

from the churches

We celebrate peace, not war

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It is so appropriate that Christmas should immediately follow Remembrance Day in our calendar year. We recall those who died for peace; we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Remembrance Day without the hope for new beginnings, without the dream of a lasting peace,

would surely lead us only to mourn. I invite you then to reflect with me on the significance of Remembrance Day illuminated by Christmas.

Let us remember, remember those who died for peace, for we celebrate peace, not war; reconciliation, not tyranny.

Those who fought did so for a purpose; let us not lose sight of that purpose, their vision.

As we think of the past, if it is to be purposeful, we must realize the demands it makes on us for the present, and commitments for the future.

There are some who think nostalgically of the war — the comradeship, the heroism, the parties, the farewells, the 'good old days'. They have forgotten much. We cannot afford to remember the best, and forget the rest. We have had too much of the tinselled, heroic, Hollywood-concocted style of war; it isn't real.

In 1945, we were suddenly and rudely thrust into the nuclear age. Today, more than 20 countries have the potential to build nuclear warheads. Several of these countries are facing internal or external threat to their peace. In the past, we spoke of the 'just' war. Can we seriously propose today that any war has a realistic chance of success?

The bleak truth about our nuclear age is that if war comes, then at the cost of our own obliteration, we can obliterate our enemies; and that nuclear weapons eliminates the balance of power — one person with one such bomb could hold a nation to ransom.

This is the reality we face today. Let us remember: those who died, died for peace. For any lasting peace, we must maintain a constant balance between love and justice. For the Christian, this is an imperative. God has imprinted His image, His life-giving Spirit, on all people.

We who affirm the Fatherhood of God must with equal passion confirm all people as brothers and sisters. We are given to one another to care for, to love. And this became reality in a Bethlehem stable. To live this new life in unity with Christ is to affirm that it

is better to suffer than to inflict suffering, to suffer injustice away.

But peace on earth necessitates justice as well. The injustices of our world hardly need documentation. The barriers we erect between peoples, classes, sexes.

We promote hostility and violence, yet make so little effort for peace. We spend \$900 per person each year on defence (on increasing the world's overkill power so we may kill every person in the world 22 rather than 20 times), and only \$3.50 per person to share with the rest of the world our hope for peace.

We continue to stockpile weapons; we ignore the inhumane treatment, the undeniable injustice in our world — man's inhumanity to man. We cannot dramatically alter world politics; but if we cannot be reconciled to our neighbour, how can we hope for international peace?

If we are truly peacemakers, let us work together to resolve tension in our homes, in our communities, within our country. Let us ensure greater justice for the have-nots of our world.

This is the responsibility of the peacemaker; this will be among the most pressing challenges of the next decade.



Moorley-Davis

Rev. Ian Harland officiated at the double ring ceremony in Cockenour United Church recently, which united in marriage Carol Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gareth Davis of Red Lake and James Arthur Moorley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moorley of Richmond Hill.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white chiffon tulle over crepe satin, fashioned with a full train and a high lace neck trimmed with seed pearls.

The gown had lily point sleeves and rose appliques on the sleeves and skirt. Her long cathedral veil, held by a Juliet cap and trimmed with lace, had been worn by her sister, Georgie for her wedding. The bridal bouquet was of white carnations and red roses.

Maid of honor was Miss Shirley Tetlock of Brandon, Manitoba; bridesmaids were Miss Helen Iglenic, Mrs.

Georgie McCann and Miss Cindy Davis; and flower girl was Miss Colleen Robinson.

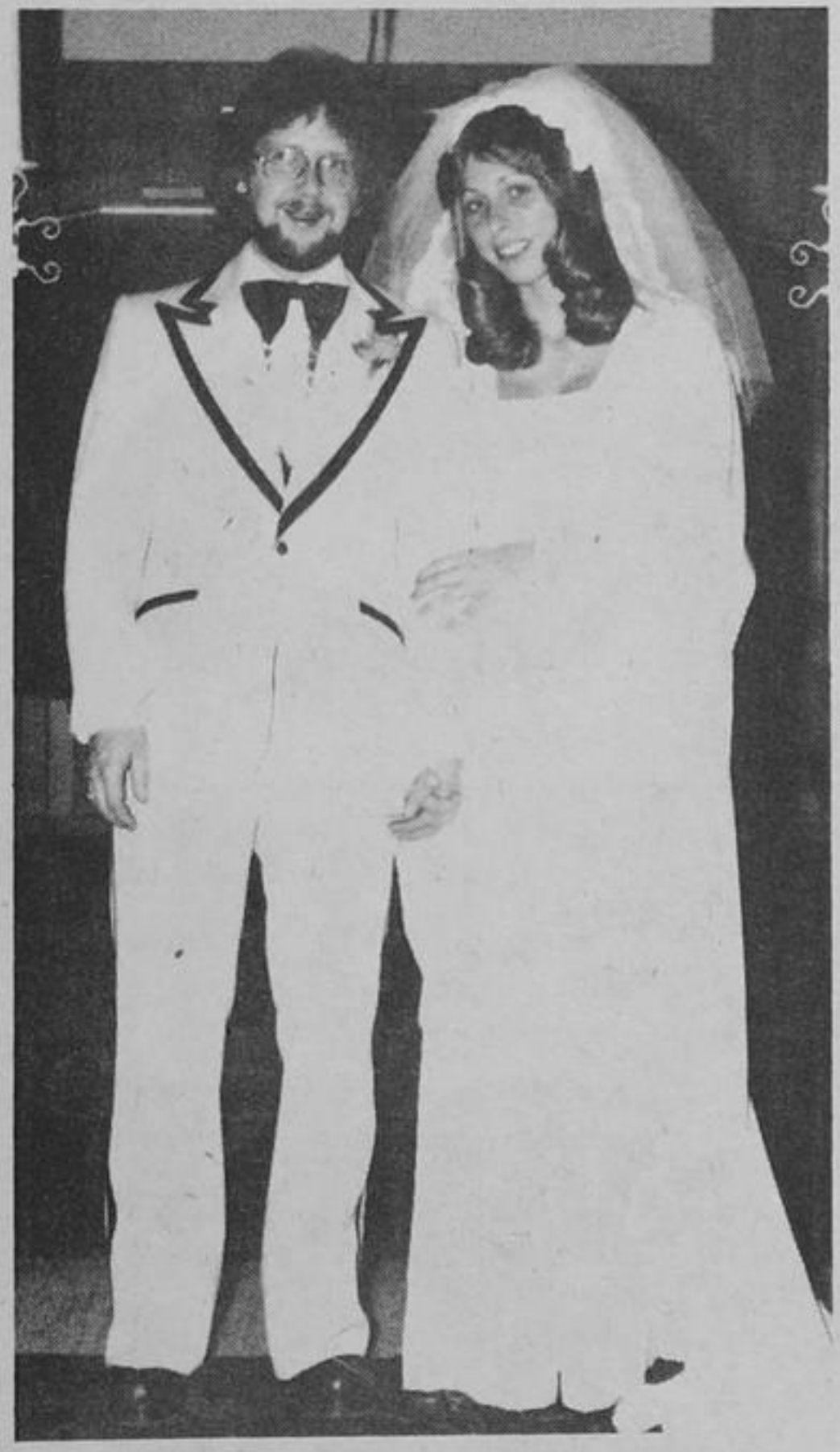
Attending the groom as best man was his brother, Rob Moorley of Sioux Lookout. Ushers were Randy Baird, Don Davis and Roger Waters of Toronto. They wore sand tuxedos.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moorley are residing in Red Lake, Ontario.

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Durand-Moelker

The Ebenezer Christian Reformed Church, Trenton, was decorated with candelabra laced with orange and yellow carnations, and ribbons for the candlelit ceremony recently which united in marriage Jeanette (Jane) Moelker and Brian Durand. Rev. R. W. Popna officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Moelker, R. R. 4, Trenton, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Durand, Ashlar Road, Richmond Hill.

Traditional wedding music was played by Mr. F. Haveman, of Trenton.

Attendants of the bride were her sisters Elizabeth Paudash as matron of honor; Corrie, Audrey and Ann Moelker as bridesmaids. The groom's niece Kari Richardson was the flower girl and the bride's brother Peter Moelker was the ring bearer.

The groom was attended by Robert Sim of Richmond Hill as best man; and by David Dunkley, Don Bishop and Bruce Richardson as ushers.

The bride wore an empire waist gown fashioned with long, wide sleeves, which was made by a sister of the groom. She carried a bouquet of orange roses and white carnations.

The bridesmaids were dressed alike in beige satin dresses trimmed with lace. The flower girl and maid of honor wore floral printed dresses trimmed with brown lace. They carried bouquets of daisies and roses.

Following a reception for the one hundred guests in the Skyline Fiesta Room, Trenton, Mr. and Mrs. Durand left for a honeymoon in Florida.

They are now residing in Richmond Hill.

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Society plans

awards night

The Richmond Hill Horticultural Society will hold its annual awards night and family party this Saturday at 8 p.m.

The event will be held in the Presbyterian Church hall.

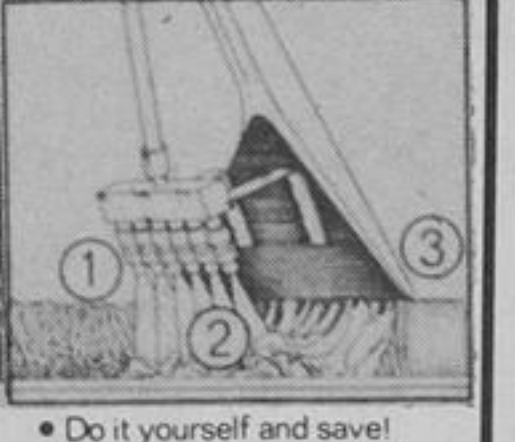
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