



WEDDING BELLS

Recently, Herald reporter Chris Asgaard decided to declare his bachelorhood at an end, and at a small outdoor ceremony set in the rolling countryside near Bradford, married Anna Mallouk. The wedding was attended by family members and friends from Montreal, Toronto, Georgetown, London (Ont.) and Orangeville.

(Herald photo)

Scholarships presented by Plowmen

Six young people received cheques for \$500 each from the Halton Plowmen's Association at the Plowmen's banquet Sept. 11.

These cheques are from funds received from the 1974 International Plowing Match held at Norval.

Winners were: Beverly Ann Hendershot, R.R.6, Milton, currently enrolled in Sheridan College, Oakville; Doug Humphreys, Oakville, enrolled in first year at Ridgetown College of Agricultural Technology; Jay Kitching, R.R.1, Moffat, enrolled at the University of Guelph; Helen Rayner, R.R.1, Milton, currently studying at Sheridan College; Angela Spence, R.R.5, Georgetown, enrolled in the first year of the Bachelor of Science in agriculture program at the University of Guelph; and David Stanley, R.R.2, Rockwood, enrolled at the University of Guelph.

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Press, police discussion

Continued from Page 1 the battle of public opinion.

CBC reporter Gerry McAuliffe complained that much police news is 24 hours old by the time reporters get it.

A TV reporter in the audience attributed the delay to police bureaucracy.

BLAH-BLAH

"Often it's the bureaucracy that's the problem," he said. "Instead of them getting on the phone and saying blah-blah-blah, reporters are made to wait for a press release."

Halton police Inspector James Currie said relations between police and the media have a history of being anything but smooth sailing.

He said the days of "no comment" are over and such a response has been identified as being detrimental. With the media's role being that of asking questions, the police need to have someone specifically responsible for the release of information, someone knowledgeable.

"We can't expect the news media to wait around for undue periods of time," Inspector

Currie said. "We can foster good PR (public relations) and gain public confidence if we're prompt in dealing with the press and distributing the news."

He brought out the old tug of war between police secrecy and media's prying. Some cases are controversial with the needs or rights of the public to have the information versus the infringement on a suspect's rights if such information is released.

SOME CASES Giving out information,

in some cases, Insp. Currie said, hinders investigations into crimes of violence or into crimes where there is continuing danger to victims.

He concluded his speech asking the press allow police to judge for them when the press should be informed of cases and to what detail.

Crown Attorney James Treleaven said police will always tend to be very conservative in what they give out to the press. He said they are cautious of being in contempt of court or in influencing a trial by releasing information.

Undue pre-trial publicity can require a change of venue in a case and increase the cost of the trial, Mr. Treleaven said.

Is it fair to release the name of a person charged with a crime before they're convicted? Mr. Treleaven said in Germany the name is released only if it's overwhelmingly in the public

interest. "It can do irreparable damage to a reputation and it's an issue that will come up in the future," he said.

"Police, if they're erring, they're erring on the side of not giving you enough information," Mr. Treleaven said. "There are lots of cases where they could say more."

On the same theme, defence lawyer Fred Forsyth said presumption of innocence is rapidly becoming an academic term for lawyers. When a name is tied with a crime that's published before the trial, people tend to assume the person charged is already guilty, he said.

Other speakers at the seminar included Toronto Sun publisher Doug Creighton, Hamilton Spectator assistant managing editor Bill Findlay and Acton Free Press editor Gord Murray.

The foxes are few for these hunters

Continued from Page 1 the scent. The drive is very important. It's something they have naturally, Mrs. Lindvik explained. She said it's genetic and not learned.

SO FRIENDLY

The hounds are so friendly that if they do get separated from the pack during a hunt, the club's biggest problem is that local coon hunters will pick them up and keep them. They're a very easy-going breed, not aggressive or fighting animals at all, she said.

To compensate for the lack of real foxes or wolves, the club's masters will

often lay a false scent in the woods made of fox urine and cod liver oil. Cod liver oil is mixed with the urine to keep the scent pungent longer and doesn't let it evaporate quickly.

A bad scenting day is a hot, windy or dry day where the scent is lost in a few minutes.

The Ennisclare Hunt Club came to be in 1977. It was the renewal of a hunting club that existed in the early part of the century. The original hunts were organized by a Mr. H.C. Cox of Oakville who was then presi-

dent of Canada Life. Mrs. Lindvik is one of the founding members of the renewed club.

The name Ennisclare was the name of Mr. Cox's house in Oakville and was the name of a town in Ireland in the county of Clare.

Members of the club are all ages.

"People start from a love of horseback riding, just like myself," Mrs. Lindvik said.

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