

Ballinafad W.I. shocked by fees

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The February meeting of the Ballinafad's Women's Institute met on Wednesday, February 2nd for dessert at the home of Eileen McENERY. She was assisted by Helen Brown. The meeting was called to order in the usual way by the President Margaret Jamieson. Our visitor was the President of Halton District, Glenda Benton, making her official visit.

The financial statement was given by the Secretary/Treasurer Ada Kirkwood. As this is the time of year that all fees must be paid to the other parts of our organization such as District Area, and FWIO etc., and as we get no government grants anymore it is shocking to realize how much we have to make up. In April we pay our annual fee, so it was decided to ponder the question until the next meeting, and

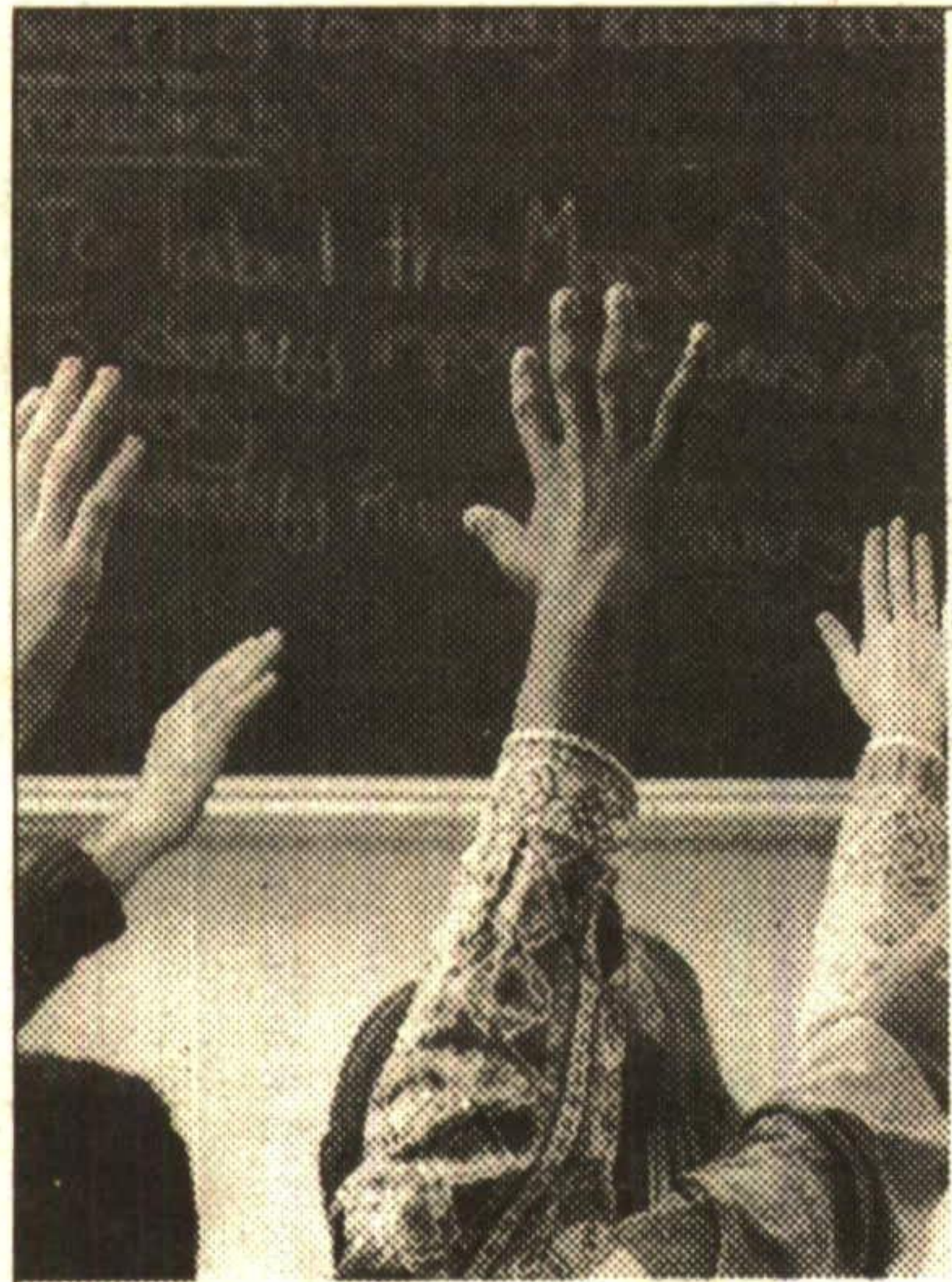
make a decision on our requirements then.

Eileen McENERY was convenor and called on Alma Sinclair to read her motto, "Friendship and understanding are the only bonds that hold the world together." Current events prepared by Doreen Burt. The reports from each committee convenor as usual drew out a lively discussion on such subjects such as the new law in agriculture where each farmer must register and pay a fee; in education whether teenagers should be expelled from school for violence or be put in reform schools; and what effect will WalMart stores have on us.

The new unit of the 4-H Club "Consuming Passion" has been organized with 18 members, and will now require two junior assis-

tants, Cheryl Burt and Erika Mitchell, along with leader Doreen Burt. The program consisted of a travelogue with snapshots of the trip to Scotland taken by Eleanor and Will McLean. The next meeting will be March 2nd at the home of Helen Brown.

In spite of inclement weather the Women's Institute were very pleased with the good attendance of 15 tables at their euchre February 3, and it was nice to visit with friends from Ashgrove, Bannockburn, Silverwood, and Rockwood Branches. Prize winners were High Lady, Ruth Linham with 108 followed by Glad Inglis with 88, and High Man's, Ernie McENERY with 104 points and Jack Layman with 95 points. The next euchre is March 3 at 7:30 p.m.



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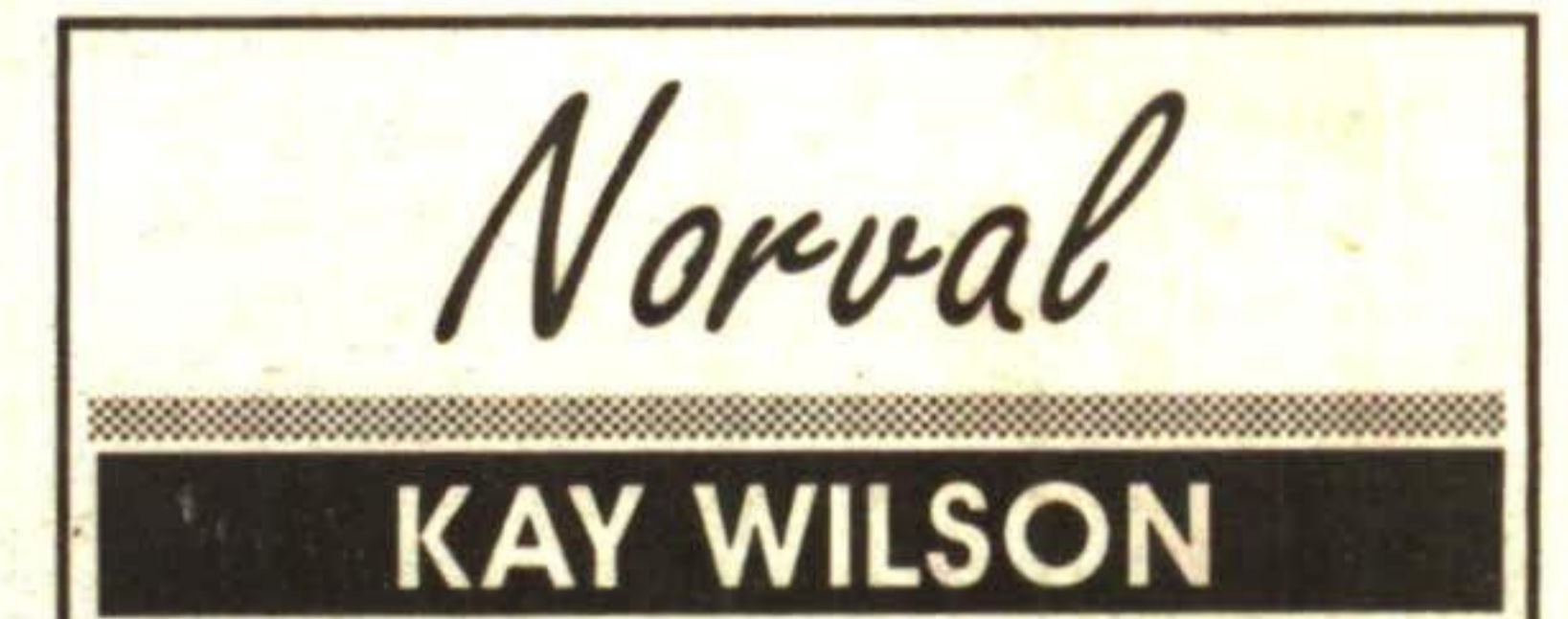
Keith and Ethel Webb, RR2 Norval, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 3rd, right behind the counter at Webbs Flower's showroom. Orchids, mums, lilies, and green plants were beautiful - "a Garden of Eden" was what one person was heard to say.

As well as customers picking up flower orders, several senior members of Norval United Church dropped in, to congratulate the couple.

Keith's sister, Marion Laird, and her daughter, Elaine Crawford were there.

The church members presented the couple with yellow roses in a crystal vase. Following cake and punch everyone wished the Webbs continued health and happiness for many more anniversaries.

Later in the day the Webbs enjoyed dinner at Someplace Else, Huttonville with family members. Their family includes Ernie Webb and wife Cathy of Pickering, Glen

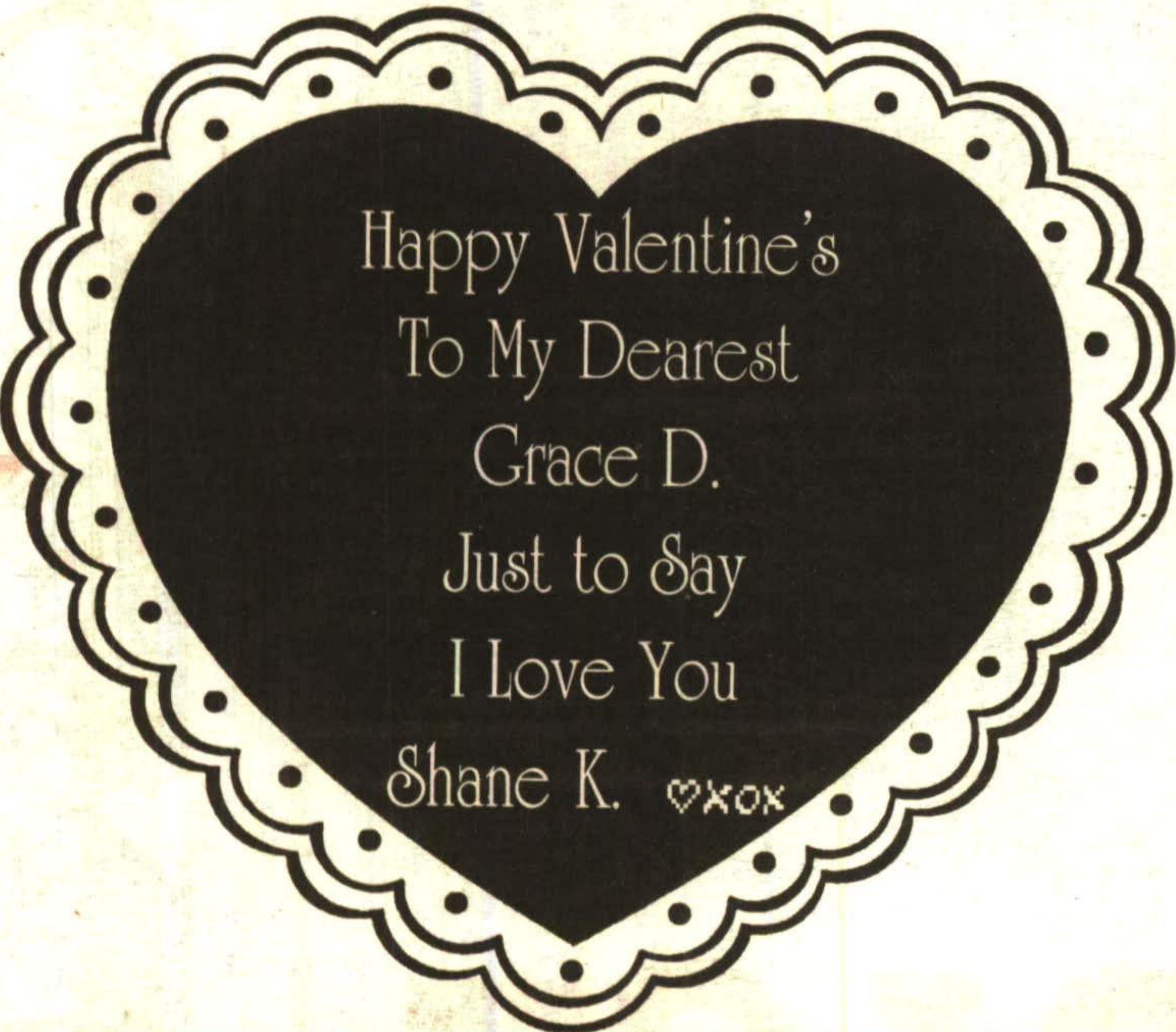


Webb and his wife Marian of RR2 Norval, Gwen and her husband John Pwlikawsky of Guelph, Ina and her husband Jack Reed of Georgetown, Louise and her husband Harry Lowther, Stanley Bridge, PEI. Sixteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren complete the family circle.

Congratulations to Edgar Thatcher, RR1 Norval, and Victor Hanson, Toronto, Men Without Hair, on the sell-out crowd for your Spectacular New Age Vaudeville Shows last weekend.

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