



PIPER SURPRISES NEW BRIDE AND GROOM

Newly married Rob Rippon of Terra Cotta and Christine Tucker of Brampton got a surprise last Saturday when they emerged from their wedding at St. Alban's church in Glen Williams. Georgetown Legion Pipe band member George Greig provided the surprise in the form of some haunting bag pipe music that cut through the Saturday afternoon chill. (Herald photo)

**Youth returning to farms
Dean Switzer tells Chamber**

Canadian young people are heading back to the farms according to Dr. Clayton Switzer, Dean of Agriculture at the University of Guelph.

Speaking at the Fall meetings of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, held last Wednesday night at the North Halton Country Club, Dr. Switzer said that for 25 years the number of farmers under the age of 25 had been going down. He said that now this number is increasing.

While in 1971 there were only 8,000 Canadians under the age of 25, in 1976 there were 11,300 farmers under 25 years of age.

"Young people are sticking to the farm and this is happening at the same time as the farm population is going down. Dr. Switzer explained that in 1939, 39 per cent of the Canadian population lived on farms, in 1976 only five per cent of the population lived on farms. According to Dr. Switzer projections call for only three per cent of the Canadian population to be living on farms by 1990.

GET JOBS
Dr. Switzer said that young people are again turning to farming and agriculture related careers because "they can get jobs."

He said that while many universities in Ontario are suffering from major declines in enrollment, the University of Guelph's enrollment has only declined slightly while the Agriculture faculty is not suffering any decline in enrollment.

The University of Guelph is the only university in Ontario offering courses in agriculture and veterinary sciences.

The university offers a four year degree granting course in agriculture that is the equivalent to a bachelor of science degree, said Dr. Switzer. They also offer a two year agriculture course "aimed at the sons and daughters of farmers."

Dr. Switzer explained that the course is "more practical" than the four year course and it is designed for people who intend to work and live on a farm.

PLACES OPEN
"There are 180 places open in this course but last year we had over 500 applications," Dr. Switzer said.

Last year, 97 per cent of the agriculture school's graduating class already had jobs in their field at the time of graduation, according to Dr. Switzer.

He said 21 per cent of the students went to work on farms, 25 per cent went to work for agricultural businesses and 13 per cent went to graduate school.

In 1953, only three per cent of the graduating class went back to farms.

Dr. Switzer is concerned at the comparatively low number of students doing agricultural research.

"No one is coming along to replace the agricultural researchers who will be retiring soon."

He said the students opt for jobs rather than graduate school because of the relative ease in finding agriculturally related employment. Students find it hard to justify to themselves spending more years in school for research when they can already find employment with a four year degree.

EXPRESSED CONCERN

Dr. Switzer also expressed his concern that Canada is not spending enough money in developing agriculture in Third World nations. He said Canada has a responsibility to provide this type of aid.

Women are becoming increasingly involved in agriculture, Dr. Switzer said that while he was a student, only one per cent of the students were female, now 28 per cent of the agriculture students at Guelph are women.

In wrapping up his speech, Dr. Switzer left the audience with some points to ponder. He said that of all foods eaten in Canada, grain and fish are the only commodities that we have an export surplus in. He said people should be concerned about this country's lack of self-sufficiency in food products.

"What will we have to pay for food in the future if we continue to grow more and more dependent on imports?" Dr. Switzer was presented with a Halton Hills atlas by the Chamber of Commerce in appreciation of this speech.

**Acton
quarry
wins
prize**

A comprehensive rehabilitation plan for Indusmin Ltd.'s Acton area quarry has won two University of Toronto students third place in an international landscape architecture competition.

Graduating students Paul Marsala and David Jonas are listed as third place winners in the Third Annual American Society of Landscape Architects National Crushed Stone Association Landscape Architecture Student Competition in the current issue of Interface, a publication of the Aggregate Producers Association of Ontario.

According to the Interface report, the two students selected the multiple-use concept for the Indusmin quarry which names as possible after-uses

low and high-density residential, aquaculture, agriculture, recreational, forestry and commercial-industrial utilization of the rehabilitated quarry.

PLAN PREPARED
Indusmin spokesmen Don Murdy and Howard Malmend told The Herald that the students initially examined the rehabilitation plan prepared for the Acton quarry in 1969 by William Coates and Associates Ltd. Mr. Malmend, general manager of engineering, called the students' plan "an excellent job" that has expanded on some aspects of the original, particularly possible after-uses.

Mr. Malmend said that Indusmin's quarrying operation south of urban Acton will ultimately see in excess of 500

acres of the 800-acre site mined during the next generation or two. Efforts to recover the quarried land have been underway for years, he noted, and will eventually witness the entire site being rehabilitated.

"Members of the aggregate industry have a firm belief that beautification of an operating site and plans for the reclamation of a quarry are as important to the industry as the day-to-day work operation," Interface states in its report on the students' plan.

Award money for the competition is provided by the National Crushed Stone Association, as are display and advertising arrangements and two judges. This year's competition was the first opportunity Canadian students have had to become involved.



Dear Citizens of Halton Hills,

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all of you who supported me through your votes and help during the election.

The overwhelming mandate given me on November 13/78 gives me the strength and encouragement to face the challenges of the new term.

The many volunteers of all age groups and from all areas of Halton Hills who assisted in my campaign formed a group that I will never forget.

As promised I will be accessible to you at all times to discuss your concerns and will continue to seek your support in managing Halton Hills in the years ahead.

We can all be proud of our Halton Hills. With present strengths, sound planning and continued support we will have the community that we the residents want!

Sincerely yours,

P. Pomeroy
P. Pomeroy.

**Strathmore IODE
discusses Layette**

The Countess of Strathmore Chapter, I.O.D.E. met at the home of Mrs. Hazel MacMillan Princess Ann Drive, on Monday night.

The Regent Joan Meers took the chair and the minutes and roll call were read by Mrs. Aileen Greig in the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Mabel Sanderson. The Treasurer, Helen McDonald presented the Treasurer's report.

Mrs. Edna Turnbull had represented the Chapter, in laying a wreath at the Cenotaph in the Remembrance Day Parade.

Miss Ruth Evans as Educational Secretary, read a letter of thanks from our Bursary winner, Chris Halonen, who is now attending University.

The Layette that Hazel MacMillan had assembled was on display. The value was \$40.00 plus the additional knitting

which had been donated by the members. This will go to provincial headquarters for eventual use in the Red Cross hospitals in the Arctic.

Information was received from headquarters showing designs for a new I.O.D.E. pin. The members were asked to vote by ballot on this proposition.

The meeting closed with the National anthem and our Regent then because the Auctioneer for the items donated by the members. A lively sale followed with the sum of \$60.00 realized. The Chapter voted the sum of \$25.00 for the Christmas fund as operated by the Good Neighbours Club.

Thanks were expressed to the hostess, Hazel MacMillan and to those providing the lunch, Mrs. Ruth Forgrave, Mrs. Margaret Hunter and Mrs. Jean Barber.

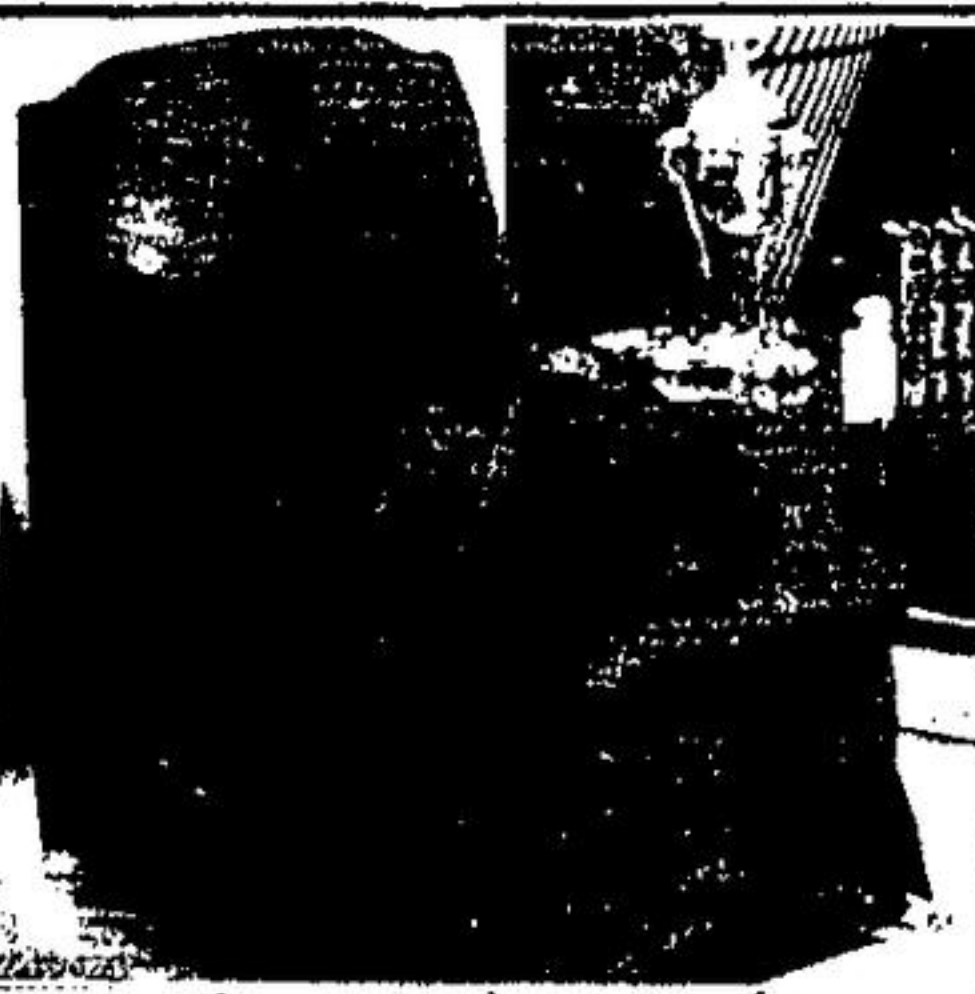
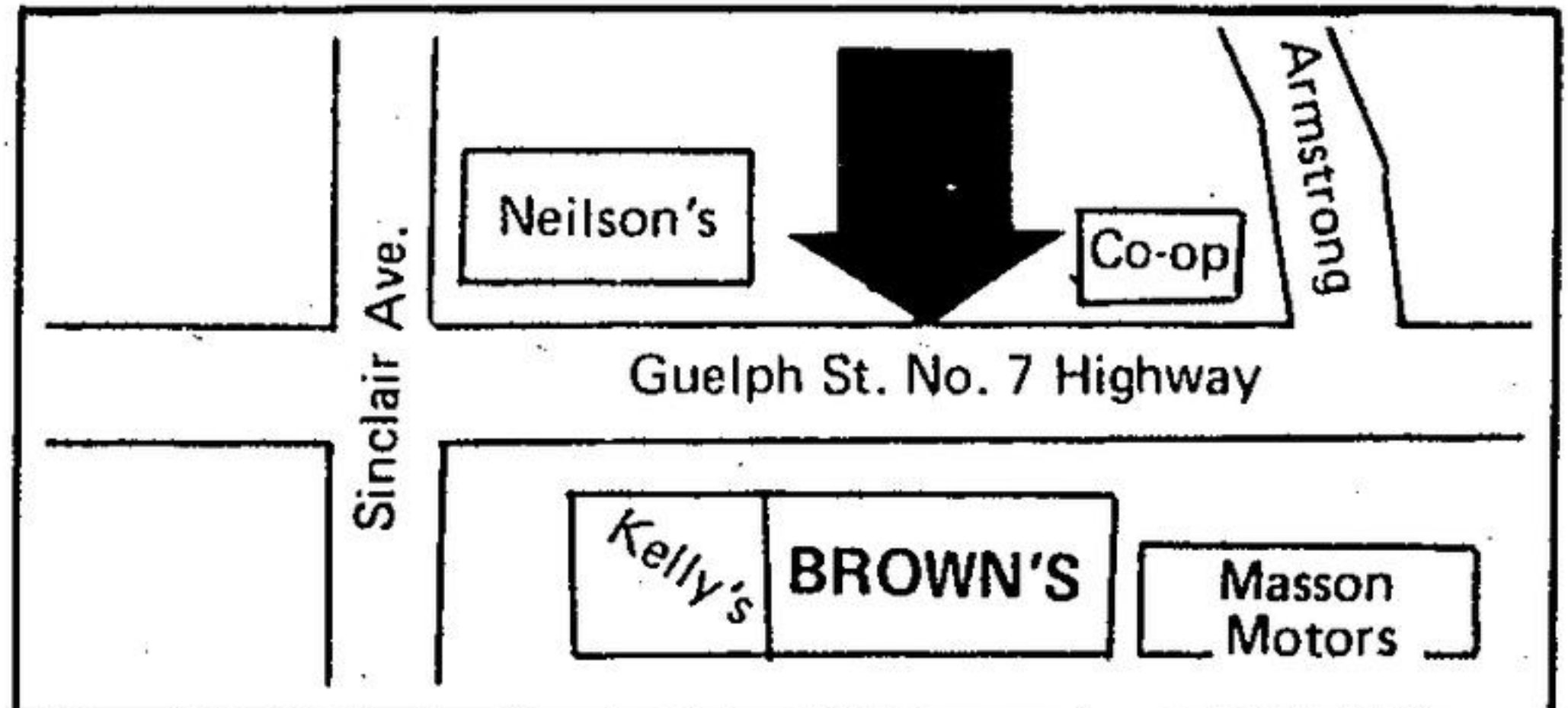
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