

## Ribble-Slingerland Christmas wedding



### Newlyweds

St. Joseph's Church was the setting for the wedding of Janet Carolyn Barker to Joseph Wayne Myers on December 2. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Barker, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Myers. Susan Barker, aunt of the bride, was matron of honor and Gwen Barker and Verna White were bridesmaids. Terry Myers, brother of the groom was best man. Ushers were Gus Myers and Rick Barker. A reception was held at Acton Meadows Golf Course. Photo by Bob Dyc.

A honeymoon in Montego Bay, Jamaica followed the Christmas wedding of Margaret Anne Slingerland and Jeffery Cyrus Ribble, December 23.

Rev. Charles Beaton officiated at the ceremony in Trinity United church. George Elliott provided the organ music and Gerald Cherry, and son Richard, uncle and cousin of the bride were soloists.

The bride of 56 Howett St., Guelph, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Slingerland, 149 Wynford Place, Acton. She is employed as a computer operator at Rockwell International.

The groom, of 240 Waterloo Ave., Guelph, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ribble, 115 Bower Ave. He is a lead hand with A.P. Green.

Escorted down the aisle by her father, the bride wore a mid-calf length gown of white polyester jersey with a wide

brimmed hat with shoulder length veil. She carried a bouquet of carnations and holly.

Kathy Meagher, sister of the bride, Guelph, was maid of honor with Sandra D'Amico, Whitecourt, Alberta, Deborah Pinkerton, Hamilton, sisters of the bride, and Susan Ribble, sister of the groom, as bridesmaids. The bride's niece, Tara Lynn D'Amico, of Whitecourt was flower girl and Ian Cherry, cousin of the bride, Ottawa was ring-bearer.

The bridal attendants were in matching dresses of blue and wore flowers in their hair. They carried bouquets of blue and white carnations.

Brett Legate, Eden Mills, friend of the groom was best man. Ken Swan, friend of the groom, Acton, Gerard Meagher and Lawrence Pinkerton, brothers-in-law of the bride were ushers.

Daryl D'Amico, brother-in-law of the bride was master of ceremonies at a dinner and dance at the Acton Music

Centre. The wedding cake was made by the aunt of bride, Phyllis Cherry and decorated by Liz Atkey, friend of the bride from Edmonton Alberta. It was three tiered with red holly.

Special guests at the wedding were the grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Minnie Slingerland, Frankford, Ontario and friends from Edmonton and Lockport, New York. Other relatives came from Ottawa, Belleville, Trenton. The couple also received a phone call from a close friend in the Canadian Armed Forces, on a ship enroute to Hawaii.

Prior to her marriage, the bride-elect was guest of honor at three showers: one hosted by Mrs. Howard Ribble and family; one by Mrs. Stella Wallace and Mrs. Joyce Wild, friends of the bride; and a shower at work during lunch from all the girls.

After a two week honeymoon, the couple returned to live at 56 Howett St., Guelph.



Margaret Anne Slingerland and Jeffery Cyrus Ribble were married December 23 in Trinity United Church. After a honeymoon in Montego Bay, they made their home in Guelph.

## Camp organized

The inauguration of the Halton Hills Camp of Gideons Tuesday night was the fulfilling realization of the dream of a number of men who have lived in the Georgetown/Acton area since before the second world war.

The local organization is known as a "Camp", the first in Canada was formed in 1911 in Toronto—from there the Gideons organized across the whole of Canada from coast to coast by 1950. Today, Gideons are found in almost every non-Communist country on the globe, at least in one or more major town or city.

Since the war, Gideons in the Acton area align themselves with the Gideon Camp in Guelph while those in Georgetown aligned with those in Brampton. But, with the regionalization of this area, into town status, it became obvious a Camp for the Town of Halton Hills would serve the area better.

The Gideons are best known for their placing of

Bibles in hotels which began with the very first Camp in 1911.

The Bibles placed in hospitals began in 1918 at the Christie War Veteran Hospital in Toronto, at the close of the first World War. School Bibles were placed in the Queensville school in 1936; while the familiar little red school testament was approved at the 1946 National Convention and the first testament given out to the children in September of the same year in the Kitchener area.

The practice of giving the Testaments to the children went south to the U.S.A. the following year and is now a world-wide event. So, the Canadian Gideons can be proud that they had at least three "firsts" in programs of Bible distribution over American neighbours.

However, Bible placements are actually an extension of the real aim of the Gideons which is to win men and women and boys and girls to a per-

sonal knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ by personal witness of men who are interdenominational.

The Gideons consider themselves to be but a witnessing extension of each and every recognized Protestant denomination and not a separate opposing unit.

The Gideons underwrite every expense that might be incurred by Home Office of Guelph so that every dollar donated goes directly to the purchase of Bibles and Testaments.

The Halton Hills Camp executive includes: President W. A. Douglas, vice president C. Baillie, treasurer K. Whittaker, and secretary G. Young.

### Error

An error in last week's Acton Free Press had the late Ethel Holmes as a member of the Lakeside Chapter of the I.O.D.E., when in fact she was a member of the Duke of Devonshire chapter. Sorry!

## Attendance is low at U.C.W. meeting

The regular meeting of Trinity United Church Women was held in the church parlors Jan. 9. Owing to illness and poor weather the attendance was small.

A splendid secretary's report was given by Mrs. Helen Little who was warmly welcomed back after illness.

Many thank you cards and letters were read for cheer baskets and gifts received from the U.C.W. at Christmas.

Mrs. Ethel Denny gave a graphic treasurer's report showing expenditures, and balance in detail. The members were proud to find a good balance on hand. Miss Simmons reported the Quilting Group had made 30 quilts, also 13 crib quilts had been made and donated to the cancer bates during the year. A nice sum of money had been brought in from sale of aprons made by Mrs. Helen Pickett.

## Percy Ault dies

Percy Edwin Ault Q.C., who spent his youth in Acton, died in West Park Hospital, Toronto, on Wednesday, January 17. He had been ill for many years.

Mr. Ault lived with his family on Frederick St.; his father was a doctor in Acton at the time. He married the former Mary Featherstone of Milton. He is survived by his wife and children Marion, Edwin and William.

Funeral service and burial were in Toronto Friday, January 19.

## Halton no test ground

Director of Education Em Lavender denied a Globe and Mail newspaper report which named Halton as a proving ground for province wide competency tests.

Mr. Lavender told Halton trustees he is "really intrigued" concerning Halton's involvement in the tests which start in March. "There's no base to it at all," he said.

Halton, Frontenac and Scarborough Boards of Education were said in Thursday's paper to be used for field testing Grade 7-10 students.

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The group was saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Buckland, a former member and friend, following a massive coronary attack in her retirement home in British Columbia. Sympathy was extended to her bereaved husband, Mrs. Nellie Shoemaker gave her usual concise report on the sick and all-

## Historical Society has essay project

Last year's essay project of Vanishing Villages brought a very satisfying response for the Wellington county historical library. This year it is Builders of Wellington and could include East Luther, East Garafraxa, Amaranth and Orangeville which was included in the early map of Wellington.

What do you know of the builders of Wellington—the people who built the beautiful stone structures for which this area is famed—the architects, the contractors, the builders of brick, wood and metal. Who framed the large barns for which Wellington is noted—the framer and the location where they worked—the mills, churches, stores even fences beside the sub-

stantial houses with as many of the original owners as possible.

The Wellington County Historical Research Society wants to know about anything like this—their style, location and year of building, if possible, in the form of an essay, typewritten and single spaced. Any additional information, stories, anecdotes, names of other buildings, please add to the main essay. All is valuable.

A gift certificate redeemable at the museum gift shop will be given to all worthy entrants.

Essays to be submitted to Mrs. Harry R. Barr, 460 Garafraxa St. E., Fergus, not later than April 30, 1979. Awards to be announced at the annual meeting of the W.C.H.R. Society.

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