

# Wedding pictures tell story

## More from Moore

by Murray Moore

Celebration of marriages to a degree considered normal in this country has recently come under attack when taken to the same degree in China (as in People's Republic of; formerly Red).

What really disturbs some comrades over there is that some of the most lavish and, you know, materialistic celebrations are laid on by members of the elite Communist Party.

Having recently been married myself, and now experiencing the repercussions, I am moved to wonder if the Chinese have the capitalist roader custom of having wedding pictures taken.

(One suspects somehow that rice is not thrown at the bride and groom in a country where it is a staple food and also perhaps not that plentiful.)

All it would take for a massive shift in the flow of currencies between China and Japan would be for as many slides and black and white photographs to be taken at each Chinese wedding as were taken at my own wedding.

The only positive statement I can find to make about the boxes of colour slides and bulging envelopes of polaroid, colour, and black and white pictures we have accumulated from divers helpful sources is that I am in nearly all of them.

We have at present a solid foundation of a collection guaranteed to be as boring as any other collection of family slides and pictures in this country.

My wife looks lovely in her white dress. I do not, in my black suit. I look thin. I do not feel thin. I like to think that I am slim.

This, however, is not the same as knowing that I look thin.

A viewer soon notices the common failing of the average amateur wedding photographer. He or she gets back far enough to get in the whole party, and the lovely background. The product is a photo in which the heads are the size they would look if you looked at someone through binoculars reversed so you were looking through the lenses and out the eyepieces.

I need not have had a moustache, as I have had, briefly. No one would be able to notice.

But then no one seemed to notice when, a) I grew a moustache, or, b) when I shaved it off. Another radical departure in grooming was my switch from parting my hair on the left side to parting it in the middle.

The only interesting part of the body outside of a centrefold is the head, from the side or the front. Everybody has arms, legs, and a torso to which they are attached.

A politician's face is his trademark. I don't think of them as having bodies, too. I was with surprise that I learned that I am taller than both Pierre Trudeau and Jimmy Carter, and that Richard Nixon is about my height.

Trudeau is about 5'5", Carter about 5'8". Nixon and I are nearly 6 foot tall. He may have seemed taller however whenever he stood on tiptoe and made the V for Victory sign with both upraised hands.

I myself have never successfully been able to wear a hat outside in any type of wind, which obviously limits the times that I would wear one.

However last Friday my car strangely enough, did work and with the top down I braved the 400 with a cap on.

I related to my wife, still admiring after a month, the tale of how hats and caps will not stay on my head. I put this fact down to my having either slippery hair or a large brain.

She ignored my hair, being like everyone else in that respect, and rather informed me that my brain was not large, merely swollen.

## \$50 first prize

# Midland's core area subject of photo contest

Next time you get the urge to shoot off a roll of black and white or colour film some summer day or evening, keep this in mind. One of those shots could be worth \$50 to you — if it's taken in downtown Midland.

Midland's Business Improvement Association (BIA) is sponsoring a photo competition this summer and everyone is invited to submit 8 x 10 mounted prints to the town's Chamber of Commerce office at 278 King Street.

The basic idea behind the competition is to give you a chance to show others how you "see" the Midland town centre, through the camera lens.

**Three categories**  
The submitted photos must fall within one of three contest categories:

- people pictures (human events, situations);
- buildings, objects, details);
- Midland's harbour area.

The submissions need not necessarily be "pretty pictures" of the downtown area.

Something a little off-beat might catch the collective eye of the judges. The only other stipulation for entering the BIA contest is that the submissions must have been taken since January, 1979.

Entries must be received at the Chamber of Commerce office by Friday, August 15. All photographs will be on public display from Aug. 18-Sept. 1. This newspaper will be publishing the winning entries on Friday, August 22.

First prize is \$50, second prize is worth \$25

and a \$10 third prize will also be awarded by Mayor Moreland Lynn. Dave Battrick (photographer), Hugh Niblock (artist) and Budd Watson (photographer) will act as contest judges.

**Subject area**  
The boundaries for the competition are simple. From the harbour area right up to Yonge Street, and between Midland Avenue and First Street. There's plenty to capture in that area. The competition is open to persons of all ages. There is no entry fee.

## Weather, publicity praised

Midland sidewalk sale chairman, Ken Beatty, attributed the large turnout of people at the annual three-day sale last week to the "gorgeous weather."

The general consensus of the downtown businessmen was that a steady stream of people passed through the closed-off section of King Street.

Last year people seemed to come in certain periods.

Because traffic this year was steady, he assumes more people came to look and buy.

More and more people know of the event each new year and many are tourists, he said. Good media coverage also helps.

He was disappointed that more displays weren't set up. He suggested that an earlier start in planning next year will correct this lack.

# Next event set for Awenda

## SCOUTING AROUND



by Robin Nutbrown

Lakeland IV Adventure will be held at Awenda Provincial Park on September 26, 27 and 28, 1980.

A steering committee has been established with responsibility for administration, logistics, supplies, finances, medical services, etc. The water activities will be conducted in a shallow inland lake under the direction of a separate program sub-committee. A tuck shop is planned with souvenirs etc. for sale.

A separate program committee has also been established. Each of the program levels will have a separate sub-camp with its own headquarters and program staff in the sub-camp.

The Beaver Program will take place in the form of a Beaveree on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Groups are to come self-contained and to bring a lunch. All who register will receive a crest. The theme for the day's activities is "Star Wars".

The Cub Program will be self-contained and Cubs may register either Friday evening or Saturday morning. Opening ceremonies, campfire and closing ceremonies will be centrally organized as well as a full cuboree based on a carnival theme. Each participating pack will be assigned an activity

(or booth) to operate as a part of the carnival.

Scouts and Sea Scouts will come self-contained as patrols. The program will be based on patrol activities and individual challenges. Fun activities, athletic challenges and Scouting skill events are planned. A separate water activities program is also planned that will include fun events such as log rolling and canoe bobbing.

A separate Cub camp will be established for Venturers with a special program planned especially for them. It too will have water activities incorporated and will be geared for the special interests of this age group, incorporating mature events of skill, physical ability and mental activity.

If you would like more information concerning Lakeland IV, contact your service team representative, he or she will fill you in on the details for the Adventure.

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