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Parsons-Dorsey Wedding Vows, Holy Cross Church

Now living on Albert Street, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Murray Parsons were married August 12 in Holy Cross Church. Baskets of white, blue, yellow and pink gladioli decorated the church for the ceremony, performed by Father Otger Devent. J. A. Edmond was organist and the bride's father gave her in marriage. The bride, Karen Julia Dorsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Dorsey, 37 Normandy Blvd. wore a gown of pearl coloured brocade, floor length, with train, and bell sleeves trimmed with pearls. There was also a detachable, pearl trimmed train, and she wore a mantilla veil of sheer net, edged with flower lace. She carried a presentation bouquet of red roses and wore three red sweetheart roses in her hair. She made her own wedding ensemble.

Cathy Parsons, sister of the groom, was maid of honour, wearing pale blue brocade, styled like the bridal gown. She carried white gladioli, centred in blue, and wore an imitation blue flower tiara in her hair. Bridesmaid, Miss Janet McFarlane, wore pale yellow brocade, yellow flower tiara and her bouquet of white gladioli was centred in yellow. Flower girl Tanya Martini, the bride's cousin, was similarly gowned in pale pink, with accessories to match. Nick Morvay was groomsmen. Paul Dorsey and Roger Parsons, brothers of the bride and groom, were ushers.

A reception followed at Acton Meadows Golf Club. The bride's mother acted as hostess. Friends and school friends attended a shower at the home of Miss J. McFarlane, 80 Maple Avenue East. And relatives had a shower at the home of Mrs. A. Martini, Weston.

tangerine cymbidium orchid corsage. Travelling to northern Ontario for their honeymoon, the bride wore a two-piece turquoise knit outfit, white accessories and carried one red rose, kept from her presentation bouquet.

The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Parson, 161 Raylawn Crescent, is employed with G-S Television. His bride is a Smith & Stone Limited employee, and graduate of Sheridan College of Applied Arts & Technology, Oakville.

Wedding guests attended from as far away as England, California and Massachusetts. Mrs. N. Haines, 52 Raylawn Crescent, with the help of Miss K. Bradley, 35 Normandy Blvd., had a shower for the bride for neighbours and friends. School friends attended a shower at the home of Miss J. McFarlane, 80 Maple Avenue East. And relatives had a shower at the home of Mrs. A. Martini, Weston.

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New Municipal Elections Act Designed to Streamline System

To the average voter who owns or rents in a municipality the new municipal election legislation fixes voting day on the first Monday in December between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. every other year.

Parliamentary Secretary Arthur Meen (PC - York East) told the Toronto bureau of The Herald the act is designed to streamline municipal elections in Ontario.

Beginning this year, he said, municipal elections will take place on a province wide basis in the same way as provincial and federal elections.

Voters will have two advance poll dates on the Monday and Saturday prior to municipal election day. In the case of a resident who owns a home in the city, a farm in a nearby county, and a cottage in the vacation country the act permits him to vote in each area on separate days.

"Gone are the days when a municipality could eliminate a large number of voters by holding a municipal election on Grey Cup Day," said Mr. Meen.

He said people will know the date of all municipal elections in the province. The member said he owns a cottage and some years didn't know when an election was set in the township.

Proclamation of the bill into law is expected within the next week to ten days.

Voting hours are set from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the act to allow officials time to set up their work. The 8 p.m. closing, said Mr. Meen, gives voters extra time to vote in the evening particularly if the weather conditions are poor.

Studies to establish a Municipal Election Act started in 1970 when the provincial

government formed a committee headed by Frederick A. Braybrook, special projects officer. A year later the suggestions of the committee formed the basis of the new bill.

Previous municipalities selected the date and time for elections along with the term of office which ranged from one to three years.

The act sets a two year term. Mr. Meen says the term is a "saw-off". One year is too short, he says, and three years is too long for a person to hold municipal office. Opposition to the two year term came from large cities including Toronto, Ottawa, and Hamilton which operate on a three year term. Legislation appears simple on the surface, but says Mr. Meen, knotty problems were encountered during the clause by clause study. The main hurdle faced by the committee concluded the man should have one vote.

COSTS \$1.8 MILLION
Greater use of the provincial assessment role is made to prepare voters lists for the municipal clerk. In past the clerks have prepared lists from outdated assessment roles. Beginning in September teams of assessors prepared an updated assessment for provincial use. The province supplied a computer print-out of the list for use by municipal clerks. Cost of the program is \$1.8 million this year with an expected reduction in 1974 when start-up costs are eliminated, said Mr. Meen.

Voters in the new regional government areas of Waterloo, Timmins-Porcupine and Sudbury are excluded from the act for this year says Mr. Meen. The three areas will hold elections in October to prepare

The act, which is referred to as Bill 77 by legislators, differs slightly from the Provincial Election Act because of the multiple choice ballot whereby two aldermen or hydro commissions are elected or a voter is classed as public or separate school supporter.

Those Wild and Woolly Nomination Nights are A Thing of the Past

Here are some of the more noticeable and important changes resulting from the new legislation standardizing municipal elections in Ontario.

The old fashioned town or township nomination night has gone by the boards. Nominations will be spread over a five day period starting Thursday November 9 and ending at 5 p.m. Monday November 13. The nomination meeting where incumbents presented reports on their work and new candidates delivered their election speeches is no longer an official nomination function.

There is one general election day throughout Ontario for all municipalities. This year it is December 4. Hours too are standardized with 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. the voting time.

To be officially nominated a candidate for council or school board must fill out an official nomination paper bearing the names and addresses of 10 nominators. If he is seeking a seat on the county board of education his nominators must be qualified electors, and public school supporters. If the office sought is a seat on the separate school board the 10 nominators should be separate school supporters.

Candidates must get their nomination paper to the clerk of the municipality where he resides. The clerk will post a list of those legally nominated in a public place.

Each municipality must hold two advance polls. There will be one on November 27 and one December 2.

Students attending an educational institution and disabled voters can obtain a proxy vote and have someone else cast their ballot for them. But a person acting as a proxy cannot vote for more than one person unless it is an immediate member of the family.

This year the voting franchise has been extended to all tenants with the exception of a money-by-law. You no longer have to own property to vote for councillors, school trustees or public utility commissioners.

Provision is also made in the new act to allow by-elections, and fines of up to \$1,000 and jail terms of up to six months are also provided for bribery, improper voting and stuffed ballot boxes with illegal ballots.

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ELECTION DAY

OCTOBER 30
With federal election day October 30, the 3-candidate campaign in Halton is swinging into high gear. Sitting member Bud Whiting (Lib), Carolyn Holstein (NDP) and Terry O'Connor (PC) have many engagements ahead, some of them in Georgetown and Esqueping. Top echelon of the three parties have also made, or are planning appearances in the county in support of their party candidates.