

Area couples celebrate a hat-trick of anniversaries

If you think family weddings can be stressful, imagine what the Sandersons went through in 1948.

That year, in a six-month span, four of the six children in the family were married. Recently, the three daughters and their husbands celebrated their 50th anniversaries at the Acton Legion.

"It was a busy year," said Beatrice London, the oldest child in the family.

She met her husband Aubrey London at a farming course near Bolton. Beatrice was a friend of Aubrey's sister but it was the course that brought the two together for the first time. They were married in Bolton on Aug. 28.

Beatrice said farming was one of the keys which helped them reach their golden anniversary.

"(Aubrey) was a farmer so it was hard work that kept us together. There was no time to

think about breaking up," she said with a laugh.

Seriously, she said it was patience and always helping each other that made their marriage a success and help them raise three daughters, Jean, Joyce and Doreen.

The next to exchange vows were Jean and Arthur Stamp of Georgetown. Though they were the only couple to have rain on their wedding day, it didn't turn out to be a bad omen as they also celebrated their golden anniversary.

The couple met at a Georgetown Raiders hockey game. "That's when they used to line up for miles to get into the game," Jean said.

They were married Oct. 16 in Elora and the couple had two daughters Susan and Shirley.

Just three weeks later, it was time for yet another wedding. Elmer and Dorothy Storey of Erin completed the family's wedding



It was a golden day as three sisters celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries at the Acton Legion. Beatrice and Aubrey London (front), Elmer and Dorothy Storey (back left), and Jean and Arthur Stamp (back right) were all married between Aug. 28 and Oct. 16, 1948.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

frenzy after meeting at a New Year's Eve dance.

"I was his second choice," Dorothy said. "He asked someone else to dance first."

But 10 months later Dorothy

was clearly number one as she and Elmer were married in Elora on Nov. 6. The Storeys had four children, three daughters—Mary, Elinor and Diana—and a son, Norm.

The three sisters were not the only family weddings that year, though. Their brother Albert, who is deceased, started the march up the isle on June 1, 1948.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

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- 5 Egg Whites
- 10 oz. sugar
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 2 teaspoons corn flour
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

COOKING TIME:
1 HOUR
Oven 230°C - 450°F
Reduced to 120°C - 250°F

TOPPING: 300 ml Whipping Cream •Strawberries or any fruit

Draw a 9 inch circle on sheet of non-stick parchment paper on a baking sheet. Beat the eggs until stiff, then gradually beat in 10 ozs. of sugar, a little at a time until thick & glossy. Beat in vinegar, corn flour & vanilla. Spoon meringue on to the circle of parchment, swirling it with a knife to make the mixture level.

Put meringue in oven & turn down immediately to very cool. Bake for 1 hour until crisp & firm on the outside. Remove parchment paper. Serve with whipped cream & strawberries on top.

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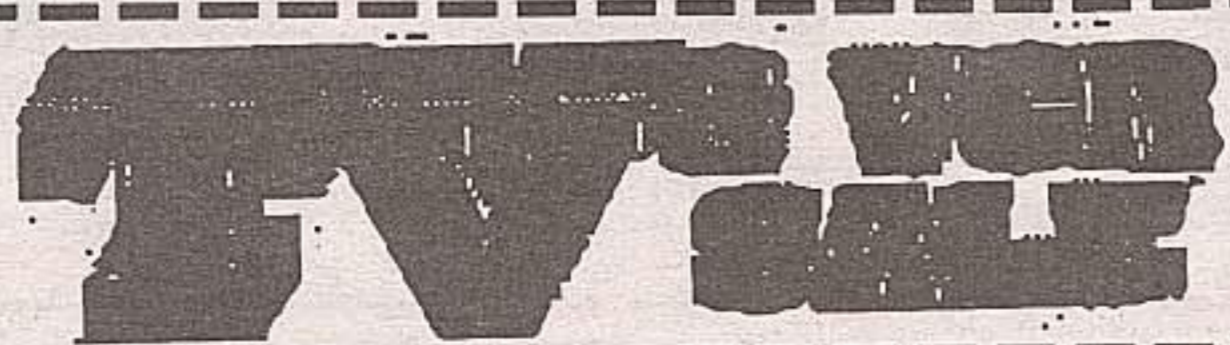
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