



JOYCE  
BEATON

### Remember the 50's. . .

It's all the craze now to remember the 50's, the jitterbug, the bobby sox, Elvis Presley, the Hit Parade, Inner Sanctum, St. Laurent, the Four Lads, Barbara Ann Scott, and the song A Slow Boat to China. There are other things. If you're over 40 and female, read on.

Remember...  
...when our one aim in life was to "meet the one and only, fall in love and get married."  
...when we got a "female education" as a nurse, a secretary or a stewardess to fill in the time until "Mr. Right" came along.  
...when we felt sorry for the girls who got "left behind". The career girl who must surely be unfeminine (as an education and growth of the human mind weakens femininity), the girl who "couldn't get a guy."

...when Chatelaine, Good Housekeeping and Red Book told us how to be good wives and mothers and how to please a man (but didn't tell the men the rules we were playing by).

...when the career women who wrote the articles for the magazines were trying to cover up their feelings of "non-femininity" by looking for ways to "help" other women fulfill themselves as wives and mothers, all the while pretending to be one of us.

...when you graduated with honors in May and married in June.  
...when the movies told us we would get married and live happily ever after.

...when you decided to leave home and get an apartment with a friend in the city.  
...when you were told "nice girls" don't do things like that.

...when there was only enough money for one child to get a higher education and it was for your brother with his 50 percent average.

...when the girls led the cheers at the boys' sporting events and the boys stood and laughed at the girls' field day.

...when your mother told you "boys don't like girls who..." when it was really your mother who didn't want you to...

...when the teacher said home economics was mandatory for the girls and manual training for the boys.  
...when you didn't show your high marks to the boys in case they wouldn't like you.

...when you waited to be asked for a date, when nice girls didn't come right out and ask, when you were taught all the devious methods to chase a boy until he caught you.  
...when the song "A Diamond is a Girl's Best Friend" wasn't just a song about a cold, calculating gold-digger.

...when the final decision about your education and future was made by your teachers, parents and the media.  
...when girls were expected to attract with their good grooming, sweet smelling, soft speaking selves and then rely on the boys to "behave" themselves.

...when they didn't we relied on them to protect and cherish us.  
...when we believed Freud when he said anatomy is destiny and woman is what society says she is.  
...when we quit school to get a job to put him through school.

...when we made the decision to be Harry's wife and Sammy's mother as well as Scotty's daughter and gradually submerged our own identity.

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Joyce Beaton can be heard each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. on radio station CKDS-FM, (dial 95), Hamilton, when she interviews interesting women of the area. Her books "Alive and Well" (\$3) and "Now It's My Turn" (\$3.95) are available from Goldenglow Publications, Box 134, Milton.



### BROWNIES ENROLLED

These Brownies were recently enrolled in the 10th Georgetown Pack.  
Back Row: Mrs. Karen Dougall, Kim Keeler, Ann Marie Coombs, Cindy Johnson, Larissa Hrechka, Leslie Stewart and Mrs. Sandra Stansfield.

Front Row: Jenny Lushy, Shelley Snyder, Kathy Winterburn, Janine Dewinter, Tracy Richardson, Christine Barrager and Kelly Stoytes, seated.



### GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Leaman Allen, 37 Windsor Rd., were entertained by family and friends Saturday to mark their 50th Anniversary. The couple were married at Corbetton on Dec. 15, 1926 in the parsonage of the United Church. Following a family gathering early in the afternoon, the couple attended a social in their honor at the Elks Lodge. Mrs. Allen is the former Leolah Cantlon. The couple have four children and nine grandchildren.

### Mirex report due this week

A report revealing whether the Credit River contains the cancer-causing chemical Mirex is being prepared by the ministry of environment.

John Rolston of the water resources branch said Monday he is compiling the interpretive data of river water, sediment, fish, and leachate analysis for submission to a deputy minister. Only the deputy minister will release the information after he receives the report which will be within a week, said Mr. Rolston.

Explaining that "Mirex is Dieldrin," Mr. Rolston said he believes there are substantial differences between Dieldrin and Dieldrin Plus, the chemical now being used in the production of plastics at Inmont Presstite Ltd. in Georgetown.

Information on the effects of trace quantities of Mirex detected in the Speed River in Preston will also be available.

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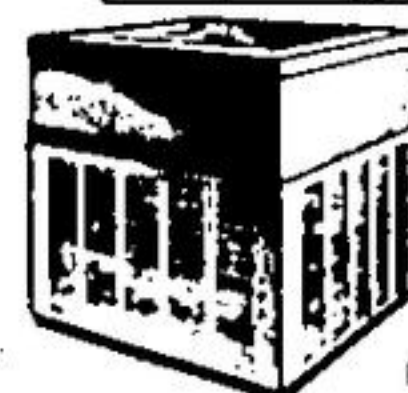
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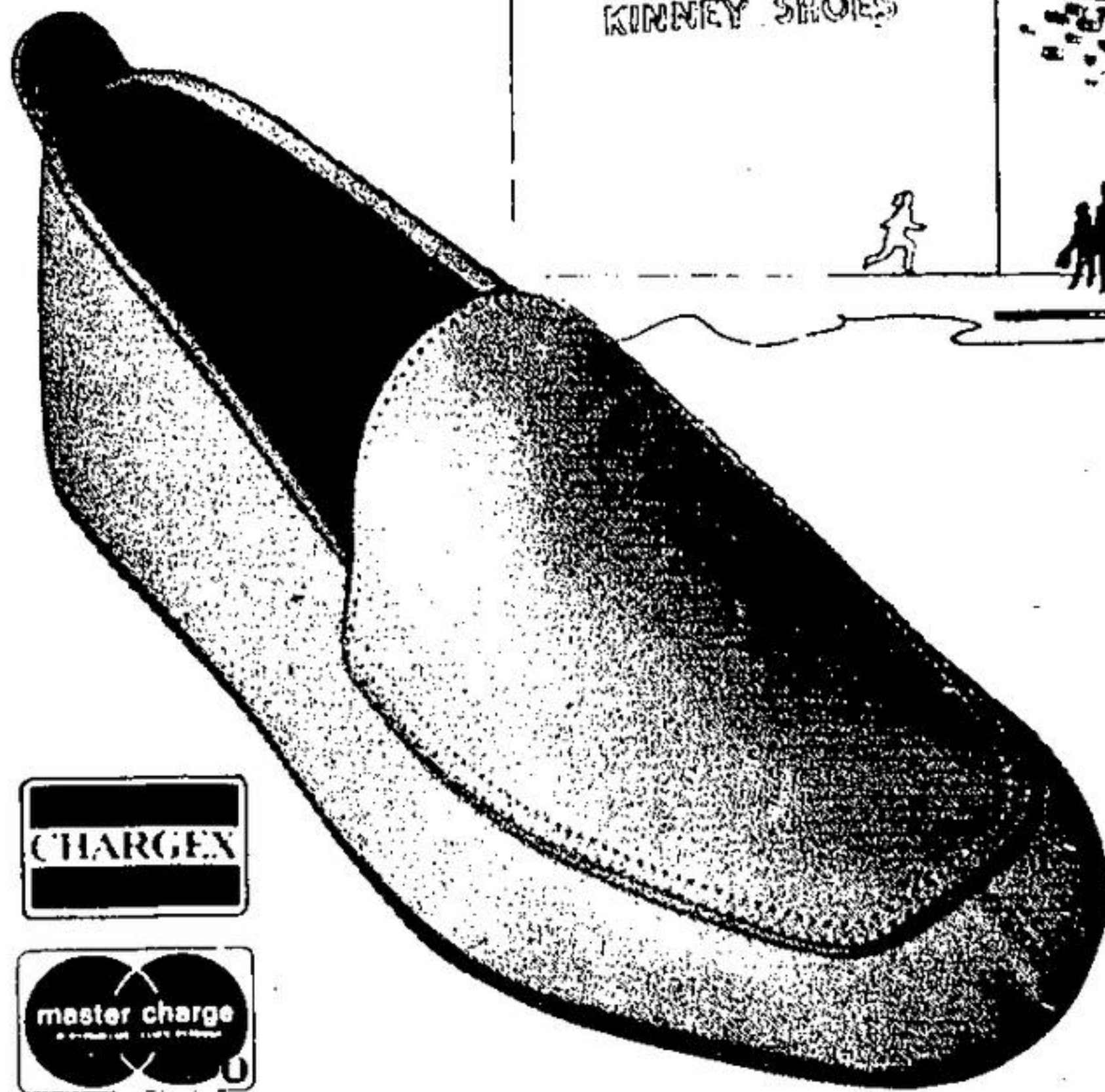
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