

50th wedding anniversary

Australians congratulate couple



Happy as ever

Wesley and Eva Louth celebrated 50 years of marriage July 29. The couple of 410 Draper Street in Norval had their garden party visited by many friends and relatives. (Herald photo)

Corrie and John Van Klink of 43 Churchill Crescent celebrated their 50th anniversary May 6. Cards, flowers, gifts and telephone calls from brothers and sisters in Holland and Australia were received that day.

In the evening, Corrie and John with their children, grandchildren and friends gathered at Holy Cross Church to celebrate a special anniversary Mass with Father Dave Cote officiating.

The readings of the liturgy were read by granddaughters Genny Van Klink and Julie and Laurie Vlasman. Soloist Anna Burke sang Ave Maria, How Great Thou Art and Jesu Joy of Man Desiring.

May 17, the couple held an anniversary dinner and dance at the Lions Hall. Along with their family and neighbors, friends from Georgetown, Acton, Ballinacree, Cookstown, Oakville, Mississauga, Mt. Forest, Perkins Field and London joined them in the festivities.

The blessing of the evening was asked by their eldest son Ted. Son Gerry acted as master of ceremonies after dinner.

Certificates of congratulations from Governor-General Madame Sauve, Prime Minister Mulroney, MP John McDermid and Ontario Premier David Peterson were presented by their grandchildren Carrie, Keith, Jenny and Eddie Van Klink and Rob Beasman.

Grandson Michael Houghton presented John and Corrie with an enlarged photograph of their wedding picture.

Their sons Ted and Tony presented a poster with pictures over the 50 years for family and friends to view. The head table was

graced with floral arrangements by daughter Helen and a three-tier wedding cake was provided by their son Bill and his wife Linda.

Trips down memory lane were

taken by daughter Ann, son-in-law Rick Houghton and their youngest son, Hans. The highlight of the evening was a game show style skit to give the surprised couple a cruise to

the Caribbean. John and Corrie were married in Holland in 1936. They had their seven children during the economically depressed years before and after the Second World War.

Looking for a better future for their family, they immigrated to Canada in 1955, lived in Clarkson for a year and in 1956 they moved to Glen Williams where John helped to start stock farms for Sheridan Nurseries.

He retired from the company in 1979. Corrie is an active member of the Holy Cross C.W.L. and both belong to the seniors club at their church.

Norval bridge talks delay

A report on what to do with the Norval Bridge north of Highway 7 is to be discussed in October, regional councillors decided last week.

Planning and public works committee members deferred the decision making on the existing single-lane bridge's future to Oct. 29, although a consultant's report on replacement options is ready.

Halton Hills Coun. Pam Sheldon, absent from last week's committee meeting which was to discuss the Norval Bridge, had submitted a letter to the committee members. The letter asked that the matter be deferred to the fall at a meeting held in Halton Hills in the evening, so that interested residents may attend.

Committee members complied with the request, scheduling their Oct. 29 planning and public works committee for 4 p.m. with a public meeting on the Norval bridge to follow at 7 p.m.

"We can't get any summer construction now, Walter," Committee Chairman Pat McLaughlin pointed out to Coun. Walter Mulkeewich. "It's

something that can be built in the wintertime."

Residents want more time to respond to the consultant's report and want the matter discussed when less of them are away for summer holidays.

As the bridge stands now, it is unsafe for use by school buses.

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Child's Best Defence

HERE ARE SOME GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW:

- General Rule: Tell your children not to go anywhere with anyone without checking in first!
1. Child's identity code word: To be established and used only with parent and child. This word is a special word and the child should know it is only to be known between parent and child and he/she is never to go with anyone that doesn't know the special word.
 2. Family Check-In System: There should be a constant check-in program with both parents and child. If this is established when the child is young it should extend through the teen years as well. Please keep in mind parents should have the same consideration of the child in checking in as they expect from the child. (Note to follow: If you are to return home by a certain time, let your child allow 15 minutes to a half-hour to call in and establish a new time or change of plans.)
 3. Teach your children to know their neighborhood and the people in the area. Often a child is abducted by someone they know, so it is important to teach them to be perceptive about situations that "feel" right or wrong.

4. What to do in the event of abduction: Teach your child to scream! A child often freezes up when they are scared; teaching them to scream is often a little difficult—so practise. Teach the child what to scream/ e.g. "These people are not my mommy or daddy! They are trying to hurt me!"
5. Safe places to go if lost: If separated, children should know where block parents are or lost and found places and to recognize police officers and security guards etc. If you set out on a day's excursion to, say, Wonderland, first priority is to show the child where the information booths are, and exactly where to go if you are separated.

Conclusion: The Streetproofing Program hopes that three things are attained:

1. Check-In Policy.
2. That the child learns to say "NO" with confidence.
3. Child learns where and how to seek assistance.

Bookings are now being accepted for courses in September. If you wish to look into this, call Child Find's Streetproofing Program at 336-3966. Ask for Linda DeBelser.



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