

**GREEK WEDDING:** When Achilles Pelitis Jr. and his bride Jennifer said their wedding vows last Friday, the normally sedate businessman from Achilles Mazda turned into a bundle of frenetic energy at the reception- dancer, singer and all-around party guy who knew all the songs and dances from his Greek heritage. Vancouver resident, S. Levickas, caught the fun with her camera lens.

## Trees don their best clothes for annual fall fashion parade

What a splendid time of year.

Trees and bushes are donning their fall vesture to create a kaleidoscope of colours, lining streets and reaching back into the hardwood forests that dot the area. Beautiful sunlit days highlight the colours and make a country stroll or drive an ethereal experience.

Some drive miles away to Algonquin Park, the Agawa Canyon or to exotic places to enjoy the riot of autumn colours. Yet they need not. Some of the best colour can be seen within a few miles of this area where the sugar maples, the sumac and oaks break out their Joseph's coats for all to see.

Just about every rural road is a treat, but some spectacular colour is usually visible along Regional Road 25 around Speyside, where the outlook spans to the distant horizon, which include the high rises of downtown Toronto. Or the corner of Highway 7 at Silvercreek where the highway branches off to Erin and Acton.

The Rockwood Conservation Area and its environs always give strollers a glimpse of a mini Muskoka with its limestone cliffs, glacial wells and ruins of an old mill along the Eramosa River. Prospect Park in Acton with the waters of Fairy Lake etching a shore-

line of gorgeous colour on the placid mirror-like surface is usually a treat.

A few miles away at the Forks of the Credit, Belfountain and Cataract, the view can become spectacular, but be prepared to battle with bumper-to-bumper traffic on weekends. It creates a huge traffic jam near the Belfountain general store, recently acquired by former MP Garth Turner.

You can also view the changing colours from a birds eye view at Kelso Conservation Area near urban Milton. During the first three weekends in October the chair lift is open for hikers and bikers from 10am to 4pm each weekend day including Thanksgiving Monday. The lifts take passengers up the Niagara Escarpment and back down. Cameras are almost a necessity to record the magnificent views. There's a small admission charge to the park.

Halton Region Museum, situated in the heart of the park, is also offering pre-booked guided group hikes for groups of 15 or more for \$5/person. There are over 16 kilometers of hiking and biking trails in the 980 acre conservation area including the Bruce Trail, Canada's oldest marked foot trail.

Guided hikes will include an interpretative slide show explaining the origins of the newly reno-

vated museum. The chair lift ride is an optional part of the hike for \$3/person.

Another beautiful blend of colours and pastoral scenery just north of Acton, is along 22 Side Road in Erin Twp. where it leaves the Second Line and goes east to Hillsburgh. Rolling hills and verdant pastures, on which horses and numerous cattle feed, give a sense of the peace and serenity which can envelope rural areas when the harvest is in and a peaceful aura descends on the land.

*Hartley Coles*

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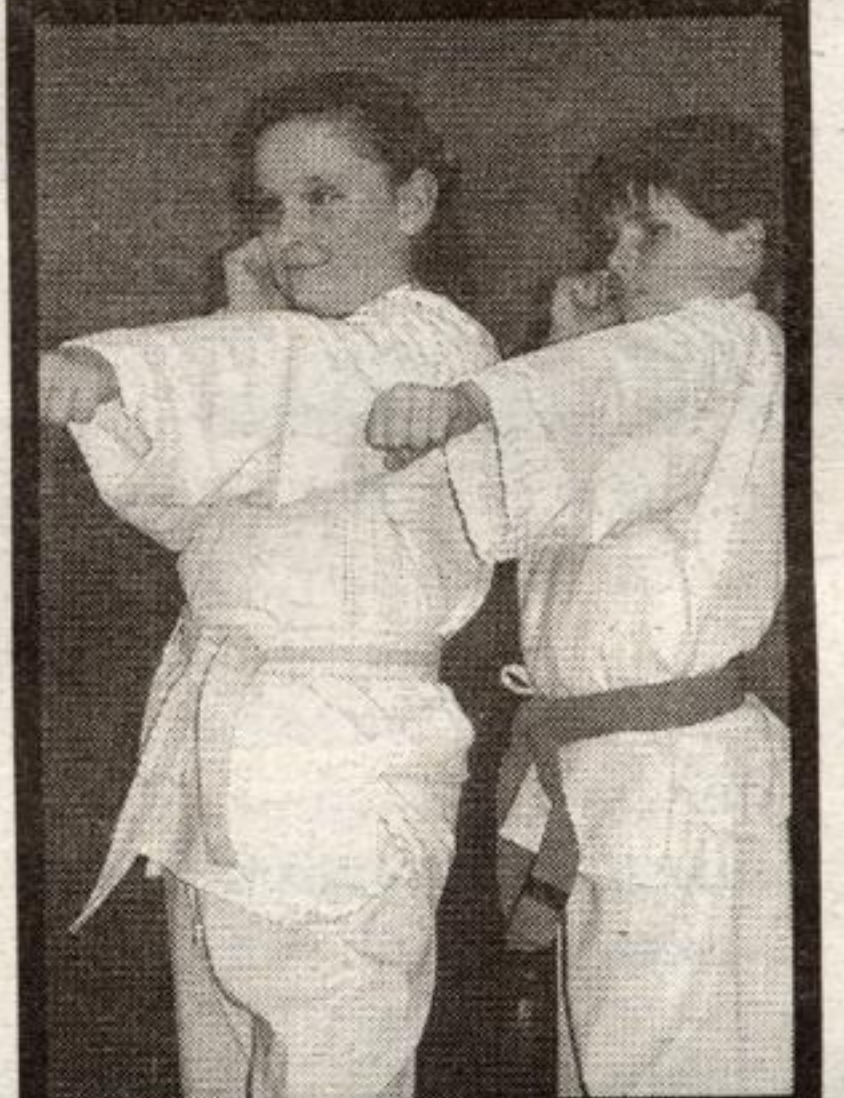
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