenery. A linen shower was given by Mrs. Hillman.

After returning home from a honeymoon in Hawaii, the bride, who works at Northern Electric and the groom, who works for CN Railway, will be busy with the building of a home at R.R. 1, Acton.

### Rev. Father Smye at October meeting

The new pastor Rev. Father R.J. Smye met with the ladies of the Catholic Women's League for their meeting of October 8.

Stella Wallis was nominated to become vice-president and accepted to carry the office to the end of the term in March, 1975.

Euchres  
Beginning November 1 a

church will be held on the first Friday of each month at the St. Joseph's Church basement.

Progress of plans for the annual Christmas bazaar to be held on November 23 was found to be satisfactory.

Light refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting as members continued their "bazaar chatter".



Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas.



By Wendy Thomson

Each year, when it comes time to write the column for this particular week, I do a lot of thinking first.

This is the sixth "birthday" of The Painted Box. And, as on each of the previous birthdays, I've sat down and asked "What did I do this year and where am I from where I was last year?"

This time there were many changes and upheavals to mull over. Last November, I'd written "I find that Fate is steering me around in an odd way and I'm curious to see where I end up."

Wherever it's going to be, I don't believe I'm there yet. It's like following an intriguing, winding country pathway, fairly bumpy in spots, but delightful walking, nevertheless.

Quite a few years ago, I was in a real quandary about which of two paths to follow: whether to concentrate on career or marriage. Just by chance I picked up a copy of Chatelaine Magazine and in it was a poem by somebody I didn't know, written for another Wendy. It seemed to be fate stepping in.

FOR WENDY  
By Jean Todd Freeman

"Seek not the laurel,  
The crown and the gold,  
For the delicate days of your dreaming are numbered.  
Oh, walk your way lightly, in youth unnumbered —  
Leave the prize and the laurel  
For the wise and the old."

"Cling to your rights:  
The freedom of losing.  
The spendthrift joys of extravagant reaching.  
Oh, wait, and learn later the strict years' teaching —  
The weight of the laurel,  
The bright crown's bruising."

By coincidence, the clipping turned up again recently just after an old family friend and I had a long talk on lives. She had asked "Do you ever think of where you might be if you had gone on to university instead of marrying?"

There's no way of telling, really, but it would have had to be something truly exceptional to me than this mixed-up life of mine. As far as "my great career in journalism", in a small way I've been successful enough, having articles in around 18 magazines, papers, and such, including the Star Weekly, the Globe and Mail and even a magazine in Belgium! What more could I want?

When friends ask just what my goal is, or what my ambitions are, I have no answer.

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JANET OTTEN and Henry Van Stralen were married in the Christian Reformed church at Clinton, and are living in Burlington. —Fred H. Bisset photo

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### Free Press Personals

Florence Wilkin, Nellie Beatty and Ethel Bessem are the Acton members who will be taking part in the annual arts and crafts show at Norval this Saturday. Mrs. Beatty will have stuffed toys and weaving, Miss Wilkin weaving and Mrs. Bessem lapidary and leather.

They are members of the Georgetown Arts and Crafts.

Miss Geraldine Given, Miss Jackie Unger, Brian and Brock Given spent Thanksgiving weekend with their aunt, Mrs. Anne Purcell and daughters of Montreal.

The president of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association, Bill Kennedy of The Durham Chronicle, paid an official visit to the Free Press Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miles of Worthington, Cumbriashire,

England, are visiting here with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan McGuggan and children of Hamilton, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landsborough on Sunday. Mr. McGuggan was soloist at the Baptist Church morning service.

A wedding of interest to Acton friends took place last Saturday in St. James United Church, Winnipeg, when Peggy Lee Valby and Noel Mignon were married. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Valby of Winnipeg; she's the former Margaret Chalmers of Acton. Attending the ceremony were the bride's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Pearce (Mary Grischow) of Georgetown, and aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bell of Guelph.

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