

About the town

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The Milton Senior Citizens Club Members and the Senior Citizens Orchestra travelled by bus on Saturday, Oct. 19 to Lee Manor at Owen Sound. They enjoyed dinner and a trip around the Manor.

The Senior's Orchestra provided entertainment for the residents of the Manor. Also entertaining were Russell Clements, Mabel McNabb and Howard Wilson who gave readings.

Rev. Gordon Porter from Annan, a former minister at St. Paul's United Church in Milton, also visited the Manor and met with his friends from Milton.

Happy birthday wishes go to Correen Gervais, Five Sideroad who celebrates her birthday on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Many people are moving in from the area. Among them are: Mr. and Mrs. R. Houle, and daughter from Mississauga, Mr. and Mrs. N. Ricci from Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lambert from Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. V.

Wilyman and their two sons from Calgary and Mr. and Mrs. W. Guard and daughter from Streetsville.

We welcome them to Milton.

Mark James Hepburn Aitken was baptised at Grace Anglican Church on Sunday, Oct. 13. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Aitken, 282 Fay Crt. Following the church a christening party was held at the Aitken residence. Mark's Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hamilton-Greener from Keswick.

The christening cake was made for the occasion by Mark's grandmother Mrs. M. Formby from Yorkshire, England who visited Milton in April.

Ellen Hurren and Doreen Lendway, students of dance teacher Heather McNaughton, competed Saturday in Goderich. Ellen received the trophy in her age group, open 11 years, came second in the fling, first in the

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Wharram - Peer

sword and first in seantruibhis. Doreen won a third in the hornpipe and the fling.

Happy birthday wishes go to Claudio Zulian, 7580 Tremaine Rd. who celebrates his birthday today (Wednesday) Oct. 23.

Newcomers on Woodward Ave. include Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Roy from Brampton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Bavel from Brampton, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jarvis and their two children from London, Ontario.

We welcome them to Milton.

A birthday party was held on Saturday evening for Earl Melanson, 17 Martin St. and given by Earl's wife Beverly. Attending the party were Earl's parents Lawrence and Vivian Melanson from Dominion, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and "Pork" and Grace Gervais, Gerry and Sharon Knowles, Tommy and Betty Watson, Helen Watson, Leroy and Pauline Watson, Art and Dolores Melanson, and Kevin Watson all of Milton.

Students of Mollie McGregor School of Dancing took part in competition in Goderich on the weekend. Bringing home awards were: Novice (10 and under) Caroline Hendy - third in sword, open (11 years) Barbara Vandenhoevel - third in flind, third in seantruibhis.

In the open (13 and under) class Charles Robertson won third in fling, second in sword, second in Sailor's Hornpipe, third in strathspey and half tulloch.

In the 15 and under open class Ingrid Martin won third in seantruibhis and Kim McLeod won second in fling, third in sword, second in seantruibhis and third in hornpipe.

In the 16 and over class Lynn Powell won third in the sword.

Sorority will aid families

A regular meeting of Eta Phi Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority was held on Oct. 8 at the home of Marg Burgess.

It was decided to invite "Mr. Dressup" to come to Milton for two performances in the spring, and the Chapter is planning to organize an emergency clothing supply for victims of fires, etc.

An entertaining program on the subject of "Prose" was given by Ann Harris and Elizabeth Fish.

—A Georgetown girl, Leslie Anne Mitchell was chosen Miss Oakville at a recent pageant. She's a Sheridan College student. Leslie will enter the Miss Canada pageant Oct. 28.

In a double ring ceremony at Lowville United Church in September, Helen Christine Peer of Milton and Jack Carlyle Wharram Jr. of Woodstock exchanged wedding vows. The bride and groom are both second year students of Centralia College of Agricultural Technology.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Peer, R.R. 2, Milton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wharram, R.R. 1, Woodstock.

Rev. Wayne Irwin performed the afternoon ceremony with Miss Mary Heene as soloist, accompanied by Miss Linda Heene. The bride wore a dress made by her mother and around her neck wore her great-great grandmother's watch.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister Gwen Peer of Angus. Bridesmaids were the groom's sister Barbara Wharram of Woodstock and a friend of the bride Shirley Albers of Burlington.

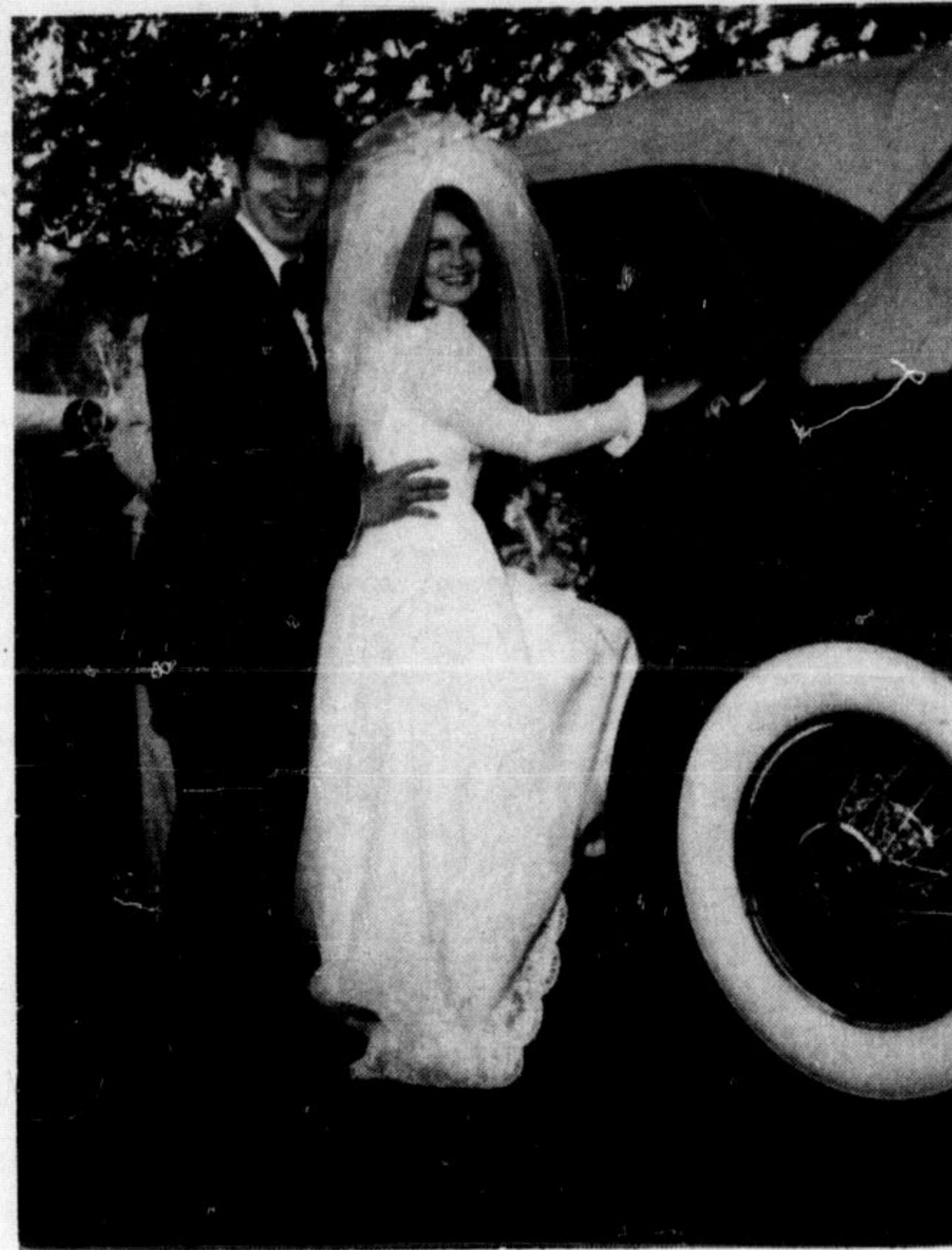
Orval Peer gave his daughter in marriage. Groomsman was Murray

Hammerton of Beachville while brothers of the bride and groom Bruce Peer of Moffat and Bruce Wharram of Woodstock were ushers.

At the reception for 70 guests held in the church hall, John Thomas was emcee. The newlyweds have taken up residence at Lucan.

Prior to the marriage the Sweaburg community presented the couple with lamps. A surprise miscellaneous shower was given the bride by Cindy Powell of R.R. 2, Milton and the bride's aunt Mrs. Roy Powell of Carlisle hosted a miscellaneous shower. Friend and bridesmaid Shirley Albers of Burlington held a surprise personal shower for the bride.

SLOVENLY
Political language is largely the defense of the indefensible. . . . Language becomes inaccurate because our thoughts are foolish, but the slovenliness of our language makes it easier for us to have foolish thoughts.
—George Orwell



MUNRO-RICHARDSON vows were exchanged at St. George's Anglican Church, Lowville. She is the former Nancy Louise Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson of Milton. The groom Gary James Munro is from Islington.

—Most of the leaves have fallen from the trees and the bleak winter is nearly here.

—Snow has fallen a couple of times in the past week but hasn't stayed around long.

—Thursday, Oct. 31 is Halloween night. Make safety your watchword.

Wedding

Munro - Richardson

The marriage of Nancy Louise Richardson and Gary James Munro took place recently at St. George's Anglican Church, Lowville. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Paul Moore with Mrs. Kathy Powell as soloist and Mrs. Elva Middlebrook as organist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson of Milton, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Munro of Islington.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Margaret Penny was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Ruth Verhoef and Valerie Ella. Wayne Richardson was the ringbearer.

Glenn Munro was best man with Peter Panacci and Chris Richardson as ushers.

Reception, dance
The bride's mother assisted by the groom's mother received the guests at a dinner held at the UAW Hall in Milton with a dance immediately following. Mrs. Mary Price made and decorated the wedding cake.

Special guests were the bride's grandparents from R.R. 2, Milton; the groom's grandmother and aunt from England; and grandmother from Toronto. Other guests came from Toronto, London, Simcoe, St. Williams, Waterford, Burlington and Milton.

Showers for the bride were given by Mrs. Irene Munro; Mrs. Jean McGrath and Mrs. Winnie Heslop; Margaret Penny and Ruth Verhoef; Mrs. Winnie Farquharson, Mrs. Peggy Dineen and Mrs. Jackie Skopiowsky; Mrs. Elva Middlebrook, Mrs. Doris Dales and Mrs. Doris Grant; and the bride's fellow employees. Glenn Munro held a stag honoring the groom.

The bride and groom spent their honeymoon in Bermuda. They are now residing at 580 The East Mall, Apartment 1008, Islington.

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Joyce Beaton

Quiet desperation within marriage

Laura Sabia of the Status of Women committee, made the statement recently that the majority of women in marriage are not happy, that they live lives of quiet desperation. She continued to say women are afraid to talk with other women about it, for fear of what they will think of them.

The problem seems to lie in the fact that we are so concerned with our playing out the role of good wife and mother we are forgetting the person we once were or were capable of becoming.

I have no quarrel with housewives—how can I, I'm one myself. What I do feel is we mustn't let the process rob us of our husbands, a daughter-in-law, a daughter, and so on? We are a person in our own right and the struggle to find that person after she's been in hiding for 10, 20, 30, 40 years can be a tremendous upheaval.

Sexist
In my struggle I've been accused of being a man hater by an adjudicator of a drama festival where one of my plays on the subject of woman's role in society hit him where it hurt.

I've been told by a pediatrician I should spend as much time with my children as I do trying to correct the problems of pollution. To be more explicit, "While you're trying to save all of humanity, a little time with your son isn't too much to ask." When I wiped away the inevitable tears (after all he must be right, he's a man and a doctor, isn't he?) I realized his remark for what it was—sexist. My child was not being neglected and yet here I was being intimidated by one male remark.

Mothers, we've been brainwashed. Brainwashed into thinking that when a woman becomes a parent it's a forever chain around her neck—she's more responsible for the child's welfare than her partner or than the child itself.

Have you ever heard a man told he's a lousy parent because he doesn't spend every waking hour of every day and night personally tending his offspring? No, of course not, he's got a wife. Have you ever heard him called a woman hater when he writes a drama or book pointing out the indignities to mankind? No, of course not, he has all of MANKIND behind him.

A person
We must be responsible for our children and for each other, of course we must. It must stop being the sole responsibility of the mother at the exclusion of herself as a person with talents, abilities, a brain in her head. The details of how we shall resolve this identity crisis will probably be as varied as the people involved.

Little children need the loving care of their parents, providing their parents love them. We all need the love of each other and it's only through that love we can work to a satisfactory arrangement.

In my house we are still trying to find a solution that's foolproof. I no longer feel it's my sole responsibility to clean the bathroom, kitchen floor, do the washing, etc. Everyone else in the house dirties the bathroom, walks on the floors and dirties the clothes. What we are working out, I suppose, is a form of communal living. When someone makes a mess they clean it up, it's as simple as that.

I must admit it's easier when I have the excuse of holding down a full-time job. When I was home all day I naturally felt it was my job, and come hell or high water I was going to be the GOOD WIFE AND MOTHER.

People liberation
We're slowly changing that to include the kind of person I really am. My change in role playing is expanding to include my husband and children. How much more humane to consider the personality before the role society has imposed.

This is more of a movement for people liberation than just for women. The reason woman is having to make such a noise of it at the moment is, she doesn't have the law on her side.

It's a two way street. I have had to let go of territory I felt was exclusively mine. I'm a pretty good cook but that doesn't mean I should deprive my family of learning the art just because I do it better. Why shouldn't I do it better, with 20 years experience on them? Now my boys cook and cook well.

I've had to admit that perhaps someone else can love and discipline my child. I no longer get uptight when a principal or teacher offers advice, after all they're with my child almost as many hours as I am. I can extend this to family and friends and no longer look upon it as interfering. It isn't so vitally necessary for me to be top dog in my child's life so I will have some reason for living.



HELEN PEER and Jack Wharram Jr. were married recently at Lowville United Church. Both are students at Centralia College of Agricultural Technology.

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YOUR EYE ON FASHION

My life in the listening business

BY BETTY KENNEDY

I find hosting an interview show is a lot easier than explaining how you do it.

I don't think you can be in this business without being genuinely curious about people, about their lives, and the million things that make them different from each other.

But a person's difference doesn't always show on the surface and you can't force it out. It takes a lot of listening, not only to the person's words but to the hidden man or woman behind them.

My main effort is always to make the person feel at ease, to let my guests know the moment they walk into the studio that they'll be treated with respect and thoughtfulness. Putting people on the spot or deliberately embarrassing them doesn't interest me. I want them to relax and explore the things that really mean something to them.

When a long-time international star tells you candidly she has no difficulty relating to huge audiences,

it's only in one-to-one relationships she can never make it, you know you have reached that person. She becomes a real person talking, not just a stage



personality. It's that kind of response that suddenly makes an interview take off.

What I am after is exactly that personal, human quality of a guest which can often lend a new perspective to a story. Many things about a

good interview are the intangibles you simply can't explain. The tangibles are easy enough—the amount of homework done in advance and your own ability to concentrate completely on the guest.

If someone controversial is presenting an unpopular view, the listening audience is entitled to a fair and impartial presentation. I believe it is the audience, not the interviewer, who judges the merits of a guest. Audiences have a lot of common sense and are quite capable of arriving at their own decisions.

Broadcasting takes you into many different worlds, but always it is the people, what they think, what they feel, why they do the things they do, that count most.

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Betty Kennedy

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