## An extraordinary marriage in Stewarttown

By CHRIS AAGAARD

Herald Staff Writer If the walls of the Esquesing community hall in Stewarttown could talk, they would have had a conference Saturday night.

Just hours earlier, a traditional Sikh wedding had taken place there. The ceiling, which has echoed some pretty lively township council meetings in the past, was decorated with festive streamers; dozens of tiny rugs covered the floor where, normally, square dan-cers twirl and wolf cubs "pack."

While East Indian cooking wafted in from the building's ante rooms, Anita Kalsi, a Penningion Crescent (Georgetown) resident, married Amarjit Singh Dhanjai of Mississauga, ending a fourmonth courtship still quite

unique in western culture. Even for many of the Indian youngsters among the 50 or so wedding guests, it was the first time they had seen the brief, casual ceremony. This was certainly the case for Rattan Singh and Jean Kalsi's other five children.

Although lunch was served following the ceremony, Sikha customarily hold the reception before the wedding starts. Guests, their shoes removed and their heads covered, circled around a table laden with traditional East Indian dietbreakers, sweets separated into the green and white "ladoo" and "barfit". Noodles and lentils and the Indian "Matthi" (cookie) complemented this pre-wedding brunch. As guests padded into the hall, four priests supplied a

iment - undualting notes and a slow musical rythm. The head priest, the "grantthi" chanted pensively in the middle of the floor near the stage. Already, money had begun to accumulate between the priest and the spot where the wedding couple would sit.

The ceremony itself is soothing and uncomplicated, lasting not much more than 45 minutes. There are several prayers said by the priest and guests; the issue of the marriage is uncluttered by religious dogma and, even in the solemnity of ancient tradition, the atmosphere was relaxed enough to allow family photographers to move around freely.

The bride and groom rose four times to circle the Holy Book, which contains the teachings of the religion's last ten great gurus, killed about 500 traditional musical accompan-

years ago while India was under a Moslem tyranny. Their are no more gurus for the sikhs, and for orthodox members, the Book is their Bible, providing not only spiritual inspiration but guidelines

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for conducting one's daily life. On the fourth circuit, Amariit and Anita were greeted with a loud cheer from friends and family. They were showered in marigold petals and confettl. returning to their places before the priest a newly-mar-

But the ceremony wasn't necessarily finished with the fourth stroll around the Holy Book. After they sat down, Amarilt and Anita were draped with garlands -- traditionally real flowers were used, but modern times have turned these into paper - and relatives and friends dropped money and sweets into cloth baskets In their laps.

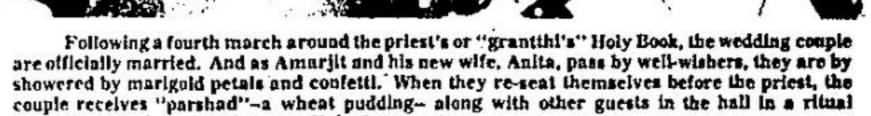
At the same time, two of the grantthis moved into the crowd, conducting a kind of "Holy Communion", serving each guest a ball of warm, buttery-sweet "parshad".

An Indian touch to Royal Wedding week

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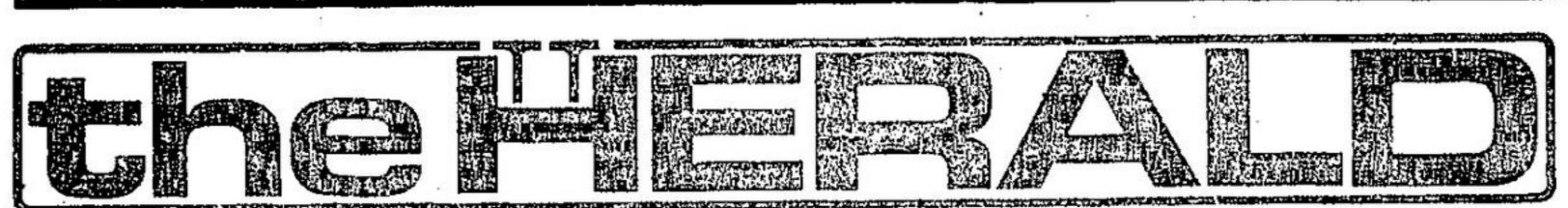
Even after lunch, the marringe still had a couple of steps to go before the couple was finally on its own. This was the "doll" period and involves liberal gift exchanges between the familles of the bride and groom. It also separates the wedding couple for a short time - usually about a day before they head off for their honeymoon.

And where will the new Dhanjals spend their nuptial vacation? Well, they spent one day in Niagara Falls over the weekend, but, as of presstlme, they will be probably with friends in Montreal.



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### BEATING THE HEAT

Tossing water balloons to each other is only one of the many ways kids have adults beat at keeping cool during the hot summer days. These children are

various ways to beat the summer heat including tossing water-filled balloons and going for a dip in the pool. More about how Halton Hills children have been

#### keeping busy during the holidays inside: participating in the sports camp sponsored by the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department. With a little help from their leaders, the children found Social economy cheques available-



### REGAL INVITATION

Here it is: your invitation to the Royal Wedding. (Okay, so it's a bit late, but there's a mail strike on.) Inside teday's issue, you'll find a special, double-page spread on teday's wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer. The reproduction of a souvenir ten towel above comes to you courtesy of Elizabeth Carney of Georgetown, whose stater-in-law from England recently. visited her, bringing several Royal Wedding souvenirs like this one. The heir to the British throne marries the daughter of the eighth Earl of Spencer today in London's St. Paul's Cathedral.

Letter carriers and other non-striking postal workers in Acton and Georgetown are making special deliveries today (Wednesday) of all social economy cheques.

Family allowance, Canada Pension, Old Age Pension and superannuation cheques are being delivered throughout Halton Hills wherever possible. All urban delivery routes and rural routes are expected to be covered.

Georgetown letter carriers will be working out of the

Norval postal station while striking inside workers picket the main post office at Maple Avenue and Guelph Street. Residents using post office boxes in Georgetown can pick up their cheques at the Norval station from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 5:45 p.m. You are obliged to show proper identification. There is no phone at the Norval station, but more information can be obtained from the main

post office at 877-2911. In Acton, post office box users can pick up their cheques at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall off Mill Street today, Thursday and Friday between II a.m. and 3 p.m. After Friday, all cheques not collected will be forwarded to the federal Department of Supply and Service. Make

inquiries at the Acton post office, 853-0410. The nationwide strike by members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers is in its 30th day with no end in Opposition leader quizzes Varian staff, newsmen

# Joe Clark comes here looking for answers

somewhat similar to a Christian Holy Communion.

By PAUL DORSEY

Herald Special It was a Joe Clark in search of answers who visited MP John McDermid's Conservative riding of Brampton-

Georgetown Tuesday.
Prior to the tour of Varian Canada Incorporated on River - hike?" one publisher asked.
Drive which highlighted his "It couldn't have come at a visit here, the federal Opposi-tion leader sat down for lunch with editors and publishers of 'several Halton and Peel newspapers, as well as cable television officials.

The Varian tour was one in a

scries of visits Mr. Clark is making this summer to high technology industries across Canada. Varian, his only stop in this riding, was expected to provide some auggestions for the development of such in-dustries and the on-the-job training of skilled workers.

The pre-tour luncheon in Brampton was set up as a mutual get-acquainted session, according to Mr. McDermid, and Mr. Clark soon set aside his guests' questions to ask one himself. "We're trying to get a handle

on the impact of high interest rates at every level," he explained, asking the media representatives for their input and wondering aloud how the government might alleviate growing social problems seen as indirect results of International economic problems, from family break-ups to child beating.

Liberal Cabinet minister Allan MacGuigan told the House of Commons recently his government can do nothing about socioeconomic problems, Mr. Clark said, but the Conservative Opposition disa-

The media reps offered little in the way of hard facts, Instead guizzing Mr. Clark about other national concerns, among them the postal strike, the recent pay raise which

MPs voted themselves, Monday's announcement about VIA Rail closures and the difficulties of home ownership.

"How can I tell my staff we can only afford to pay them so much when the MPs, are getting a 31 per cent salary "It couldn't have come at a worse time."

While Mr. McDermid pointed out that the 31 per cent raise applies to the six-year period since MPs' salaries were last reviewed, Mr. Clark challenged the newsmen to suggest a better time for the move in the last two or three years. The Opposition leader said his party would prefer to see a commission set up similar to one operating successfully in Australia. Such an independent, "disinterested" body, he said, would align and review salaries of elected representatives and set dates for any

Admitting that his explanation will "appeal to the reason" of the average taxpayer, though "not his emotion", Mr. Clark defended government salary hikes as a way of ensuring that "the right staff" can be hired and retained, and a way by which MPs can both maintain their quality of living and their interest in parliamentary duties without generally reverting to their more lucrative private pro-

For Mr. Clark, the ability to buy and maintain a home is a means by which Canadians can develop pride in themselves and then in Canada. Any government action to increase that ability, he said, invites the taxpayer to participate in his country's economy and benefit from its growth.

Depleting the taxpayer's ability to buy a home, howover, is the Liberal government's failure to give the

economy higher priority than the Constitution, energy and the so-called "north-south dialogue", Mr. Clark contend-

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has nationwide rioting to worry about and U.S. President Ronald

primarily concentrating on their respective economic pro-Of the national strike by the

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Operations manager for Varian's electron device division Conneil Smith shows federal Opposition leader Joe Clark some of the many telecommunications products the firm manufactures during Mr. Clark's brief visit to the Georgetown plant Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Clark is examining some samples of travelling wave tubes which are used in transmitting signals in communications systems. Mr. Clark toured the plant, chatting with various employees, and spoke with Mr. Smith. The Herald will carry additional news about Mr. Clark's visit in its Weekend Extra Friday.

# Trial date hearing delayed until Aug. 31

Croatian priests Miaden Chuvalo and Berto Dragicevic appeared briefly in Milton Provincial Court Monday morning and agreed to appear in court again Aug. 31 to set a date for their trial.

The two priests were charged with extortion, possession of weapon dangerous to the public peace and the use of a firearm during the commission of an offence June 22 by Halton regional police after a complaint was received from several employees of Fairmount Amusements.

The amusement firm had been operating carnival rides

employees had returned to the Centre on Winston Churchill Boulevard June 15 to pick up some equipment left behind when they were met at the gates by two men carrying a rifle between them. The workers were allegedly refused admission to the grounds to pick up their equip-

on the Croatian premises near Norval June 13 during Feast of

St. Anthony celebrations. The

ment and reported the occurrence to the police. After conducting an investigation, Halton regional police seized two rifles and a shotgun from the premises and charged the two priests.

### Police Beat

### Store hit again

The Baskin Robbins ice cream store in Georgetown was broken into for the second time in two weeks early Monday morning. Thieves gained access by smashing the recently replaced glass door causing an estimated \$250 damage. Nothing was stolen though since no money had been left on the premises.

### Assault charge laid

A 40-year old London, Ontario, man was charged with common assault after an Acton man received a gash to his forehead last Wednesday evening. Halton regional police reported that the attack occurred when the man appeared uninvited at the victim's residence and a minor scuffle ensued. Regional police charged Eugene Bright.

#### Beer theft recovered

A Georgetown teenager was charged with possession: of stolen property by Halton regional police Saturday afternoon after two cases of beer were discovered stolen from a Brewer's Retail truck. The truck was being unloaded in front of a Georgetown restaurant Friday afternoon when it was discovered that two cases of beer valued at approximately \$24 were missing. After an investigation, regional police charged an 18-year old Georgetown youth with possession of stolen property the next day.



### HALFPINT HOUDINI

"And nothing up my sleeve," magician Lee Davison told his audience as he daszled friends and parents slike with his magical feats at the Day Camp last Tuesday. Lee was one of the many magicians who entertained the crowd at the Y's Parents Day held at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area.