



Edna and Harry Besley marked their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and neighbors at Knox Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon.

Besleys mark 50th anniversary

Harry and Edna Besley topped off 50 years of marriage with a well attended Golden Wedding anniversary celebration at Knox Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon.

Some 150 guests—friends, relatives and neighbors—gathered in the church's decorated downstairs for the event. Many cards of well wishes were also given to the RR3 Acton couple.

The afternoon's party was arranged by daughters Helen Snyder, Marion Look and Doreen Dillon. The seven grandchildren also attended. Edna's sister, Jean

from Caledon East, was in attendance as were Harry's brothers Lorne, of Shelburne, Earl of Wassaga Beach and Russell from Orillia.

Many people will recall that the Besleys used to sell hen eggs from their 25 Sideroad farm. Many of their former customers also turned up Sunday.

Harry first met his wife to be, so his story goes, at a box social in Shelburne. She was born at Hornings Mills and he on a farm about a mile south of Shelburne.

For some 25 years the Besleys lived in Weston. Harry ran a grocery

store for a while then he started into the gasoline service business. He built that up until he had three service stations.

The Besleys wound down the service station business and moved to south of town 11 years ago. For five years they were in the egg business, an activity Harry seemed to enjoy. "We used to meet a lot of people. Used to see as many as 10 cars here with people buying eggs."

The Besleys belong to the Golden Age Club and they bowl Mondays in the senior citizens' league. Edna also belongs to the Dublin W.I. and the Knox

Ladies' Aid.

How does one keep a marriage going for half a century? "To me," said Harry, "the biggest thing is, of course we always worked together. No matter what I did, anything I did, she was always there. I think that's the big thing. We never had any trouble."

Store aims to clothe local working women

To find out what some of the well-dressed women in Acton will be wearing, you might check out Phyltors Fashions, a new clothing store at 11 Main St. South.

Owned and operated by Mr. Norman C. Harkness and his wife Phyllis, hence the name Phyltors, of Orangeville, the shop is concentrating on fashions for the working woman.

Phyltors is the third store for the couple, who also own shops in Orangeville and Alliston.

"We were looking to expand," said Harkness who's had 21 years experience in retailing "and found Acton to be interesting municipally. When the store became available, I investigated the town and moved in."

He's already employed three sales clerks, Mrs. Joanne Luck, Mrs. Janet Hardy and Mrs. Lori Mackay, all from Acton.

Phyltors will offer a variety of fashions, said Harkness, from coordinated sportswear to inner fashions to swimwear to coats and suits.

He said the objective of the shop is to offer coordinated sportswear for the fashion-conscious woman so she might have a diversified wardrobe without having to spend a lot of money.



Norman Harkness of Phyltors Fashions helps sales clerk Janet Hardy on with her coat, one of the items for sale at the store. Harkness says Phyltors Fashions caters to the working woman.

Back to Acton Days celebrations June 27, 28

Back to Acton Days returns again this year, on June 27 and 28.

Acton Chamber of Commerce director Terry Grubbe has been busy formulating plans

Enrolment decreasing

All the forecasts point downward as Halton Board of Education staff try to forecast how many students to expect in the near future.

In enrolment figures presented to the board recently trustees learned they are educating nearly 1,000 fewer students than last year and that if the trends continue, there will be 1,500 fewer students in another year.

According to the figures produced by Barbara Moore, area superintendent for finance, when heads were counted at the end of September there were 28,454 elementary students in the system, 20,123 high school students and 142 trainable retardates.

for the two day Canada's birthday celebration downtown and at Prospect Park.

She had hoped to have Back to Acton Days on June 27 and then a Canada Day celebration on July 1, a Wednesday, but that hasn't worked out because so many people will be working on July 1 and taking the holiday on June 29.

This year there will be no Back to Acton Days festivities on the Friday night, June 26.

Everything gets rolling on Saturday morning with the calithumpian parade at 9 a.m. followed by opening ceremonies downtown at 10:30 a.m., including presentation of awards for the poster

contest. The rest of the day there will be games, sidewalk sales, booths, displays, craft exhibits, a Leathertown display, dog and cat contests etc.

That night there will be two dances. One is a dinner-dance at the Acton Curling Club honoring the Citizen of the Year. The other dance is hosted by the Acton Optimists and is at the arena.

Sunday the fun switches to Prospect Park. Grubbe hopes the Citizens' Band will play a band shell concert, there'll be water ball, activities on the lake, entertainment in the rink, ball and soccer tournaments, and a fireworks display at night.

More PD days are sop for teachers—Herd

By Eric Elstone
Giving Halton's elementary teachers two more professional development days—the last days of the school year—is "a bid to appease" them.

That's the view of Oakville trustee and ex-Halton Board of Education chairman Bill Herd who criticized senior board staff for being generous with public funds.

A costly nuisance will be added to the woes of Halton taxpayers, indicated Herd, if the 1,275 public school teachers get the extra days.

Senior staff recommended during Thursday's board meeting at Burlington that elementary school teachers get

nine professional development days starting this year. High school teachers get nine professional development days.

Elementary school teachers have for the last three years had seven professional development days. Halton Elementary Teachers' Association (HETA), which represents all public school teachers in the region, failed last year to get the two days restored to them.

The provincial Education Relations Commission denied HETA's request for the extra time.

Herd wondered if the senior staff's recommendation was "a bid to

appease" the elementary teachers.

HETA President Gerry Dunn indicated afterwards this is an exceptional year for elementary teachers because of the number of new programs which have to be worked into the schools.

"It wouldn't bother us to see them (Halton board staff) change the days next year," said Dunn.

"That's fine. Whatever they want," continued Dunn when asked if he meant going back to seven days.

Board staff, however, recommends a blanket nine days for elementary teachers. This year the two new days are June

29, a Monday and June 30.

Trustees vote on the question on April 23.

"It may be the considered opinion of the administrators and academics (to add the two days) but what about the considered opinion of the people who are footing the bill?" asked Herd.

Board superintendent of instruction Ray Stoness defended the addition. "It is the considered opinion of teacher representatives, principals, area superintendents and

committee we need those days in order to successfully and effectively implement the guidelines, curriculum and other policies of this board."

The implementation of core curriculum is "always the reason, it seems, for professional development days", said Herd.

The timing of the additional two days this year, according to Stoness, is a matter of convenience to parents.

"I'm slightly confused," admitted Herd, "whether it is a matter of convenience to parents

because it is the first of the week or whether it is a matter of convenience to teachers?"

"One day is to be used to close the school and one day to be used for some very vague professional activity," said Herd.

HETA president Dunn indicated that with the days falling on a Monday and Tuesday the final days of the school year—that few pupils would be in classes for teachers to work with.

There is a role for parents in professional activity days, according to staff documents.

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