

# Sisters, husbands celebrate double 50th anniversary

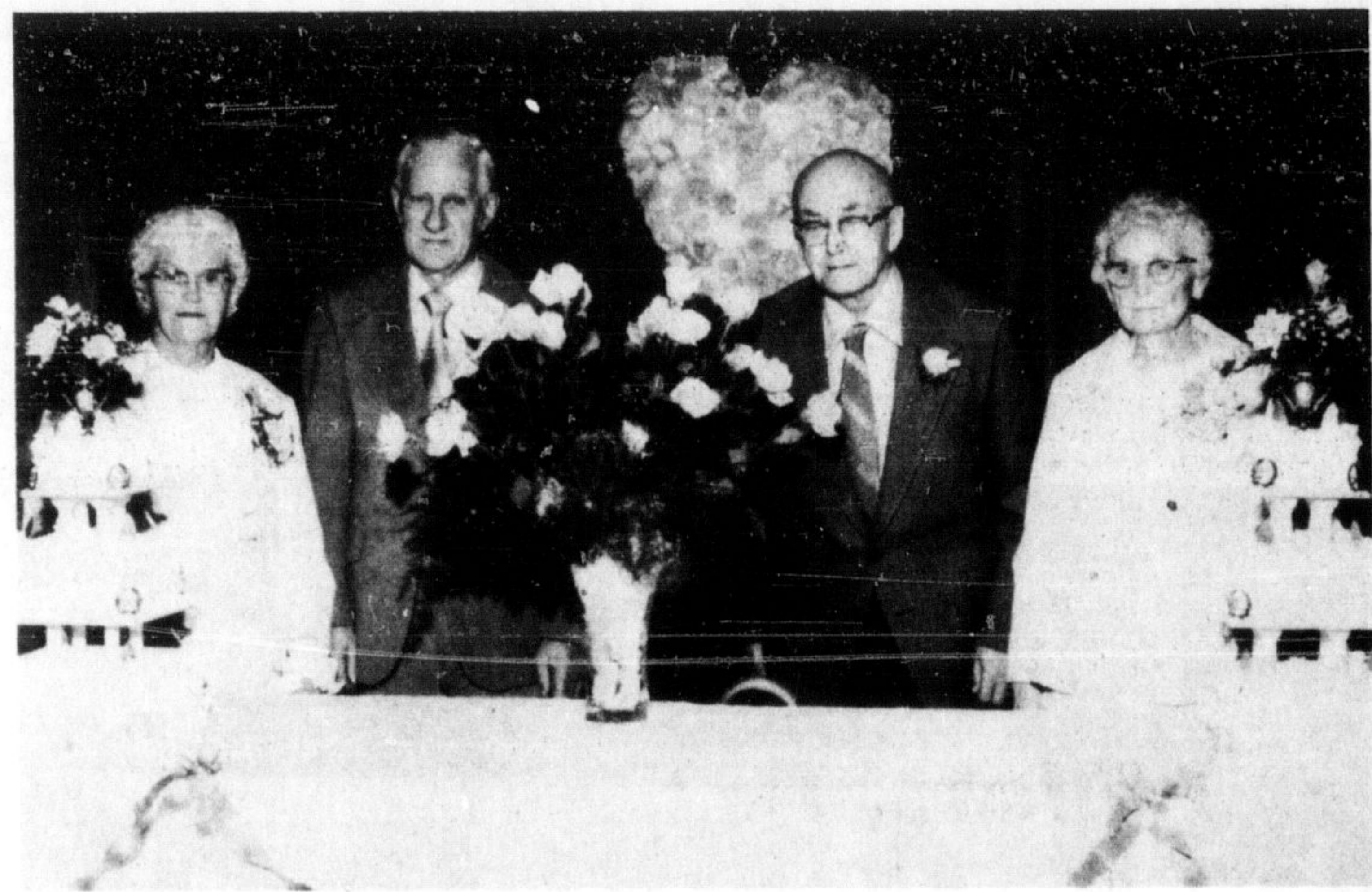
It was a double wedding when sisters Hilda and Ruby Lamont of Mount Forest said their "I do's" on April 19, 1923. So it was a double 50th wedding anniversary the two happy brides and their husbands William J. Ross and Harold N. Rutherford of Milton, celebrated on the weekend.

The two couples went together on an anniversary open house at the UAW Centre on Martin St. Saturday, just as they had gone together for a double wedding that spring day 50 years earlier. From 2 to 5 they greeted close to 175 guests.

Both couples share an apartment at the Mayfair Apartments on Ontario St. in Milton. The Rutherford family retired to Milton nine years ago after they sold their general store at Omagh; Mr. and Mrs. Ross have lived with them there for the past two years.

### Triple duty

Reminiscing about their double wedding day, Mrs. Ross said Harold and Ruby had decided to get married and had set a date when she and William decided they would marry too. "Our father said we could do it all at once and save him the expense of



A DOUBLE 50th ANNIVERSARY celebration was held Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ross, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rutherford. The two brides are sisters and the two couples

both couples in the one ceremony at their Mount Forest home—he was a former baker turned minister and he iced their (two)

wedding cakes, too! After the wedding the Rutherford family moved to near New Liskeard where Harold farmed.

He was also the reeve of Hudson Township. They worked the family farm for a while then built their own farm in virgin bush lands near New Liskeard.

They farmed 20 years before he went to manage a meat department at the Temiskaming Co-operative, a job he held for five years before leaving to buy a store in Markham. They moved to Omagh and bought the general store there around 1950 and continued to operate it until they sold out and retired to Milton nine years ago.

The Rutherford family attended Omagh Presbyterian Church and she is active in the W.A. and W.M.S.—the two groups catered for Saturday's anniversary celebrations.

**Ice cream maker**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ross lived in Palmerston for a year after their wedding, then went to Northern Ontario where he worked 24 years with Eplett's Ice Cream Co. in Timmins, Cochrane and New Liskeard. Then they moved to Owen Sound and went into the ice cream business in a partnership which lasted 12 years. They sold out in 1961 and operated a grocery store in Kincardine four years before retiring.

Mr. Ross looks back on about 45 years of working with ice cream (he was in the business even before they were married) and recalls many changes in the methods of manufacturing the delicacy down through the years.

They lived in Florida, Arizona and Grimsby before moving to Milton two years ago to live with the Rutherford family. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have two sons, Donald of Grasse and Gordon of New Liskeard, and Gordon is following in his father's footsteps in the ice cream business too. The couple have four grandchildren.

**Provincial plaques**  
Both couples received a host of flowers, cards and gifts on their anniversary. Messages included provincial plaques presented by Halton East MPP Jim Snow, a telegram from Governor-General Roland Michener and letters from Lincoln MP Kenneth Higgs and Provincial Secretary Robert Welch.

Guests attended from 35 municipalities, including Ottawa, New Liskeard and Winnipeg, Man.

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## Participation week proposed by mayor

Should the town sponsor a participation week?

That's the question Mayor Brian Best posed Monday for Milton Council as he wondered if the week might not start off with a dance in the arena, similar to the one celebrating annexation.

He saw it continuing with all the churches having open house on Sunday with special emphasis on welcoming new families. Service clubs could continue the theme into the next week with their meetings open to all and sports groups could sponsor functions that would make everyone aware of what activities are available. The library, he thought, might review its history and other groups could also seek to involve the total community.

Deputy Reeve M. Powys suggested it be considered in conjunction with Canada Week. Members of council agreed to consider the matter in committee next week before deciding whether to proceed.

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## Authority protests lower allocation

At a Halton Region Conservation Authority meeting held Thursday April 19, it was recommended to the full Authority which meets tomorrow, to send a letter to Hon. Leo Bernier, Minister of Natural Resources requesting a greater 1973 provincial allocation for the Halton Authority.

Chairman Brock Harris, vice-chairman Allan Wright, general manager Murray Stephen and the two provincial representatives on the Authority, Larry Smith and Kelly New will take the letter to Bernier.

According to the executive, the Ministry had verbally promised a three per cent raise over the 1972 provincial grant for this year's administration costs. Considering the 1972 grant was \$149,957, the Halton Authority expected \$157,640. However, they were informed in January that only \$142,048 would be allocated this year.

It was noted by HRCA in their letter to the Minister that 27 other regional conservation authorities in the province will receive the three per cent raise and in some cases "it far exceeds three per cent."

## Protest formula for weed control grant

Halton County Council's Administration Committee will appeal a grant formula for weed control as it applies to Halton County. The formula would allow the county a grant of \$588 for weed control in 1973.

In other years the county has been subsidized to the extent of 50 per cent for expenditure on weed control. Expenditures last amounted to \$1,208.

The formula is based partly on the amount of active farm land in the area. Warden Mrs. A. MacArthur and members of the committee agreed the basis being used was wrong. They suggested there was a greater need for weed control on lands owned by

speculators and developers. Mrs. MacArthur noted a large area in the county was being held and not worked.

### Cut grant

Under the formula the province would be paying about one-third of the cost rather than half, as they have in the past.

Commenting on the letter from K. E. Fallis, associate director of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, county clerk Garfield Brown noted the county may want to take a new approach to weed control and only serve those areas where it is vital.

Warden MacArthur was authorized to send a letter to Mr. Fallis expressing the concern of the committee.

## Price too high

### Nix Waterdown purchase

Despite objection by Waterdown High School students, Halton Region Conservation Authority has decided not to consider purchasing nearly six acres of escarpment land on Grindstone Creek.

Although the students claim the land is of significant cultural and historical importance besides being ideal escarpment land, the Authority claims the \$63,000 price is much too high. In 1969 the land was appraised at \$32,000.

### May not pay

The provincial government has

a policy of paying three-quarters the price of escarpment land. However, the Authority told the students that although it is doubtful the provincial government would pay three-quarters of the \$63,000, it may consider paying three-quarters of the appraised value.

David McCally, a Waterdown student, told The Champion, "We have been raising funds for the acquisition of park land through canvassing and other small projects. We want this land very badly."

### Don't Run

Here are three words that could save a child's life: Walk, don't run! An appalling number of tragedies are caused by children running into the path of a car (usually from between parked vehicles).

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