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By Lillian O'Donnell

Enjoying to the full every minute of their stay in town are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Saunders of The Thatched Cottage, Blackhills, Esher, Surrey, England. Although Mr. Saunders was a complete stranger upon arrival his charming wife, the former Madge Austin was not. To her many former skating pupils who have known and loved her, she was, still is and always will be "Auntie Madge", and to her many friends in the district just — Madge.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we and no doubt you all recall just how figure skating conscious she has made us. Many of her pupils owe their success in the world of the silver blades to her patience and excellent tuition. From the Porcupine Skating Club alone she has given to the world at large such fine professionals as Mary Lou Landreville, understudy to star Ann Robinson, Marjorie McChesney, Julie Popovich and John O'Donnell, understudy to star Eldon Adair of Ice-Capades, The Keeley sisters, Betty and Margaret formerly of Ice Follies, Vera Jenkin, Eliz Sandul and Marj Tomkinson, the latter now Mrs. Henslay, of Ice Cycles, Alex Fulton of the Oshawa Skating Club, Jean Zodorozny, Olga Bernyk and Doreen Dutton, in addition to many champions.

Madge Austin, Gold Medalist Figure Skater and internationally famous dance authority from England not only made famous the local club during the winter months but was also the founder of the Porcupine Summer Skating School. The first Summer of its inception the school boasted 60 members, composed of 14 outsiders, the remainder, local boys and girls. But that year made history, pupils passed more tests under her excellent coaching than in any other club across the Dominion. Today there are over 200 members enrolled. They hail from every part of Canada and from many parts of the United States. Madge is exceedingly proud of her pupils and of the school she founded — and justifiably so.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders made the trip here by plane. On Sunday afternoon Madge tells us, "we had our tea in our own home after which we drove over to the airport, boarded the plane and were in New York having tea at the Billmore Hotel by 6 o'clock Monday. It was very different when I left Canada for England in 1945, she said. "Then it took exactly 23 days by boat". Asked about conditions as they exist at present in England, Madge tells us they are rather grave, ration is still in full force. There is a scarcity of food stuffs also. Nylons are unheard of and clothes take so many coupons, in addition they are difficult to secure and in some cases certain articles are not available. Luxuries appear to be a thing of the past, but then she says, we've done without luxuries so long now that we never miss them. Its rather wonderful to be back here for a change where everything is so plentiful, Mrs. Saunders said", to which Mr. Saunders added that though it was his first trip over he thought the country grand and as for the McIntyre Arena he thinks it one of the finest buildings of its kind on the continent.

In speaking of skates, skaters and romance we learned that Mr. and Mrs. Saunders had known each other practically all their lives. It was he that bought Madge her first pair of skates. She was then seven years old. They were a far cry from the fancy blades that so much in evidence nowadays, reminisced Madge. They were what was known as "Dutch Runners" and featured wooden blades. Madge still has them, they occupy a place of honor beside her medals, cups and the many trophies she won during the course of her meteoric career. About romance? When Madge returned in 1945 to England to help settle her family affairs she again met Mr. Saunders for the first time in a period of 20 years. He was the family lawyer. Friendship was renewed and within 15 days they were Mr. and Mrs. — And we noted a happier couple it would be hard to find.

There is another little "somebody" we would like to mention. Its "Shang" Madge's pet Pekinese. Left in the care of Joe and Marjorie Lomas when Madge left for her native England, the little dog "just about turned herself inside out" with sheer happiness at seeing her mistress again. She barked, thumped her shaggy tail and cuddled up, and won't even consider letting Madge out of her sight for a minute now that she is here again.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders will say good-bye to their friends day after tomorrow. They will travel by train to Toronto, board a plane at the Queen City for New York where they will spend a day or two prior to returning to the Old Country. They plan to visit here again, probably next year, if not then, the next. While in town they were the house guests of Lieut. J. W. S. Lomas and Mrs. Lomas, McIntyre Property.

Another more than welcome visitor to the district is the Rev. David Mitchell, Mrs. Mitchell and their small son and daughter from Rupert House, that bleak country that cradles the Hudson Bay's far flung domain. Rev. Mitchell is in charge of the Anglican Mission there and the 80 families that comprise the population. Rupert House has a rather colorful history that dates back to 1668 when a party of adventurers sailed up that nameless river in the name of King Charles II. Sighting land, they went ashore and raised the flag high. Later they called it Fort Charles in honor of King Charles II then named Rupert River and Rupert House in honor of Prince Rupert who became the first head of the famed Hudson Bay Company.

Nearly 75 years ago John Horden, the first Bishop of Moosonee founded the present day school and the church which has always been operated by the Anglican Church for the Department of Indian Affairs.

We learned also that travel by plane is the most approved method of transportation these days. It forms one of the basic three accepted modes. The other two are boat and dog team. The Redman also depends upon hunting for his livelihood. During the past several years the Government has encouraged the Indian in the preservation of "fur bearing animals especially the beaver, thus guaranteeing to the Redman a steady source of income. They have also sent a capable man into Rupert House to conduct an intensive study and take a keen interest in health conditions and the diet of the Indian. Better hospitalization which has been greatly needed for a long time has been promised. The Government too has promised every aid in the curbing of tuberculosis, the worst enemy to Indian health.

Asked what he thought of the Redman on the whole, Rev. Mitchell declared "that morally and spiritually they are far ahead of the average white man, that is if the white man had to live under the same existing conditions." "It's really a wonderful life, he told us. I would not trade my experiences for anything in the world. No doubt I will make the Redman my life's work, they are a very conservative people, hard to get to know, but once you know them, you know then just how genuine they are.

Rev. Mitchell, his wife and family will return to Rupert House during the weekend, in the meantime they are visiting as many of their friends in the district as possible.

Sporting wonderful coats of tan are Jean McChesney and Hilda Stephenson who have just returned after holidaying at Capstan Inn, Wasaga Beach.

Alice and Sid Gadsby and son Norman along with Jon Stahl and Alex Rose Jr. are also in the lovely "tan class". The three boys spent a grand holiday at Pine Crest Inn. Later Sid and Alice, accompanied by Norman and Alex "basked in the sun's rays," at Long Lake Lodge, Bala Muskoka, for two weeks.

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Pictured above is Mary Laham, the diminutive, Schumacher, Miss who has unchallenged claim to being the Porcupine's first lady of sport and the Dominion's most outstanding shortstop in softball. On August 16 she will become Mrs. Herman Lambert in an interesting ceremony in St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church. Mary's prospective hubby is an employee of Gamble-Robinson and is well known in the district. After a honeymoon which will be spent in the South, the couple will take up residence on Pine St. N., Timmins. Advance Photo

## Inter-Collegiate Dance Was Gala Affair

### Miss Colleen Lejambe Feted At Bridal Shower

Miss Colleen Lejambe whose marriage next week will be an interesting event was feted at a lovely linen shower on Tuesday evening. Hostesses for the delightful affair were Mrs. Claire Chenier and Miss Theresa Bellet.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with pink and white streamers and wedding bells and vases of Summer flowers added a festive note.

Guests spent a very pleasant evening playing bingo and lovely prizes were won by Miss Betty Taylor, Mrs. R. Belfit and Mrs. Cliff Thomson. The door prize was won by Mrs. R. Taylor. Musical selections provided by Mrs. Bramfield proved one of the highlights of the evening.

After the games the guest of honor was presented with many beautiful articles of linen all gaily wrapped and piled high in a wagon which was decorated in pink and white. Presentation of the gifts was made by Peter Chenier small son of Mrs. C. Chenier.

Later a delicious buffet lunch was served, the dining table graced with tall lighted candles, Summer flowers, a tall vase of Summer flowers. Presiding at the tea urn was Mrs. Belfit, mother of the groom-to-be.

Those present were Mrs. R. Taylor, Mrs. P. Ash, Mrs. R. Belfit, Mrs. C. Thomson, Mrs. I. Valade, Mrs. A. Bramfield, Mrs. H. Kelly, Mrs. W. Bonneville, sister of the bride-to-be of Quebec City, Miss Rita O'Hara, Haileybury, Mrs. G. Lejambe, Miss Diana Banfich, Miss Betty Taylor, Miss Doreen Thomas, Miss Phyllis Clark, Mrs. H. Jensen, Miss Doris Koskela, Miss Peggy Lloyd and Miss Connie Lejambe.

Unable to attend but sending lovely gifts were Mrs. H. Lloyd, Mr. D. Wemyss, Mrs. E. Stack, Mrs. M. Savard, Mrs. F. Torrance and Mrs. Gerry Banning.

### Shirley Workman Feted At Delightful Party

Celebrating her 10th birthday recently Miss Shirley Workman of Hamilton, Conn., was feted at a jolly party given in her honor by her mother. The delightful affair was held in the Auditorium of the McIntyre Community Building and guests spent a most enjoyable afternoon playing games and singing favorite songs. Later all enjoyed a delicious lunch, highlight of which was a large birthday cake festive with fluffy frosting and lighted candles.

In honor of the happy occasion the little girl received many lovely gifts from her family and friends.

Guest list included Miss Diane Williams, Miss Prudence Milton, Miss Barbara Bourgoyne, Miss Mimi Heaman, Miss Ellie Sonneman, Andy Sonneman, Miss Molly Lauzon, Miss Mary McCormick, Miss Linda Foster, Miss Virginia Mae Brodie, Miss Patricia Mabee, Miss Sonja Currie, Miss Maxine Armstrong, Robert Workman and Miss Carol Honsberger.

BEHIE—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Behie, 184 Birch street N., in St. Mary's Hospital, July 9, a daughter, Susan Elizabeth.

BOILEAU—Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boileau, 107 Birch street N., in St. Mary's Hospital, July 10, a son, Louis-Marie Gilbert.

LEASK—Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Leask, 105 Cecil avenue, South Porcupine, in St. Mary's Hospital, July 10, a son, Robert James.

WHATLEY—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Garland Whatley, Toronto, formerly of Timmins, in the General Hospital on July 4, a daughter, Patricia, Garlene.

### Bride-Elect Jean Larche Honored At Shower

The home of Mrs. "Babe" Martin was the setting for a lovely group gift shower recently in honor of Miss Jean Larche whose marriage on August 12 will be an interesting event.

Hostesses for the evening in addition to Mrs. Martin were Mrs. Albert Tremblay and Mrs. L. Martin.

Various games formed the evening's entertainment and prizes were given the winners of the different events.

Prior to the serving of a delicious lunch the guest of honor was presented with a lovely set of dishes, a pair of white wool blankets and a pair of pillows for which she thanked her friends wholeheartedly.

Those present were Mrs. Jos. Tremblay, Mrs. E. Harris, Mrs. Jeannette Thompson, Mrs. F. Ladds, Mrs. R. Lever, Miss Vivian Gosselin, Mrs. Hector Boissonneault, Miss F. Poissonneault, Mrs. Rita McCarthy, Mrs. Perrault, Miss Vivian Perrault, Mrs. Louella Lemieux, Mrs. J. Larche, Mrs. Veinotte, Mrs. A. Kendall, Mrs. Marc Richer, Mrs. A. Martin, Miss Ruby Bissonnette, Mrs. H. Bissonnette, Miss Annette Martin and Miss Anita Bernier.

Unable to attend but contributing to the gifts were Miss Jeanne Barabie, Miss Yolande Barabie, Mrs. Clusiau, Mrs. Joe Fortin, Mrs. E. Brunette, Mrs. E. Lortie, Mrs. J. Martel, Miss Yvette Morin, Mrs. T. Caron, and Mrs. C. Martin.

### Mr. and Mrs. A. Campbell Entertain At Party

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Campbell, Murdoch street, were hosts to a number of their friends at a delightfully arranged cocktail party prior to the attending of the Inter-Collegiate dance held during the weekend.

Those present included, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Pritchard, Miss Isobel Pitre, "Bas" Bastien, Miss Gerry Turcotte, Don Finlayson, Miss Lee Murray, Webb Cummings, Miss Norbekian Parrigan, Ron Brown, Miss Rita Groom and Alfie Groom.

Mrs. R. N. Phillips of Haileybury is spending the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Phillips, 110 Elm street S.

Mr. and Mrs. Gino Denicosa of Thorold, Ontario is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Orlando, 109 Pine street South.

Miss Joy Whitney has left for Hamilton where she has accepted the position of assistant registrar at McMaster University.

Our heartfelt congratulations and sincere best wishes are extended to Rita Watier and Michael Baran for whom wedding bells will ring on August 4th. The marriage will take place in St. Catherine's.

And congratulations and best wishes also are extended to the former Betty Lorraine McCallum of King, Ontario, and to William Edgar Welt of Schumacher. The young couple said their "I do's" last week in a pretty ceremony at Laskey United Church at King. Details of the wedding can be found elsewhere on these pages.

Best wishes for many years of married life are also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stoakley who spoke their marriage vows yesterday afternoon at First United Church. With her wedding ensemble Bea wore a lovely string of pearls, the gift of her many friends on the staff of the Dominion Stores who gave them to her as a parting gift. The members of the staff with whom Bea had worked for so many years presented her with a handsome set of boudoir lamps.

As if also embroidering with golden knots here and there in the intricate shades made by a tall tree and the shrubbery around the side of our house the fireflies are fascinating needleworkers these nice warm nights.

Another in a series of interesting skating programs has been arranged for the many skating fans in the district. The event will be held this evening at McIntyre Arena. Soloist for the evening will include Miss Barbara Baseman, Hamilton, Ontario; Miss Mimi Heaman, St. Louis, Miss; John O'Donnell, Schumacher, understudy to star Eldon Adair of Ice Capades; Miss Patricia Mabee, Ottawa, Canada; Miss Gloria Warren, Hartsdale, New York; Miss Mildred Verbik, Schumacher, and a pairs number by Miss Mildred Nicholls and John Perry of Toronto. The McIntyre Concert Band under the capable baton of Lieut. J. W. S. Lomas will be in attendance.

## Personals

Mr. Ruben Peterson has returned after holidaying with friends in New York City.

Misses Mary and Marcella Hedican have returned after holidaying in New York City.

Mr. Fred Robb has returned after holidaying for several weeks at Sand Lake Louise, Calgary and several places in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Leek have left for San Francisco, Calif., where they will spend some time. While in that city they will attend the convention of Lions International.

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