



SIGN OF SPRING

That's fashion! About 150 women watched as clothing and accessories from Frills, Teller's Cage, The Village Shoppe and Boughton's were modeled in a fashion show sponsored by the Georgetown Memorial Hospital's Auxiliary Committee. Bright colors, stripes and marine styles predominated. The country look above features a denim skirt with lace edging and a draped scarf about the waist held in place with a coach belt.

(Herald photo)

RR2 Acton murder victim wronged by press - brother

By AL HOGAN
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Donald Barriau was a happy man.

After working eight hours a day as a carpenter, Mr. Barriau would return to his rural home outside Georgetown and greet his two young children from a former marriage and his girlfriend Judy Gage.

He would grab a beer, talk to live-in babysitter Claude Ribbitt and relax. He and his girlfriend were busy making plans for their upcoming marriage.

SETTING DESTROYED
But a week ago the idyllic setting was destroyed by the muffled blast of a handgun.

Thirty-year old Barriau was dead. Within a day his family was horrified, not only by the events of the previous day, but by the reports on Mr. Barriau appearing in a Toronto newspaper.

The newspaper reported he lived a life of "loud parties and guns."

Nothing could be farther from the truth, says his brother, Ron, 29.

"He was a carefree guy," Ron said last week in an interview. "He had a steady job, and he lived for his kids (Christopher, 5, and April, 3). The kids were always well provided for."

"He thought the world of his kids. Sure he had parties, sure he had a beer when he came home from work - but who doesn't?"

"Sure, he also owned a gun - a .22 calibre which he used to go hunting with or shooting targets once in a while," Ron said.

"Does that sound like a life of loud parties and guns?" The newspaper also reported that it was his claimed lifestyle which led to Mr. Barriau's death. The newspaper also inferred the death could be drug-related.

"My mother was so upset when she read it," Ron said.

"Where do they get facts like that? Nothing can be further from the truth."

UPSET

"They made him out to be crazy. My parents were damned upset when they heard about it," Ron said. "He had a lot of good friends - who are also mad at the story - and he was good to them."

"He didn't have an enemy in the world - that's why this is so hard to believe."

But Donald Barriau did have an enemy - a man who he kicked out of his home during New Year's party after an incident with a knife.

Last Wednesday, while babysitter Ribbitt was outside walking the dog, two

men broke into Mr. Barriau's house and killed him with a handgun held against his throat.

The blast was so muffled it didn't wake another brother, Larry, 32, who was visiting and asleep in the next room. But the two men were seen by Mr. Ribbitt, who had returned to the home.

The assailants spotted the babysitter, who is in his early 20s, and tried to catch him, Ron said. But Mr. Ribbitt managed to get to a telephone and call police, who arrived on the scene. In fact it was a police officer's gun and warning against moving that woke his brother Larry, Ron said.

One of the suspects in the

staying was later cornered by police in a Georgetown apartment building and shot himself. David McClean, 22, of no fixed address, died later that night in Georgetown Memorial Hospital.

Mr. McClean and Bradley Fendley, 21, of no fixed address, were wanted by Halton regional police on a Canada-wide warrant after Donald Barriau was found.

Mr. Fendley was charged with first degree murder. "It wasn't a drug killing or anything like that," Ron said. "It was just a personal thing - we think they were trying to get back at him for kicking them out of the party."

—Courtesy Brampton Times

Ballinafad

A fond farewell

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Last Thursday evening Sharon and John Kanusek, decided they wanted to say a last farewell to their neighbors and many friends just prior to their leaving for their new home in the West.

The large gathering met at the Community Centre and were greeted at the door by the host and hostess, A.D.J. provided music for dancing. At 11 p.m. all were invited downstairs for a buffet meal of Kentucky Fried chicken and all that goes with it.

Immediately after, the couple were surprised as they were called up and presented with a parting gift. It was a beautiful lamp from the Georgetown Ceramics. Linda O'Conner, a neighbor who is

employed there, painted scenes on the bowl of the lamp. One was their home they are leaving and the rockery at the front, also the fireplace in the home where friends had met many times. On the other side was painted the lovely home in Calgary which they have purchased.

They were overwhelmed at receiving such a gift. Each managed to say a few words of deep appreciation, and invited each one in turn to visit them in their new home. Dancing continued. Each one, as they left for home, wished the popular couple much happiness, and also for the happy evening that they had had together.

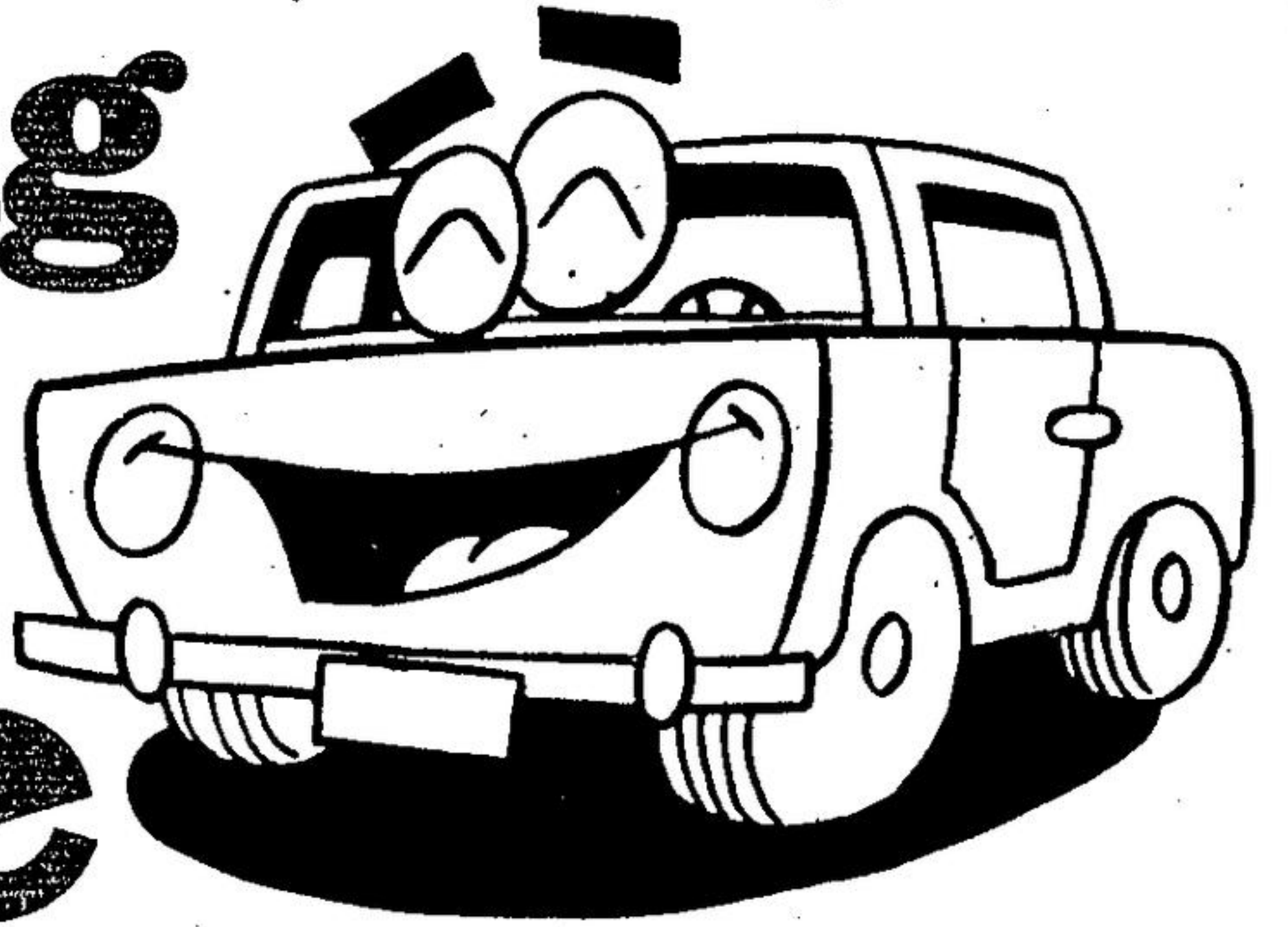
The Church family dance was held Saturday evening at the Community Centre. The old and the young came out to enjoy a social evening together.

er. A Disc Jockey provided music for dancing. The pot luck lunch resulted in a variety of goodies which all enjoyed. Everyone there reported a pleasant evening.

It was not a pleasant Sunday, weatherwise, but there was a good attendance at the church service. Sacrament of Holy Communion was observed. Lloyd Buckrell was inducted as an elder and was welcomed by the congregation. Both the ladies and junior choir favored with musical selections which were enjoyed. It was announced there would be a Good Friday Service commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Happy to report that A.D. McEnery was able to leave hospital and is convalescing at the home of his brother, Lloyd. Richard Shortill is responding to treatment in Guelph General Hospital.

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Spring Fling dance

By Mrs. JOHN BELLBODDY
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Now the month of April is here. Dare we say that Spring has arrived and we can forget all that snow and bitter cold days of January and February. We will look ahead to warm sunny days and green growth which will be coming, also Easter with new life bursting through the earth.

It's such a happy season that it seems a perfect time for greeting everybody, with a wish that's made in rhyme, Happy Easter to you, And a fine Springtime too.

The W.I. held their Spring Fling Dance in Community Hall Stewarttown March 27 with music by Harold Clark, D. J. from Galt. Winners were:

Spot dance - Mary and Milford Fenwick, Esabel and Clayton Dick, Harold Parkinson and Catherine Venev, Mrs. G. McGee and John McClure; Elimination - Jim and Marion McPhail; Door prizes John and Isamey Bird, Bruce and Audrey Colton. Our thanks to the committee, Elizabeth Wil- son, Pat Stark, Vivian Cunningham, Betty Brownridge and Peggy Knapp.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Treviranus and Alexandra have returned home from a three week trip to Germany, they had a wonderful visit with all their relatives and March 21 celebrated her mother's 80th birthday with a

family gathering. Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilkinson enjoyed a bus tour from Kitchener to different places in Florida staying two days at each place.

Mrs. Pat Stark and son Ronnie visited her daughter in New Orleans during the school break week. Temperature 87 degrees when they left.

Babysitting just for you!

A second Y Babysitters' training program is being offered by the Georgetown YMCA. The course will be held next Wednesday (April 14) to June 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Holy Cross School. It is important to pre-register at the Y at 89 Mountainview Rd. S. or phone 877-6163, or call 877-8553 after hours.

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