

Family and friends help celebrate 40th anniversary

The family of Jack and Mary Crawford of R. R. 2 Norval entertained 150 family members, friends and neighbours on their parent's 40th Wedding Anniversary.

The evening was held Sept. 9 at the Peel Regional Police Recreation Centre, in Mississauga.

Their family of Jean and her husband Gary Sterritt, R. R. 3 Georgetown, Bonnie and her husband Brian Neely, R. R. 2 Brampton, Bill and his wife Lynn Crawford, R. R. 2 Brampton, and Don and his wife Carolyn Crawford, R. R. 2 Norval hosted the evening.

Their eight grandchildren enjoyed the party too, including Katie, John and Diana Sterritt; Craig, Cheryl and Robt. Neely, and Erin and Bradley Crawford.

The cranberry theme enhanced the tables and throughout the room, with many family pictures down through the years.

Former minister, Rev. Walter Ridley said the Grace.

A beautiful hot roast beef buffet dinner was enjoyed as well as desserts that caught everyone's attention.

Their eldest son, Bill, was Master of Ceremonies and called on his sister Jean, who introduced the head table including Ed Armstrong, soloist; Joyce Redshaw, Jr. Bridesmaid; Vintone Vanstone, an usher; Marion Joes, bridesmaid; Jack and Mary Crawford; Muriel Crowcher, Maid of Honor; Bob Crawford, usher; and Twyla Duston, flower girl. Special guests were Mary's mother Mrs. Verna Somerville in her 90th year, and Aunt Rosena Nixon, as well as Ray and Ruth Fay, cousins of Mary from Saskatchewan.

Jean also thanked her parents for giving her music lessons and insisting she go to Sunday School, which she didn't want to do, and

now is grateful for.

Howard Laidlaw, a cousin of Jack and Mary proposed a toast to the couple. He spoke of the fine example they have set for their children and grandchildren with their involvement in the community and church, where they are dedicated members in Norval United.

Jack and Mary and family had just finished heading up a week long stint for the Norval United Church Booth at the Steam-Era in Milton on the Labor Day weekend.

Getting the booth down to Milton, giving it a paint job, stocking freezers with provisions and being there for four days was a time-consuming job.

M. C. Bill then called on Ed Armstrong to sing "I'll Walk Beside You" as he had sung 40 years before.

Carolyn Crawford accompanied the grandchildren on the guitar in singing "Skinnamarink", "I've Been Working On The Railroad" and "Old McDonald's Farm."

Craig Neely gave his speech he won in the Jr. Competition at Alloo Public School - "Ways Kids Make Money."

Bonnie Neely, accompanied by her children, Cheryl and Robert sang a Sound of Music number - "Do-Re-Mi" as well as "Doggie in the Window" and "I'm A Little Tea Pot."

Fred and Helen Paul and Lois Reid all from the Couples Club of Norval United Church gave numbers. Fred play the accordion along with the mouth organ for several old familiar songs, and joined his wife singing two Newfoundland songs, "Music and Friends" and "The Farmer Sits Dreaming" accompanied by Lois Reid on the guitar.

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By KAY WILSON
Norval Correspondent

The nine Laidlaw and McMeekin men cousins, accompanied by Lois sang "I Wander To-day To The Hills, Mary" and "Church in the Wildwood."

Son Don recited, "The Cremation of Sam McGee" and "Alfred and the Lion," with many chuckles from the guests.

Bonnie Neely accompanied her father Jack when they sang, "I Come To The Garden Alone" and "The Old Rugged Cross" as they have sung for many times before.

Bill then called on his father Jack to come forward and say a few words. He spoke on behalf of Mary and himself and thanked all for coming to make this anniversary a day always to be remembered.

Get well wishes

Get well wishes to Chester Early of Norval R. R. 1, who is a patient in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton.

Community upset

Many Norval people are upset with the changes that are now to be made with Norval mail. People were assured all would be the same, however, rumor has it that R. R. 2 Norval residents have been told their mail may be changed to a Brampton rural route number.

Norval village people have participated in a survey to determine where they will get their mail - inside in a retail outlet or outside at superboxes - but ballots have not yet been counted.

Some Norval people, however, are worried about the boxes outside and the build up of snow etc. that older people will have to con-

tend with.

Where are the 'Good Old Days' where the government was for the people?



Home Post Scripts

By Glenda Hughes

I have been asked fairly frequently in the past 6 months, what percentage homes have dropped, since "the boom." I know that there are stats available that will give you the "average" home price in the different areas, but I find that this is really only a rule of thumb, and not applicable to every home.

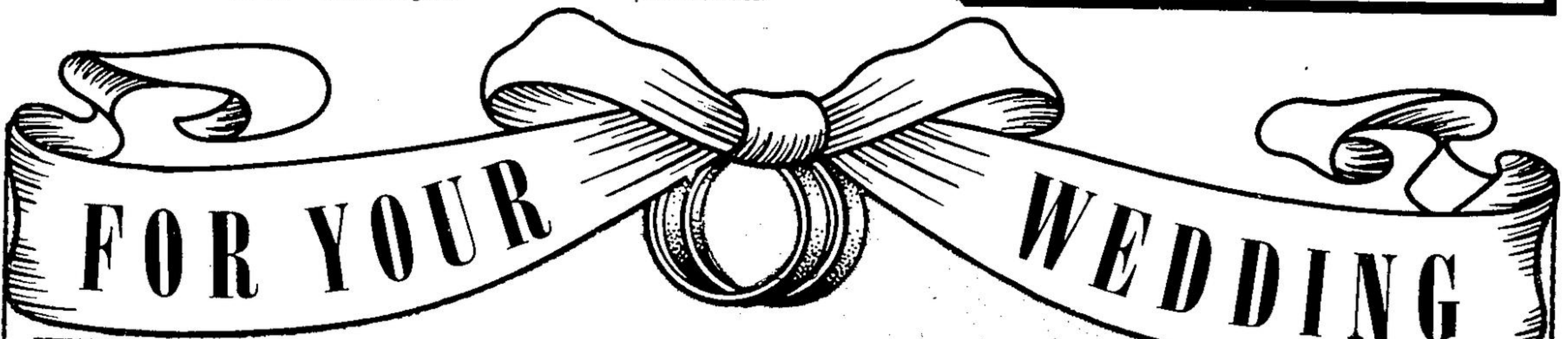
As is usually the case, the high end of the scale always gets hit the hardest, so people who have homes in the \$400,000 plus bracket, are not only finding it difficult to sell, but that price, if given 18 months ago, no longer represents anything near the actual selling price of today. However, the good news is, that those of you who are sitting at the low end, ie: townhouses, semi's and starter bungalows, are in a very nice position. The prices have not dropped proportionately in this range. Although there is definitely a difference in price from 18 months ago, it is not the same spread that we are seeing at the high end.

Now, all this means to you, it is now more feasible to move "up" without too much trauma to the bank book, and you can do so with the spread not being so out of reach. It's an option that does not often happen in this profession, so you might want to think about taking advantage of it. Along with that good news, you are probably saying (under your breath), "yes, but, it looks like it will be a problem to get my house sold, even if I want to get to this stage." Well, I am happy to report, that the low end of the housing market is moving along quite nicely now, and if you listen carefully to your agent, regarding pricing and having your home prepared for sale, you should be able to make those dreams come true this Fall.

For those of you who are trying to move "down" - the ladder is not quite so sturdy. However, I still am a believer in "pricing right," and if you ask your agent to give you the latest sales figures of homes like yours, you should be able to price your home accordingly, and get it sold. If you don't listen well, and do not believe figures, then you are going to have a problem - and this dream may not come true.

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