

## Norval News

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Norval Correspondent

### Annual meeting

**NORVAL**-The annual meeting of Norval United Church was held on Sunday, Dec. 29 following the morning service. A potluck dinner preceded the meeting. A thankyou was read from treasurer Fred Clarkson and his wife Marg, for the gift of a Bateman painting.

George Smith and David Dunlop are the new elders to replace outgoing elders Fred Paul and Joe Van Leeuwen. A vote of thanks was given Rev. Walter Ridley for chairing the meeting, as he had done for the past 23 years.

Rev. Ridley will be leaving at the end of June.

### Get well wishes

**NORVAL**-Get well wishes to Marjorie Fisher of Georgetown who is convalescing at her sister Irene Bloor's house following 12 days in Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital.

Get well wishes also go out to Catherine Leslie, RR4, Georgetown, who is convalescing at home following a three-week stay in Georgetown hospital.

### Tribute paid

**NORVAL**-Hillcrest United Church was full to overflowing on Jan. 2 as family, friends and neighbors of Elizabeth (Liz Bird) Howden, paid tribute to this popular young woman. Liz, beloved wife of Doug Howden, was married in September at Hillcrest Church and had taken up residence in Milton.

Road conditions caused her car to swerve out of control on the morning of Dec. 28, resulting in serious injuries. Following her transfer to Sunnybrook Medical Centre, she passed away Dec. 29.

Liz was the loved daughter of George and Verna Bird, RR2, Georgetown and daughter-in-law of Arnold and Marie Howden of RR1, Milton. Dear sister of

Marilyn, Charles, David and Ronald and sister-in-law of Paul, Mirium and her fiancé Terry Gracey. Also loved by grandparents Vernon Picket and Doug's grandparents George and Wilda Marshall of Milton.

### Ashgrove mourns

**ASHGROVE**-Ashgrove Community is in mourning again as the grandfather of Liz (Bird) Howden (who died on Dec. 29), Vernon Picket, was found by his daughter Verna in his RR3 home on Jan. 28. Just the week before he had been on a day trip with the Norval neighbors. His daughter Verna had been over the day before, but when she returned the next day, she found her father gone.

Beloved husband of the late Dorothy Ball and dear father of Verna and her husband George Bird, RR2, Georgetown, Doris and her husband Alan Rigg of Acton and Larry Picket and his wife Mary of Clifford. Lovingly remembered by his six grandchildren as well as brother Claude Picket, sisters Margaret Popplewell, Gladys Lister and Edna Featherston and brother John Picket.

Predeceased by Dorothy Hayward, Harry Picket and Edith Rayner.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family at this time.

Liz was born and raised on her parents' Eighth Line farm just south of Georgetown. She attended Pineview and Stewarttown Public Schools and Georgetown District High School. She also attended Sheridan College in Brampton for business administration.

Liz was a member of Hillcrest Church, where she attended Sunday school and later worked as a teacher. She completed brownies and guides and was a candy stripper at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital. Liz held her first part-time job at Pine Valley Farms in Norval, and for recreation she played volleyball with the Pineview ladies. She was a Halton 4-H member in Life Style Club, as well as agriculture clubs, and she helped lead two 4-H clubs at Hornby South. Liz was Halton's 4-H princess in 1978. More recently, Halton Junior Farmers played a major role in her life as this is where she met her husband Doug.

Her first full-time job of two years was with the accounting firm of Wilson and Deathridge in Bramalea. Liz was employed at Noxell Canada in Mississauga as an accounting clerk in the accounts receivable department.

Rev. Jean Jones of Hillcrest Church conducted the service. In her eulogy she said, "we are here to celebrate the life of Liz (Bird) Howden. We have been richly blessed. God has been generous in his givings. Liz's joyful energy, her gentle encouragement, her quiet sense of humor, were ours to enjoy and ours to treasure. She lived fully and beautifully until she died. We are richer, because Elizabeth Howden has shared part of the journey through life with us. For a precious and beautiful life, we give God thanks."

Rev. John Shearman of Palermo United Church, where the Howden family attended, assisted in the service.

Pallbearers were her cousins, Stewart and John McPhail; neighbor Alan Cunningham; and friends Tom Whitnall, Bruce Bousfield and Jeff Stephenson.

Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.

### Euchre results

**NORVAL**-Pinegrove euchre had six tables last Monday.

Winners were Mae Brander, Prairie Bessey (tied), Keith Webb and Ethel Webb.

Winner of the lucky draw was Irene Goodfellow. The committee consisted of Claude McLaughlin, and Irene Goodfellow.

### 40th anniversary

**ASHGROVE**-Many people from the area attended the 40th wedding anniversary of John and Jewel Lyons of RR1, Cheltenham. The open house was held at the Jim Archdeakin Recreation Centre, Brampton, on Jan. 29 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Their family of daughter Shelly Craig and her husband Steve of Cheltenham, Alan and his wife Alice of Mansfield, Paul, David and his wife Judy and Donald, all of Cheltenham and Robert of Burlington assisted in receiving around 160 guests.

Nine grandchildren, as well as John's stepmother Muriel Lyons, and Jewel's father Alfred Gougeon, all enjoyed the party



### Time for Teddy

It was picnic time for teddy bears last week as the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department held their indoor lunch with the pre-schoolers.

These girls snuggled their teddy bears as they waited for peanut butter and honey snacks. (Herald photo)

### Stamp show planned

The Burlington Stamp Club will hold its annual stamp show for collectors at the Appleby Mall (corner of Appleby Line and New Street, Burlington), on Saturday, Feb. 11, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The

show will feature stamp exhibits, stamp dealers and a youth activi-

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