

Community

Bird family celebrates 40th Wedding Anniversary

By KAY WILSON

Relatives and friends enjoyed a festive occasion with Ismey and John Bird and family on Saturday, May 11 at Hillcrest United Church, as they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. The Ashgrove Women's Institute provided a beautiful dinner for the family connection at noon, and following the meal daughter Grace Whittington was M.C. for a short program of humorous recollections, toasts by Norman and Gordon Bird, and a few additional memories by John McNabb.

During the afternoon reception that followed in the hall many friends were received who enjoyed recalling old times. The Mayor of Halton Hills, Russell Miller, brought greetings and presented a Certificate of Recognition to the honored couple.

Later assembled guests enjoyed an interesting program coordinated by daughter Carolyn Kwan that used the fine musical talents of some of her friends in the choir at Metropolitan United Church in Toronto. The musical quartet consisted of soprano Carolyn Sinclair, alto Carolyn Kwan, tenor Ming Kwan and baritone Gordon Burnett, with the assistance of Robert Miller who accompanied them at the piano.

This quartet wove a lovely musical story about the activities and happenings in the Ashgrove community that involved the young folks of forty and fifty years ago. Beginning with the traditional "The Ashgrove" and "We'll Gather Lilacs in the Spring" they continued by inviting everyone to join in singing "School Days."

This gave Gordon Bird an opportunity to reminisce about his years as a student in the 1940's at Ashgrove Public School where Ismey taught for a time. Then Ward Brownridge helped the old time members of Young Peoples and Junior Farmers - who were present, to recall some highlights of their activities in the community as they involved John and Ismey before their marriage.

The quartet responded with "A Lover and His Lass," "A Long, Long Trail" and "We'll Meet Again." The final duet "All I Ask of You" by Carolyn Sinclair and Gordon Burnett was a fitting conclusion to a pleasant interlude recalling days we fondly remember.

The ladies of Hillcrest

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U.C.W. provided their usual fine array of refreshments for the afternoon guests.

Baptism ceremonies

A full to overflowing congregation gathered for worship on Mother's Sunday May 12, at Norval United Church.

Rev. Walter Beecham conducted the service, with Alan Forde, choir leader and organist. Glenn Laidlaw sang a beautiful solo.

The Sunday School Children gave a flower to each mother and were asked to remain at the front of the church for the "Children's Time," as well as see the Sacrament of Baptism that followed, with 10 babies and one mother being baptized, before going down to Sunday School.

Welcomed into the Church Family by Baptism were:

Lisette (Marin) Levesque.
Dene Levesque, son of Denis and Lisette (Marin) Levesque.

Kody Mason Lyons, son of Gordon Lyons and Cathy Longhurst.

Sarah Michelle Dunlop, daughter of Barry and Sharon (Robinson) Dunlop.

Devon Elizabeth MacArthur, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Virag) MacArthur.

Stephen James Gunn, son of Alex and Susan (Diener) Gunn.

Kelly Anne Laidlaw, daughter of Paul and Jean (Van Berkum) Laidlaw.

Erin Billi Doane, son of John and Joan (Gardner-Offier) Doane.

Devon Victoria Doane, daughter of John and Joan (Gardner-Offier) Doane.

Lisa Leanne Kendrick, daughter of Alfred and Barbara (Hyatt) Kendrick.

Sean Michael Taylor, son of Michael and Diane (Smith) Taylor.

Following the hymn "A little child the Saviour Came," Rev. Beecham took for his sermon "Why Baptize Them."

Following "Prayers of the People," the hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," finished off a beautiful and meaningful service.

Special church weekends

The weekend of June 2 and 3, members of Norval Presbyterian

Church are looking forward to a family celebration for the 153rd anniversary.

The events start with a picnic on the church lawn at 2 p.m. Saturday with races, skits and fun, then a barbecue at 4 p.m.

On Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. James Farris will be the guest minister, along with special music.

Everyone is welcome.

Chicken barbecue

Norval United Church annual Chicken Barbecue May 25 at 4-8 p.m. at Huttonville School, featuring Maple Lodge Barbecue Chicken, home made salads and pies, entertainment, including Bonkers the Clown. Tickets \$6.50 adults, \$4.50 children, at the door - \$7.50 and \$4.50. Ticket info - 877-5105; 877-8836 or 826-7337.

Norval WI meets

Norval W.I. met at the home of Rita Deenik May 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Following the opening ceremonies President Jean May asked for the roll call "How would you keep pint size people off man sized machinery." This safety roll call brought very thought provoking answers from 13 members present.

Mae Brander introduced our guest for the evening from the Ontario Farm Safety Branch. He brought 18 bottles of liquids, powders and tablets. This was a visual test. We were asked to identify the contents of the bottles without removing the caps, illustrating the importance of labelling all left over substances.

Winner with the highest number of correct answers was Aileen Nixon who received a useful safety kit.

Mae thanked our guest and presented him with a gift and he left to continue his busy schedule.

First topic of business to be discussed was our yard sale held May 11. We were asked to keep in mind the Georgetown Fair exhibit "It's getting to look a lot like

Christmas". Fair dates are Sept. 6, 7 and 8. Halton District Annual is being held at Ballinafad United Church May 30. Registration is at 2:30 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. Provincial President Peggy Knapp will speak at 7 p.m.

Eleanor Hyatt asked opinions about two quilt block patterns for the runner she is making for an exhibit at the Country Quilt Fest 91 being held at the Agricultural Museum, Milton, Aug. 9, 10 and 11.

Dorothy McLean and Norine Van Leeuwen will display Norval's Tweedsmuir History books for the Halton-Peel Genealogy Society May 4.

P.R.O. Kay Wilson reported on an excellent bus trip she organized to see Anne of Green Gables at the Elgin Theatre Toronto, Sun., April 28. Everyone who attended reported an enjoyable day.

Kay also asked everyone to write letters to Environment Minister Ruth Grier and to our elected Provincial member Noel Duignan regarding Acton Quarry landfill site which has taken on new and alarming future environmental and tax potentials for Halton.

Dorothy McLean read a letter (for members approval) she has written to Halton Hills Council regarding Old McNab Cemetery preservation.

Federated Women's Institute of Ontario (F.W.I.O.) will have a conference at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay in 1992. Theme is to be "Trees." If every F.W.I.O. member were to plant one tree there would be 20,000 more trees in the province. F.W.I.O. training courses being offered this year are Wardrobe Wizardry, Decor Accents and Baking Bread.

Ethel Chapman and Halton District Scholarships are now open for applicants.

June 19 we are entertaining the Peel Dairy Princess at our "dinner out" and afterwards at the home of Eleanor Hyatt.

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Special garage sale

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Location is 27 Heather Court, Georgetown, in the Moore Park area. There will also be a bake table, hot dogs and pop for sale and balloons for the children.

If anyone would like to donate articles to the sale you can call Julie at 877-9163 (after 6 p.m.) or Karla at 840-0576.

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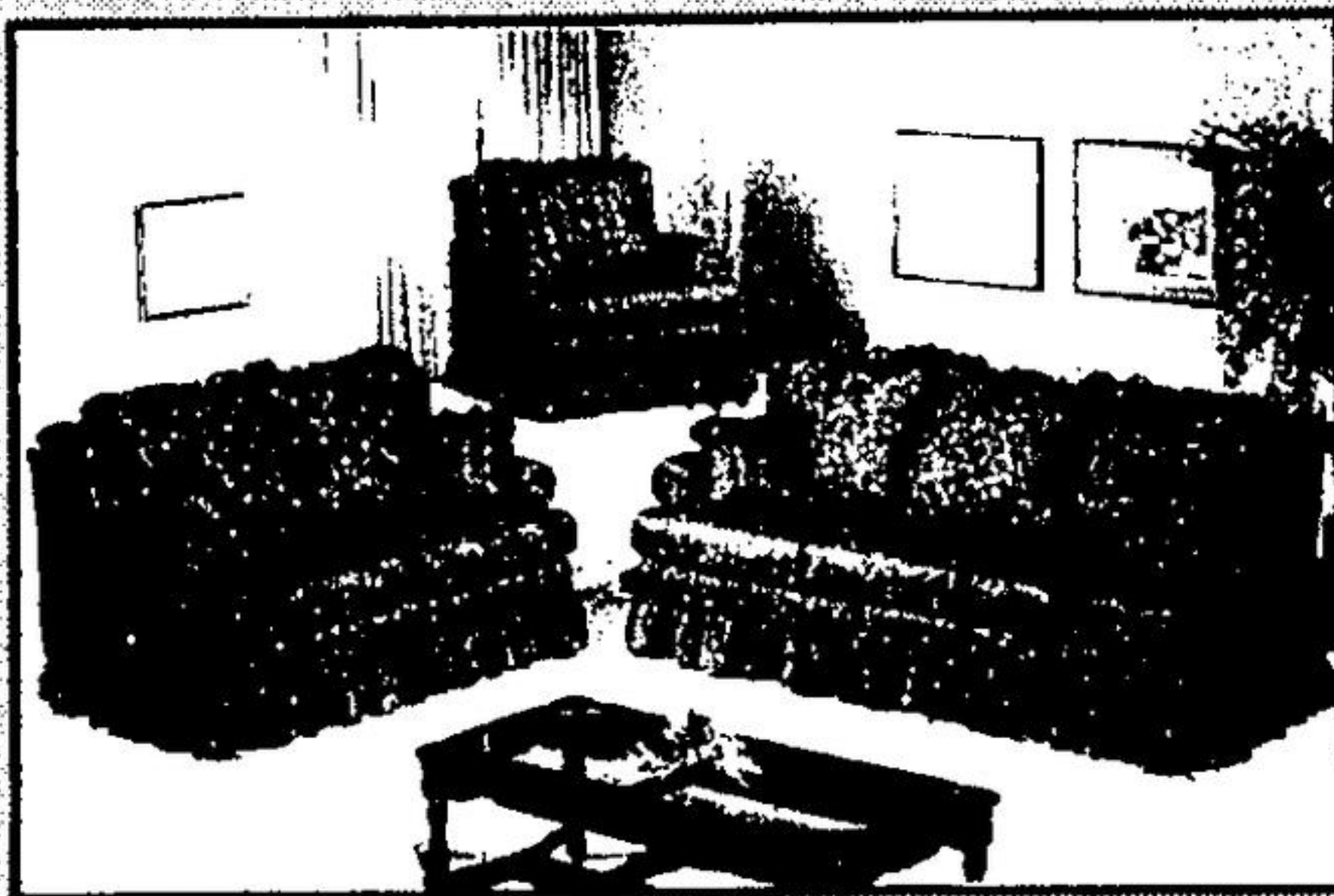
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