

# CCOG Has Many Suggestions for Brumac Development

Concerned Citizens of Georgetown, a newly formed group of residents with many ideas for civic improvements, has prepared a brief with suggestions concerning further development of the Brumac subdivision.

On March 15th, Richard Perrott acted for CCOG in presenting the brief to the council.

"It's the opinion of a majority of our group than an academic expert in urban planning is necessary to produce a plan which would form the basis of an agreement between council and the developer," he said.

He cited Kitimat and Elbow Lake as examples of planned communities which Georgetown could emulate. And he had viewed the rebuilt cities of Coventry and Plymouth in England, and was impressed with planning done there.

## MONSTROSITIES

He said as many houses as possible on the smallest sites is the criterion in this

part of Ontario. High rise apartments in the Toronto suburbs are placed on high ground, to become monstrosities, instead of being built on slopes where they would blend into the landscape, he said.

He said the undeveloped Brumac land had once been suggested as a population of 11,200 but now seems to have switched to more apartments and multiple dwellings.

Cr. Ern Hyde disagreed with Mr. Perrott's idea that as Georgetown enlarges it should become a group of smaller areas, each with a centre core.

## STILL HEALTHIEST

"For many years this was Georgetown," said Cr. Hyde, "and then we split into Delrex and old Georgetown. Communities within communities become selfish, and one big community is still the healthiest."

Cr. Ernest Sykes, who was chairing the committee meeting, observed that the

end result would probably be a compromise between the idealistic and financially practical.

The CCOG brief suggests:

- Annexation of part of Esqueving township to preserve Georgetown's rural character.
- Timing of residential development to coincide with industrial growth.
- Central part of tableland section, with stores, recreation facilities, schools in a single complex.
- Apartment area not on high land.
- Bottom lands of Silver Creek reserved as parkland.
- Housing for senior citizens close to the nerve centre — Churches, perhaps sharing a common building — a bus transport system into downtown Georgetown.

## PROVIDED

The brief mentions things which should be provided by

the developer, including storm and sanitary sewers, underground hydro, a garbage disposal site and water well.

Pedestrian underpasses where major roads must be crossed to neighbourhood

centres, no exterior TV antennas, chain link fencing for parks, schools and commercial properties, retention of trees and new plantings are among other recommendations.

Council should require the

developer to share cost of a second firehall, but a town hall should be financed from taxes, it says.

**NOT OPPOSED**  
Suggested carrying charges of \$1.5 million in a 1968 consultant report needs updating and should be at least \$1.75 million now, CCOG says.

The group of citizens studying the proposals is not opposed to the development, the report concludes. They are interested only in proper planning, so that sprawling,

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suburban blight, found in so many cities, does not result.

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## 35 Descendants Gather for Golden Wedding Anniversary

Ruddell. Everyone present gave an item of current events. Then the speaker Mrs. C. B. Dick spoke on the Tweedsmuir history. She has done a wonderful job tracing the history of the 'arms and community in and around these parts. She said she still wants farm histories and pictures for her large book where she is preparing and keeping all the information as she gets it.

In 1819 Esqueving opened for settlement and the first settlers were the family of Abraham Neilson, his wife and children. Now that farm is owned by a great grandson Charlie Austin. Another farm with an interesting background is the Thomas Bird residence on the 7th Line now owned by his son John & family. Mrs. George Wilson gave the courtesies and after all singing O Canada, meeting closed with a social hour.

The Browns mother and daughter banquet was held in the large school room of Hillcrest United Church on Tuesday evening, March 16 with 52 sitting down to tables decorated in St. Patrick colours. During the evening, Rev. Lynne Adams was presented with a key giving her permission to visit the Browns at their meetings any time, also at this occasion was Mrs. Schreiber of Milton, deputy commissioner.

The leaders who are doing such a fine job with the Browns are Mrs. Larry Pickett and Mrs. Stan Kruger.

On Wednesday, March 17th, Mrs. R. J. Graham attended the wedding of her grandson Kent in St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Oakville. Kent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Graham of Williamstown.

— Mrs. J. Bellbody

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Armstrong of New Carlisle near Bancroft on March 13, sixty-two guests met for family dinner to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have ten children, twenty two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and all were present as well as Mr. Armstrong's five brothers and sisters. Mrs. Armstrong's two brothers were unable to be at the celebration.

The family sat down to a salad plate luncheon and a three-tiered anniversary cake made by daughter, Shelby, was cut.

Following the meal open house was held and the bride and groom of fifty years greeted friends. They received many beautiful gifts among which were a couch and a \$50 money tree from the family. They included Mrs. Cameron Taylor, (Claudia) of Walkerton; Mrs. Gerald Pesheau (Marie) Thunder Bay; Mrs. Donald Davis (Gwen) Birds Creek; Mrs. Ronald Scott (Beverley), Toronto; Mrs. Phillip Lentz, Shelby; Perth; sons Douglas, Manitoba and Eric, Scarborough, Lyle Ellis and Ian of Georgetown & district.

Two families from here who are members of the Fireflies Camping Club, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hewitt and family are among those who left last week for a camping trip to Florida while the children have their winter vacation.

Mrs. H. Steinfatt and Christine and Carol spent a few days of the holiday week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Macdonald of Ajax.

— Mrs. Cecil Barth



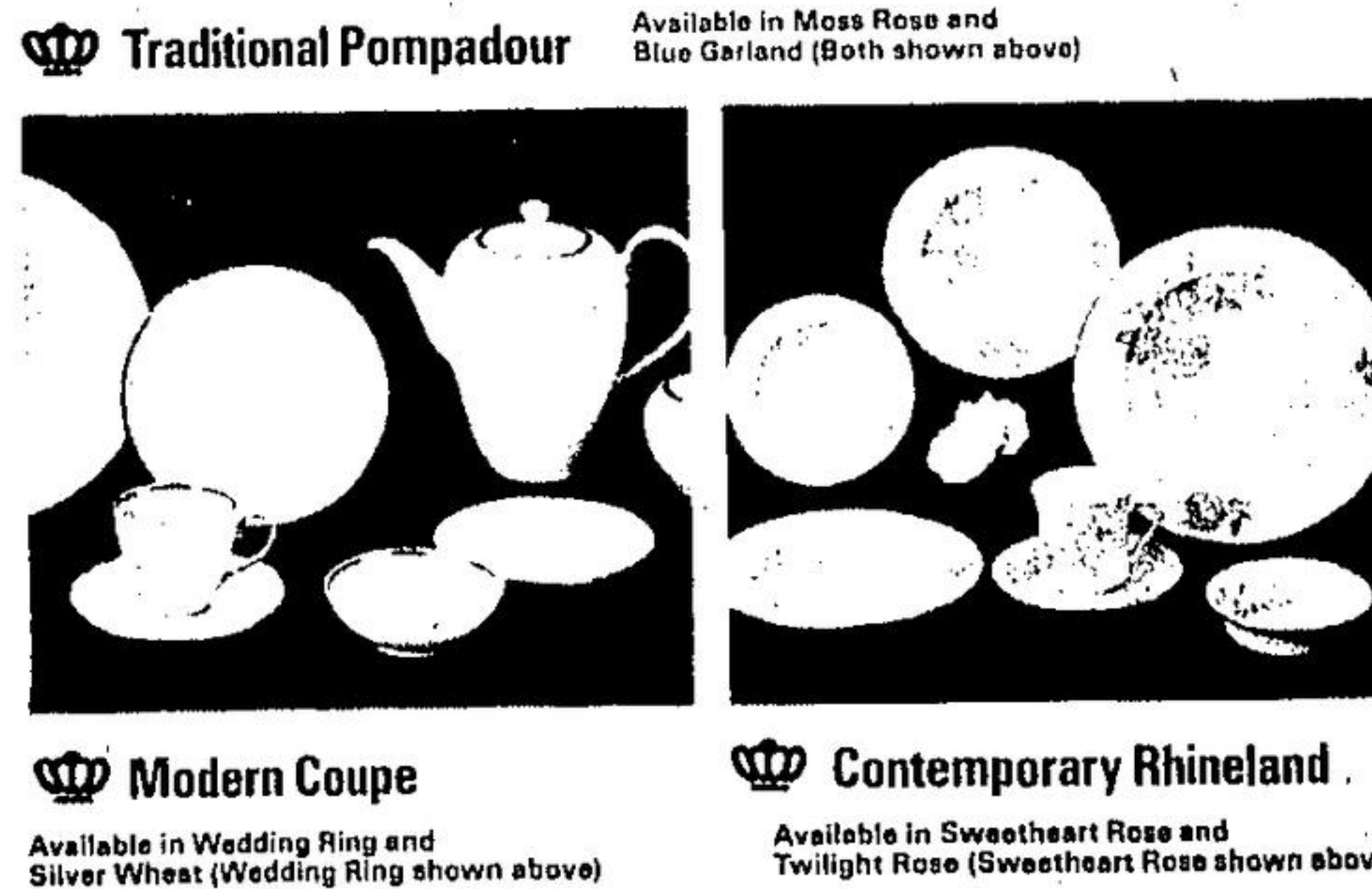
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