Dating service is today's matchmaker

Boy meets girl. It happens so easily in fiction. But in real life it isn't so simple for boys and girls and men and women to find each other. Enter the dating services.

"I got fed up with being on my own," said John (not his real name), who works in the communications field. "But when you're 45 years old and don't hang out in bars, how do you go about meeting people? You have to rely on something."

John decided to try Rendezvous Dating Service in Brampton after he saw its ad in the paper. This spring he will marry a woman he met through the service.

Although there have been other engagements between couples who met through its dating service, the agency makes no claim to do any-

introductions, said staff members Sue Mawie and Dee! MacDonald.

But for John and Nancy (not her real name) it was love at first sight. She was his sixth introduction, he was her first. "It clicked right in the first phone call," John recalled.

Both are single parents. John came home from their first date to tell his kids: "This is the one."

At the same time Nancy was telling her children she'd found the man she was going to marry. To be sure, however, she continued for a time to date others through the agency before becoming engaged to John.

When members join the dating service they sign up! for a certain number of intronew person that week call in know each other." to Miss Mawle or Miss MacDonald Tuesdays Miss Mawle and Miss MacDonald spend matching up members

they think will be compatible. The next day they call the women members and tell them something about the man with whom they've been matched. Thursdays it's the men's turn to get Information on their prospective dates. After that it's up the men to contact the women and make arrangements for a meeting.

"A dating service puts you on a one-to-one basis," Miss Mawle said. "You know something about the other person and you can decide where to go. Meeting in a bar is not a very intimate atmos-

ductions. Mondays, those phere for having a good personal interview and varies members who want to meet a conversation and getting to with the kind of contract

When a person interested in trying out a dating service first calls Rendezvous, he is provided with basic information about the service. The only thing the agency won't tell him on the phone is the

chosen. To determine whether the

agency can be of service to the caller he is asked a few questions about his interests and preferences in a date during the initial call and invited to come in for a cost. The fee is set after a personal interview as well.



WORKERS Sue Mawle and Dee MacDonald are engaged in the work of the dating service.

gations, Miss Mawle said.

or Miss MacDonald do an interview in the applicant's home, for instance, in the case of a woman who isn't able to get to the office.

During the interview they inquire further into the applicant's background, interests and preferences. The list includes preferences in age, height and weight, but most people are interested in meeting someone of compatible personality, the interviewers said.

Member's home and work numbers are listed with the agency and their pictures

Photographs are taken for identification purposes only. They are not shown to other members. Miss Mawle reported there are dating services which film the applicant's interview and show the film to prospective dates, but Rendezvous doesn't do this.

The agency accepts only people who are unattached and who are over 18. They accept separated or divorced men and women but not married people or those living common-law.

Many people "feel funny" about coming to a dating service, the interviewers acknowledged. They are skeptical about the type of person who uses a dating service. But finding the membership is made up of people of all ages and occupations puts their minds at ease, Miss Mawle said, ad-

The interview carries no obli- initial phone contact. "We tell you exactly how our dating Occasionally, Miss Mawle service works and stress that it's strictly for a date," she said.

The personal interview required before an individual is accepted for membership discourages married people and unsavory characters from applying, Miss Mawle said. The married and those looking for a one-night stand aren't going to go through a personal interview and have their pictures taken, she pointed out.

If there are problems drunkeness, for instance, the member is told his behavior was offensive to his date. The agency reserves the right to cancel memberships if the behavior persists.

John, the person mentioned earlier in the story, said: "You can usually tell on the phone call whether or not you're compatible."

The interviewers, however, caution members against relying on their initial tele-

phone impressions of each explaining many come across differently on the phone than they do in person. They further suggest the first meeting be short and informal -over coffee, for example - to see whether they hit it off before making plans for a big date.

An alternate suggestion is for the couple to do something they both enjoy, like bowling or a movie. "Coffee is a good idea, but it's often not a good way to break the ice," Miss MacDonald commented. "Doing something they both enjoy might be a better idea, but it's really left up to the two individuals to choose."

When members phone in for their next introduction, Miss Mawle and Miss Macdonald ask them how their last date went. These reports are the biggest help to the matchmakers, Miss Macdonald said. Matching people's preferences on paper is only the first step.

If a member wants to "go steady" he can put a "freeze" on his membership until such time as he wants to resume getting new introductions. Freezes can also be applied if a member is ill or out-of-

Rendezvous members against putting on a freeze after the first date, however. They should start seeing more than one person to be sure, Miss Mawle commented with a hint of

motherly concern. "It's exciting," was the way Miss MacDonald described her job. She comes naturally to it. Even at school she was known as a match-

Although they're frequently asked, staff are not permitted to date members. But if she didn't work for a dating agency and didn't have a boyfriend, Miss MacDonald wouldn't hesitate to use a dating service. "It's a very good way of meeting people,

Premier's chauffeur

Nick Lorito is in the driver's seat

An old saying states, "No man is a hero to his valet", but Premier Bill Davis is close to one in the eyes of his chauffeur, Nick Lorito of Georgetown.

Nick has been premier's chauffeur for 12 years, going back to the days when Davis was Minister of Eudcation. He feels he and Davis are friends as well as employer and employee, and obviously has a great respect and affection for him.

It's just as well it is this way since they are together much of the time. "I see more of Mr. Davis than I do of my wife," joked Nick.

Every morning Nick leaves his Delrex Boulevard home, not in a fancy limousine and uniform and cap, but in an ordinary Chrysler New Yorker, with Nick in an everyday business suit, and arrives at the Premier's Brampton home shortly after eight. Here he has his second cup of coffee with Davis, as they chat over the day's

If it's an average day, Nick won't be back home again until 11.30 or midnight. "It's a rare occasion when Nick is home for supper," says wife

Pat. There is an exception. "Never on Monday" does Nick get home late. That's the night he bowls in the men's

major league in Georgetown. "If necessary one of the O.P.P. will drive the Premier that night, but frequently meetings have ended early to let me go bowling." He added Davis is a football fan so he takes the opportunity to get home and watch the Monday

night game. As the years have gone on, Nick's chauffeuring duties have expanded to many other personal jobs for the Premier. He also works closely with security and the O.P.P. and does advance work to make sure everything is ready if the Premier is going out of town. "Sadly the Premier can no longer travel

Women start 'staying' home

Two Georgetown homeowners were the first to take advantage of a new house sitting company which was started by a couple of Erin

Sally Anger, Sixth Line Esquesing, and Margery Munday, Ninth Line Erin, founded Sal-Mar House-Sitters Inc. to mind the homes

of vacationing homeowners. Sal-Mar will visit homes while owners are absent. They will take care of plants, pools, some pets, the lawn and perhaps other items. Sal-Mar will also be on hand when service men arrive to clean rugs, etc. as asked for by



NICK LORITO

alone". He pointed out Davis receives 30,000 invitations a year to appear at various gatherings.

"Do you ever get parking or speeding tickets," he was

Nick admitted he does while driving the Premier's car just like everybody else. He pointed out there are no flags or symbols on the ordinary looking car. He says if a police officer stops them, he may look a little sheepish, but gets the ticket the same as anyone else.

Nick says it does not happen often, because he figures he wouldn't keep his job if he was careless about traffic laws. "The one time we were stopped for speeding, we got the ticket, and Mr. Davis said nothing until the policeman spoke to him and then it was just to exchange pleasantries".

Nick commented "That's the kind of person Mr. Davis is". He said he and the Premier talk all the time they're driving and he feels he's learned a lot about politics from the master politician.

Their friendship is evident in a large framed collection of photos given to Nick by Davis. They are candid shots taken of Nick as he played cribbage with the Premier on a plane. There are 16 shots of varying expressions and the Premier had them taken and framed and entitled "Portrait of a Con Man".

Another snapshot of Nick shaking hands with Queen Elizabeth was possible only because of the Premier, who told him to get in the line-up with his own family when they were introduced to her at Upper Canada Village. This was during her visit to Canada for the Olympics.

"That's some type of boss who arranged for me to be there and to have a photographer told to take my picture," said Nick Lorito. Nick was on holidays over Christmas and New Year's, because Mr. Davis was also

Club House

on holiday. "I fit my vacation to his and work weekends when he does".

One of the fringe benefits or drawbacks as the case may be, of the job is eating many meals where the Premier is guest of honor. Nick always sits within eye distance, and frequently during his speech, the Premier will allude to his chauffeur.

Nick is known to the press gallery at Queen's Park, who, when time hangs heavy on their hands and his, play cuchre and crib together.

"I don't tell people what I do for a living when I go to parties," 'because there's always somebody who wants to ask about the Premier, and let's face it, not everybody loves him".

His chauffeur says Davis is as calm as he looks, and says he has only seen him ecstatic twice, once when he won the leadership at the nomination convention and when he won the 1971 election.

Nick and his wife Pat have three children, Michael 10. Theresa 8, and Christopher 6. and there's no doubt the whole family are Progressive Conservatives, even if the children will have to wait to vote. They hope Davis will still be around to vote for when they reach voting age.

But if he isn't that doesn't mean Nick will be out of a job, he is Mr. Davis' chauffeur, not the Premier's, so "In one capacity or other I hope to keep working for Mr. Davis".

Homeowner group stops

The Dorset Park Home-owners Association in Milton has disbanded because of a lack of interest.

homeowners association existed for six years. Officially the group will disband by mld-April, except if people in the Milton neighborhood ask the group to continue. The executive and three other members showed up for the associameeting

Develop Indian village

will be recreated on the site of would be on the former an early village at Crawford Howard farm, north of Lake Conservation Area on Steeles Ave. owned by HRCA. Steeles Ave. south of Camp- No further development is bellville, Halton Region planned near the lake, or Conservation announced this week.

\$300,000 project

The early village was found during university studies on the former Howard form, just north of Crawford Lake, a few plus roads, parking lots, a gate house and an educational interpretive centre will cost approximately \$300,000, according to William Warwick, Director of Conservation Services at HRCA.

The Indian village is one of six known to exist within three miles of the unique lake the conservation area, Warwick said, HRCA owns about 300 acres at Crawford Lake but he assured coun-

A complete Indian Village cillors all the development Authority anywhere south of Steeles Ave, he said.

The development will take up only the southern portion the farm and the remainder, which is being years ago. Its development actively farmed by HRCA, will be retained as farm land for several years, he said. It may be used as an agricultural demonstration area.

University of Western Ontario will be helping to develop the Indian village, he said. The White Oaks Conser-Foundation ' vation currently raising funds to build the development and HRCA has been assured there will be enough money, War-

wick said.

Security has been a big problem at Crawford Lake in recent years, Warwick said. But an apartment will be included in the new interpretive centre for a live-in supervisor and he felt that would help cut down on the vandalism and problems the area has been

experiencing. He said 140 cars could be accommodated in the parking areas when a second parking lot is added, and there is plenty of room for more cars. Development will likely start in 1979, he said.

No fires this week

There were no fires in Acton this week, according to fire chief Mick Holmes.



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