

# Old, new wedding gowns on display at Bethel bazaar

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Women's Page

## Name William Mullin to Chesterville UCO

Milton resident William Mullin has been appointed manager of the United Co-operatives of Ontario, St. Lawrence Group. The St. Lawrence Group was formed in July 1971, when the Cornwall, Avonmore, Finch and Chesterville Co-Ops merged. Mr. Mullin has had 21 years of management service, 14 with co-operatives. Previous to his appointment as the St. Lawrence manager, he managed the U.C.O. Halton group which has branches in Milton, Georgetown, Erin and Orangeville. He will be working and living in Chesterville, the headquarters for the St. Lawrence area. His wife and four daughters will be moving there, when accommodations are arranged.



Wedding gowns from the flapper era, through the war times to September 1971 were on display in Bethel United Church, Drumquin, as members of the rural community staged their annual bazaar on Saturday. Some slightly withered and discolored with age or creased from a long stay in a trunk in the attic, the gowns again made their second debut as residents of the community flocked to the church to view the gowns, buy goodies at the bazaar or reminisce over the tea cups.

Wedding dresses, veils, head-

pieces and shoes from 1925 to 1971 were included in the display. Street length dresses trimmed with fur and sequins to long, modern gowns enhanced with satin ribbons and lace graced the walls of the church. Hand painted and embroidered gowns in pink and white from as far away as China were also part of the display and caught the attention of bazaar guests. Most of the dresses in the display were worn and are owned by UCW members or their family relatives and friends.

### First wedding

Mrs. Percy Merry (nee Amy Howes) displayed her brown satin wedding dress, trimmed with matching fur and featuring a deep V-neckline with lapels. Also pinned to the dress was the original jewel pin worn by the bride on her wedding day. The pin had also been worn by the bride's mother for her wedding. Mrs. Merry's was the first wedding to take place at Bethel Church in 1925.

From old to new could be seen by those looking at the display of 19 dresses. The most recent wedding at the church was represented by the dress of Mrs. Alan Colver (nee Velma Ball). The dress of lagoda crepe was fashioned with a rounded neckline and trumpet sleeves, and was trimmed with guipure lace and pale blue satin ribbon. A floral headpiece of pearl sprigs with a finger-tip veil of double silk illusion was also shown with the dress.

A blue crepe street-length dress of Mrs. Carlisle Feather-

stone dated back to January, 1944. Soft colors of crepe were available in similar styles for wedding dresses of the 40's era.

### Mother's gown

Rev. Lynne Adams displayed her mother's dress (Mrs. E. Adams) of rich dark blue velvet. The gown had been worn by this bride in 1935. A white satin gown worn by Mrs. Ellison Ball in 1944 and an orange blossom veil dating back to 1912 were also part of the display. The veil was worn by Mrs. Ball's mother for her marriage.

A brown taffeta skirt caught the eye of many as they viewed the array of gowns and accessories. The skirt was worn for the wedding of Mrs. Evelyn Pickett's grandmother. The date of the wedding skirt is unknown. Also eye-catchers at the bazaar display were the daytime and evening wedding gowns of Mrs. Billie Chow, worn in China in 1955. The dainty gowns of white (for daytime) and pink (for evening) were hand painted and embroidered in soft colors. The gowns featured a mandarin collar, short sleeves, a skirt slit to the thigh and pretty patterns of flowers and trees.

Numerous other gowns were discussed and marvelled over as history jumped back to the present at the church on Saturday. "We had the bright idea of the wedding gown display to bring more people out to the bazaar," said Mrs. Leonard, the organizer. "But the original idea flew out the window when we became more wrapped up in the

setting up and arranging of the display. It was fun and we hope to arrange something along the same idea for next year's bazaar", she quipped. "It was a very satisfying bazaar and display overall."

### Good condition

The dresses were hung on hangers throughout the church and older, fragile gowns were mounted on easel boards to be displayed. "The dresses were in perfect physical condition," Mrs. Lister noted. "Very few showed signs of age and only the white, having yellowed, were noticeable to the eye."

Another part of the display included a wedding photo displayed by Mrs. Charlene Ford. The picture represented changes in styles of clothes down through the years.

"During the 40's it was quite evident that different colors of crepe were used for the wedding gowns of that period," she said. "They were similar in style and fashioned with the large hooped skirts. It was quite interesting also to see many of the older styles coming back or being repeated in the more modern gowns," she noted.

### Styles change

Mrs. Lister pointed out that shoes with pointed toes were also a fignment of the past. "Styles in footwear have changed many times since then, though," she recalled.

The UCW raised more than \$400 at the bazaar and recorded a "fantastic" record crowd. Bake tables, gifts and sewing as well as tea tables attracted the crowd to the church. Perfect sunny weather conditions added to the atmosphere and the favorite vegetable market was set up outdoors this year.

Aromas of homemade mince-meat and fresh baked pies touched the noses and taste buds of those in the crowd. The bazaar was almost SOLD OUT after the first half hour of operation.



WEDDING GOWNS old and new were a highlight of the Bethel United Church Fall Bazaar at Drumquin on Saturday.

TOP: Mrs. Percy Merry displays her wedding gown worn Dec. 31, 1925 at the first wedding in Bethel Church. The wedding was 10 years after the church was built but at that time most weddings were in the homes. Mrs. Len Lister who convened the bazaar admires the gown of half a century ago.

CENTRE: Velma (Ball) Colver included her gown in the display which was suitably arranged in the Church. Mrs. Colver's gown represented the most recent wedding in Bethel Church, on Sept. 18, 1971.

BOTTOM: Young Elaine Lister admires the gowns worn in China in 1955 by Mrs. Billie Chow. The hand embroidered gowns in white and pink were for different times and were worn following the actual ceremony. The white gown was for daytime wear and the pink for evening wear.—(Staff Photos)

## Gives true meaning of Thanksgiving

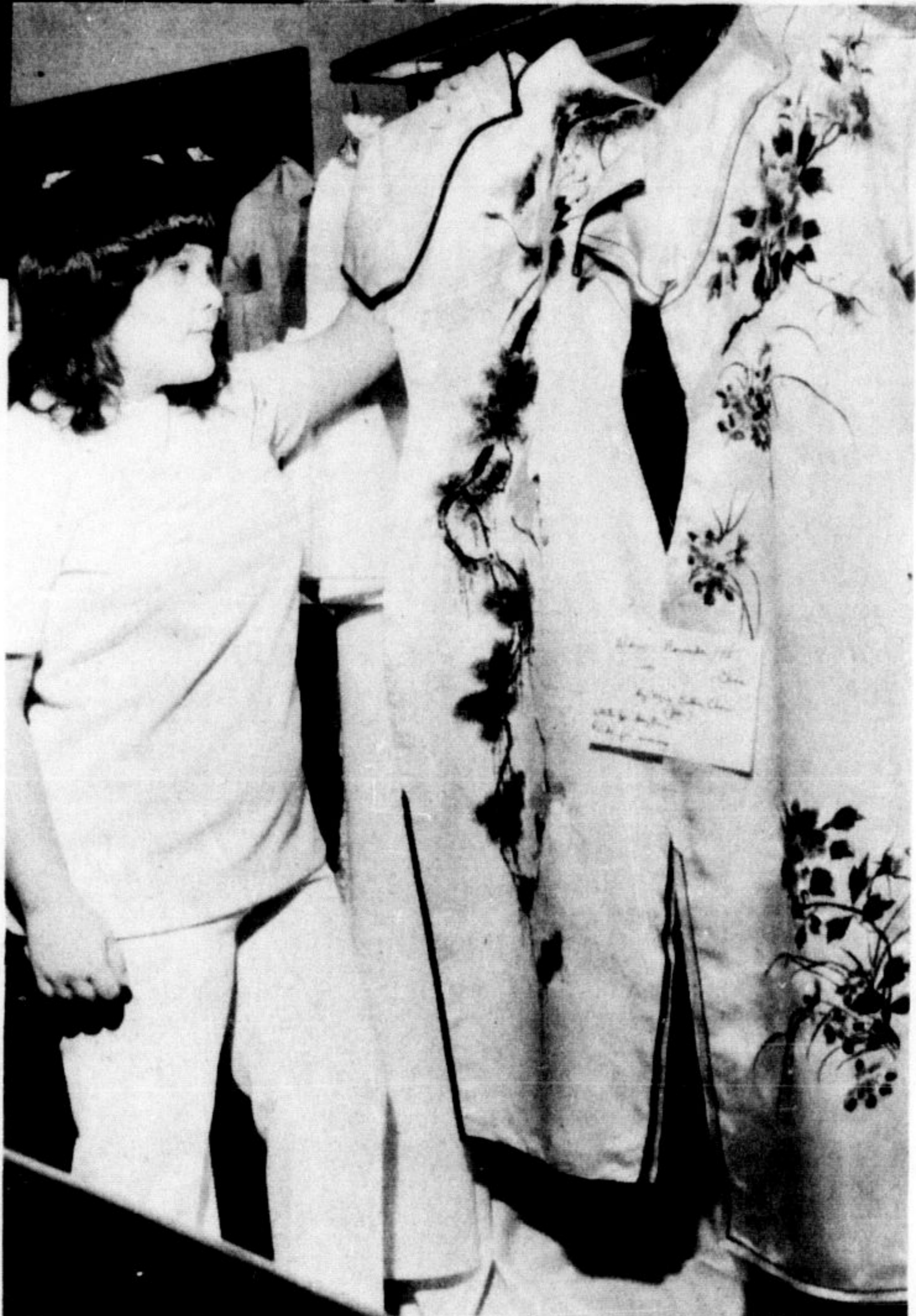
The Thanksgiving meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Knox Presbyterian Church was held at the home of Mrs. Howard Schuyler recently. Mrs. J. A. Reese, guest speaker for the meeting, outlined the true meaning of Thanksgiving to the members present.

"Mankind should be full of Thanksgiving to God for his unspeakable gifts," she pointed. "The acceptance of this gift,

Jesus Christ, as a personal Saviour gives life true meaning," she said.

Mrs. Denboer took the devotions and Mrs. Harold Magee sang "Thanks be to God". President Mrs. Robert Mackay thanked all the women who took part in the meeting and especially expressed her thanks to the hostess.

A brief business meeting was held and refreshments were later served.



## Work with cancer topic at W.I. meet

Home Economics and Health was the theme of the October meeting of the Nassagaweya Women's Institute, held at the home of Mrs. Louise Jensen on 20 Sideroad. The roll call was answered by a medicinal remedy for sickness or accident — beginning with the first letter of the member's surname. Castor oil, mustard plaster and gripe water were some of those mentioned.

Mrs. Verna Mullen introduced the guest speaker, Bruce McNab, who addressed the group on the subject of Cancer. He gave details of how the cancer campaign is conducted and the allocation of money received, as well as many other interesting facets of the work. Accompanying him were two workers, Mrs. J. McCarron and Mrs. W. Ford, who are actively engaged and who spoke in an interesting way of their particular involvement.

A question and answer period followed. In token of appreciation the group presented a cheque for the cancer fund and a vote of

thanks for the contribution of the guests to a worthwhile evening.

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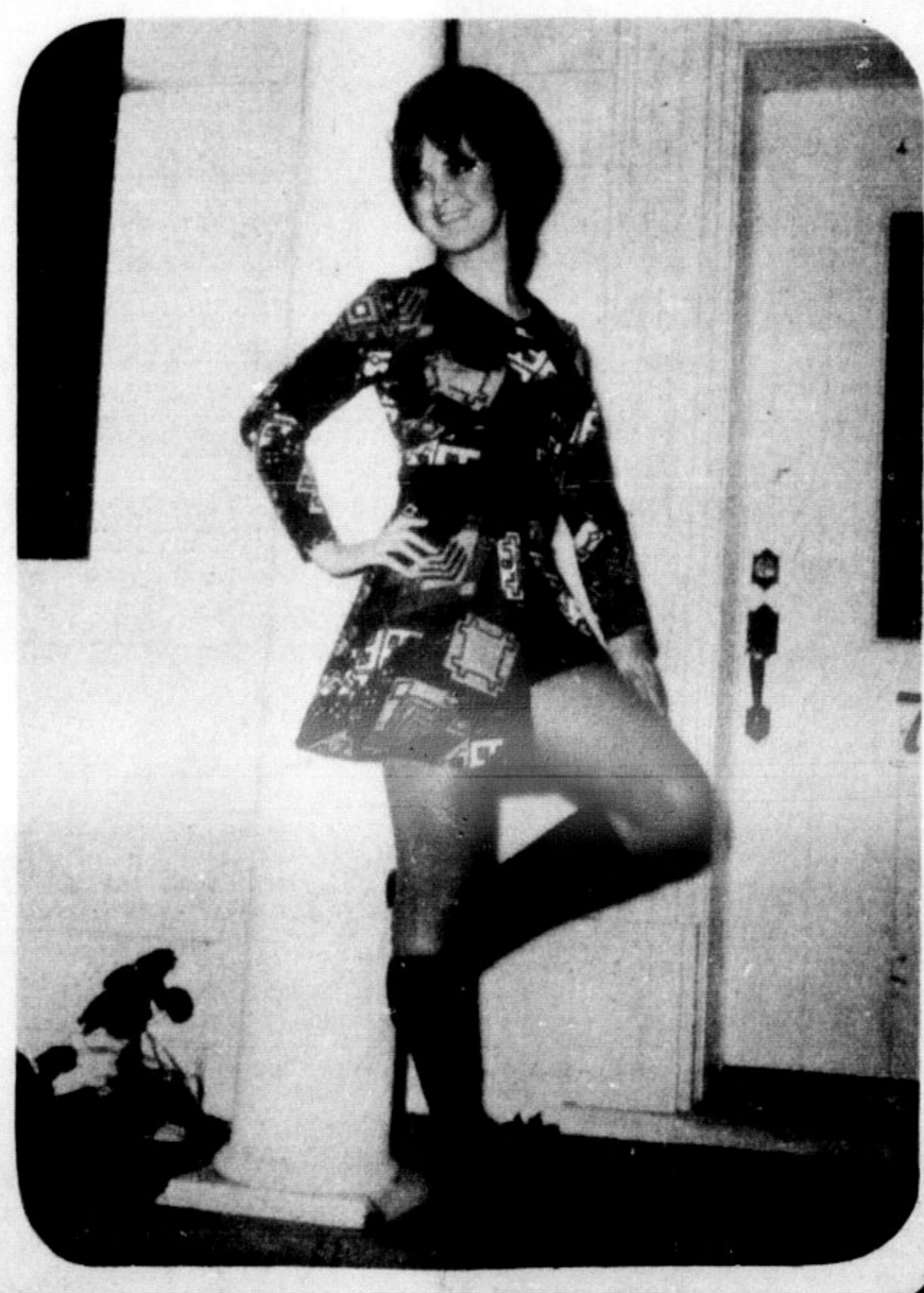
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