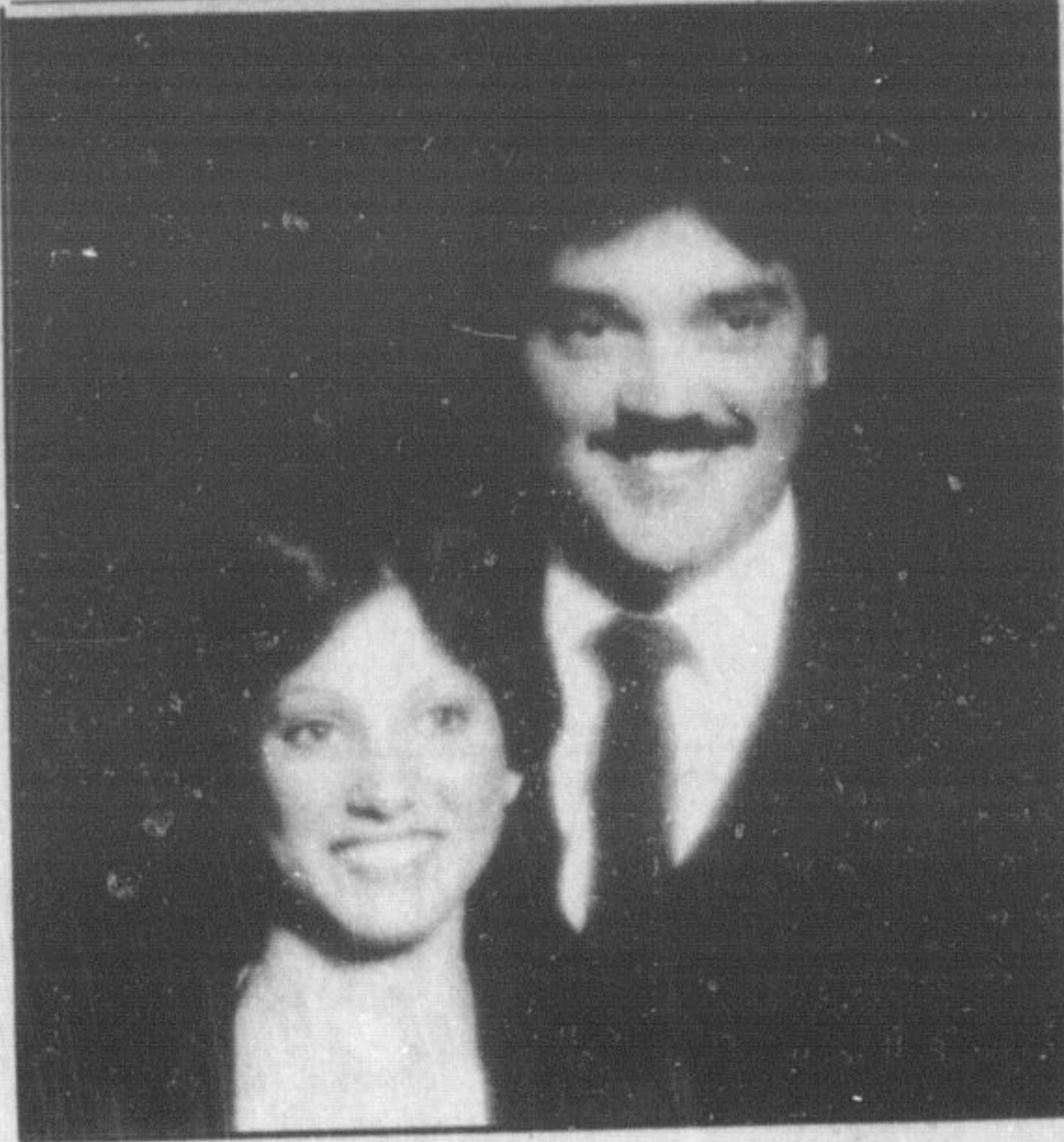


Between the Willows

Of bad molars and parental abuse



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Krasnokutsky of Milton are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rita, to Daniel Albin of Scarborough. The wedding will take place on Saturday Dec. 12, 1981 at Grace Anglican Church in Milton.

By Don Byers
Our parting was not sweet sorrow,
My gum will have healed by tomorrow.
You served me well
And, what the hell,
So my chomping becomes less thorough.

Anon
O yes. At approximately 9:30 a.m. on October 19, 1981, I said a not-so-fond-farewell to my very last molar. This coming-out parting took place two weeks after my second-last grinder was removed from a face swollen to the size and shape of a pumpkin. Good riddance!

Now, it's life without molars... and another lesson learned too late. Many years too late.

I inadvertently sentenced my chompers and biters to a slow, lingering death while I was still very young. To say I practised poor dental hygiene is to put it charitably. Over a painfully

long period of time I paid for my sins of omission. Seldom a year went by when I did not go through stupid suffering while delaying the inevitable extraction. By the time I finally brushed up my act, permanent damage had been done.

I'm sure, if you have young children, you don't need my tooth-testimony to help get the message across. On the other hand, it's yours if you want it.

A most interesting telephone call resulted from "Parental abuse?" (Oct. 14). Through this conversation I learned I had touched on a situation that has many parents out there deeply concerned.

By coincidence, the opening program of W5, on the CTV Network, had a segment called "Tough Love".

The show described organizations of harassed parents, in various cities in

the U.S.A., who have banded together in an attempt to do something positive about the negative and irresponsible conduct of their teenage sons and daughters.

These people are victims of parental abuse of the most vicious kind. The case histories I watched and heard were starkly revealing. As a parent and viewer I was both angered and disgusted. The kids involved were selfish, unthinking, care-nothing deadbeats who were not only destroying their own lives but the lives of their families and any other decent person with whom they came in contact.

"Tough Love" is a no-frill, head-on approach intended to sort out this ugly situation. It is a firm but fair declaration of facts.

"At the moment, living at home is to your advantage," admonishes a parent. "But your attitude is not only

self-destructive, it is messing up the whole family.

"You know we love you. That is apparently not enough. So this is the way it is going to be. As long as you live here, you obey the house rules, and accept your responsibilities. If you can't do this, you had better leave. Here's a list of agencies, out there in the real world, where you can get shelter, food and help. But remember, they all have house rules, too."

"It is your decision. Nobody else can make it for you."
That's one version of "Tough Love". Not a choice between this and nothing. It is a challenge to at least begin the painful process of assuming responsibility for one's actions.

Is it the answer? I really don't know. But until something better comes along "Tough Love" certainly sounds better than doing nothing and taking your lumps.

Makes sense to me.



AUTHOR MERLE HEWINS CUST

'New horizons' for Mountsberg

The contents of a monthly pension cheque envelope would appear, at first glance, to provide unlikely spawning grounds for an historical perspective—let alone the historical society that wrote it.

Yet, the just released book, entitled *The Mountsberg Heritage*, and its author, The Mountsberg Historical Society, owe their existence to close scrutiny of the contents by longtime Mountsberg resident Gordon Hewins.

Mr. Hewins, who was compiling a preliminary history of the community his family settled in 1835, saw in an enclosed New Horizons Program application form an opportunity to complete his work and the work of others.

To qualify for the program, and the eventual grant of about \$2,000, Mr. Hewins founded The Mountsberg Historical Society—a group composed of 17 directors and numerous member-contributors. Mr. Hewins served as the society's president.

Two years of research by numerous residents in the rural community—an area bounded by Campbellville on the east, Highway 6 on the west, the 14th Concession on the north and the 11th Concession on the south—and considerable writing by Merle Hewins Cust, a second cousin of Mr. Hewins, has resulted in the publication of the 135-page document.

The Mountsberg Heritage is available at the Campbellville Emporium and retails, until Christmas, for \$9.95. The price will increase by \$1 in 1982.

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP

This one evening Workshop is for those people who would like to create their own fresh flower table centre for Christmas.

LOCATION: Laurier Avenue Community Room (Milton Sports Centre)
DATE: Wednesday, December 9, 1981
TIME: 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
FEE: \$18.00 (this includes all materials)
PLEASE NOTE: Workshop is limited to 20 participants

If you are interested in registering for this Workshop, please drop down to the Parks and Recreation office at 251 Main Street East - or - telephone: 878-7211, Ext. 48

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Artists can compete for spot in calendar

The publications committee of the Bruce Trail Association is having a contest for artists who may wish to have their work appear in the Bruce Trail calendar.

For a sample copy of the current calendar and for further information, write to The Publications Committee Contest, The Bruce Trail Association, Box 857, Hamilton, Ont. L8N 3N9.

Clements & Noble

Clements and Noble Insurance Brokers Ltd. are pleased to announce that John Austen has joined their firm as an insurance broker. A native of Campbellville, John hopes to meet and renew acquaintances with area residents over the next few months. In the meantime, should you have any questions regarding insurance coverage, please call John at 878-7217.

It's Safety Week

Safe Driving Week, a joint effort in this area between the Halton Region Safety Council and the Canada Safety Council, is being celebrated this week (Dec. 1, 1981 to Dec. 7, 1981).

This week has been chosen as safe driving week to increase public awareness of adverse driving conditions. Early darkness and poor weather are too often joined with the high spirits of the holiday season to produce tragedy.

Obituary Edward Weadge

Edward Isaac Weadge of 87 Townline, Milton, died suddenly at the age of 75 on Oct. 25, 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, son Joseph Weadge of Waterdown and daughter-in-law Wendy.

He is also survived by his sisters Mary Gallagher of Oakville, Phoebe Hilson of Milton Heights, Seville Golden of Campbellville and Gladys Newell of Milton.

He is pre-deceased by two brothers, Robert and Philip.

Mr. Weadge leaves three grandchildren in addition to several nieces and nephews.

He was married December 1, 1930 and had lived most of his life in the Milton area.

A laborer, Mr. Weadge was employed with Gypsum Ltd. for a number of years, Wm. R. Barnes and finally King Pesticides—from which he retired in 1976.

Rev. Trevor Lewis officiated at the funeral on Oct. 28, 1981—which took place at McKersie Funeral Home in Milton.

Interment was at St. David's Cemetery in Campbellville.

Pallbearers were Ken Shaw of Tottenham, Bill Shaw of Belton, Clinton Shaw of Toronto, Grant Stark of Milton, Sam Nadalin of Milton and Brian Newell of Milton.

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