

Letters

Dear Editor,

May 1, 1982, was the closing day for It's Fashion. The license bureau is closed also, until a new applicant has been accepted. This may take some time since several changes are being made at the government transportation and communications level to simplify sticker renewals, transfers, etc.

Marie Storey has received a warm thank you from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for her excellent work as a license office agent. On several occasions she has expressed to me her gratitude towards our local dealerships, who were so patient with her training in the beginning and then their continual business. The reports of her service to the public have certainly been honorary with her efficient and pleasant way.

It's Fashion has been open for five years. Its first location was on the back lane where Elm Flower shop was and later where Elmvale Auto Supply first opened.

Store's manager explains store closing

Marie Storey and Gloria Woods took this business over from their husbands in 1977, at which time Marie became the fulltime manager. With great efforts they have tried to satisfy the local trade with men's clothing, teenage and childrens wear. This experience and the knowledge we've gained has been really challenging and eye-opening.

We would like to thank those who have patronized us over the past five years. Business has dropped though. We can no longer compete with the local malls, who can offer all types of in-door shopping and the gypsies that appear at the flea markets who have little or no overhead in comparison to the cost of our rent, insurance, hydro, taxes, etc. Those types can even get away with not charging tax on purchases.

It is a sorry sight to see a business close in a small tourist village, but today with the necessary need to pinch pennies, the more competitive stores get the business.

We know our prices were comparable to the Barrie and Midland stores, but learned that people don't seem to take into consideration the price they pay on travelling expense in search for better bargains.

Unless you are a business minded person it is difficult to understand why our local merchants need your support.

If Elmvale is to stay a handy shopping centre for our tourists and local residents, please help it to grow. Let's keep that old fashioned, warm community feeling in existence.

I recall an optometrist's opinion of Elmvale, when I lived in Toronto. He told me that he considered Elmvale a pretty and somewhat sophisticated little village and that he and his wife, who have a cottage locally, loved its pleasant atmosphere and handiness.

Let's stay proud of our village and keep compliments like this floating.

In appreciation, I thank you,
Gloria Woods

Important occasion scheduled

A confirmation rehearsal is to be held at St. Margaret's Church in Midland today at 1 p.m.

All Grade 8 candidates are to attend this rehearsal as are adult candidates.

The church's 1982 confirmation class is to be confirmed next Saturday evening at an 8 p.m. mass.

On hand for this important occasion will be His Excellency Bishop Robert Clune. A reception is to be held following the mass.

JA completes its year with closing banquet

Junior Achievement of Midland-Penetanguishene will complete its year with a closing banquet at the Athenian Hall, Friday, May 7 at 6 p.m.

The Future Unlimited Banquet will afford officials the opportunity to recognize achievers and advisors for their participation and achievements during the past year.

Let's get back to the three R's

Dear Editor:

On April 21, I attended a meeting on education at Tecumseth South Central School (Simcoe County) which was sponsored by the Ratepayers Association.

Mrs. Fiona Nelson, a member of the Toronto Board of Education, was one of the invited guest speakers. Leaving that meeting I could not help but feel that education, in academic subjects, is today secondary, in fact totally outdated.

Mrs. Nelson made it very clear that today's child must learn how to cope with today's ever changing society, they must learn to face realism. They must receive values education in our schools. This seems to have first priority!

While I do agree that children must learn morals and values I question: whose morals and whose values are they inculcated with in our schools?

I have studied the Simcoe County new revised human relations curriculum (Grade 12) which is currently in use in our schools. I am sorry to see that no real changes have been made, that the philosophy which caused tremendous public outcry in Simcoe County still remains in the curriculum.

Oh yet, the obnoxious segments, like the Cave-In

Simulation, or the overpopulation of the world, where students had to decide who to kill in order to produce enough food for the more privileged, or the paragraph about homosexuals (Grade 9) with a very detailed description as to how to satisfy their sexual needs, have been removed.

However, films like Satan's Choice and books like Jakob Two-Two (complete with questionnaire) are still being used for values clarification.

Why do they insist on using only negative material to teach our children values? Why can't they use positive, character building books and films? Why aren't the students given constructive realism? After all realism isn't all negativism!

In my view the school system is undermining the structure of society by changing the students morals and beliefs rather than educating the students to adapt into society.

At the meeting I asked a very specific question, namely: Sidney Simon author of "values clarification" books, seems to insist that we don't need any more preaching about right or wrong. The old "thou shalt not's" simply are not relevant.

WHY DO SIDNEY SIMON'S VALUES CLARIFICATION BOOKS APPEAR TO BE THE BASIS OF MUCH OF OUR RESOURCE

MATERIALS?

Mr. Boswell, curriculum superintendent, replied that without having the material at his fingertips, he was unsure as to what extent Sidney Simons material was used in the curriculum and "they do rely on the good judgement and discretion of the teachers." WHAT IS BEHIND ALL THIS? IT CERTAINLY FRIGHTENS ME!

Also of late we are told that great emphasis on the 3 R's is given. They are going back to drilling these subjects. At the same time, however, so many new subjects like welding, wallpaper hanging, changing sparkplugs and such household chores etc. are being introduced into the classroom.

The big question remains: WHEN DOES THE TEACHER FIND TIME TO DRILL THE ACADEMIC SUBJECTS???

Your's truly
—Mrs. L. Brinkman
Loretto, Ont.

Three cheers to Upstage One

Dear Editor:

The Upstage One production of "The Wizard of Oz" last week at Bayview School encompassed the finest level of education for the students of our area.

Key roles in the play included younger and older students plus two teachers. The acting, music, dance routines and staging provided the audiences with superb entertainment. From the uniqueness of "The Wiz" to the complexity of the dance routines, this production reached a pinnacle in dramatics.

Mrs. Val MacMenemey and Mr. John McCallum

have created an unbelievable sense of discipline and values in the cast and crew of Upstage One. Every person has a job to do.

These young people, in addition to performing, create costumes, clean the hall after performances, put away materials, and generally run the show. This is due mostly to the gifted and sensitive leadership provided by Mrs. MacMenemey and Mr. McCallum. Our community certainly benefits from their efforts.

Sincerely,
—R. J. Armstrong

Yet another success story

Dear Editor:

The Big Sisters Association of Huronia is pleased to inform you that its recent Tag Day was a great success.

The donations received exceeded those received in any other year. They will be used towards activities for the Big and Little Sisters, for financial support of Little Sisters going to camp, and towards the funding of workshops and

educational materials for Big Sisters and Board members.

The positive response and generous support that we received from the people in this area was most gratifying and very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
—Susan Arnold
Publicity Chairman

It's Mom's Day!

May 9

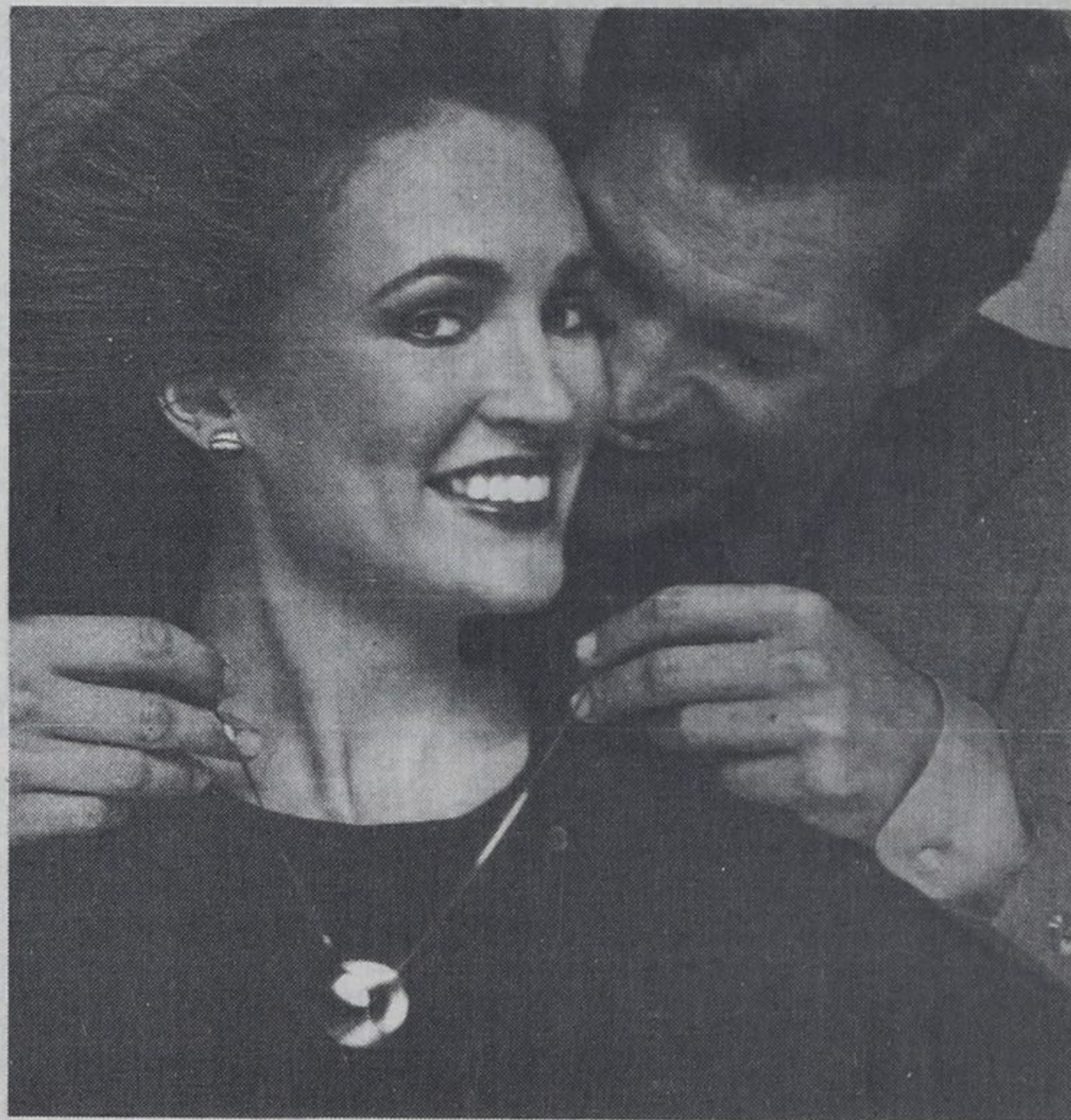
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