



Brenda Pike and Donald Hollands were married at Locust Hill United Church on Sept. 17. The couple has since taken up residence in Stouffville.

## Locust Hill girl wed to Orillia man in September

LOCUST HILL — Locust Hill United Church was the scene of the marriage of Brenda Pike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pike of Locust Hill, and Donald Hollands, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hollands of Orillia.

Rev. Gordon Hunter officiated at the ceremony on Sept. 17, 1977, and Blanche Ramer provided the wedding music. The soloist was Robert Ramer.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor length gown of white sheer over crepe with long full sleeves and a detachable chapel train. A simple headdress held her fingertip veil of white sheer with blue flowers. Blue satin streamers fell from a cascade of white roses, blue carnations, and baby's breath with a

sprig of Scottish heather. Julie Torrance was maid of honour and the bridesmaids were Cindy Wannop, Ellen Hollands, sister of the groom, Susan Wannop and Norah Pike, sisters of the bride. They were gowned alike in peach crepe floor length gowns, with flowered applique and blue satin ribbon trim, styled similar to the bride. They wore wide flopped brimmed hats and carried nosegays of blue carnations, white mums with baby's breath, and blue satin streamers.

Andy Winterton was the best man and the ushers were Ted and Garry Hollands, brothers of the groom, Fred Pike, brother of the bride, and John McDowell.

The reception was held at the Markham District Veterans Hall where the brides mother received the guests in a

floor length gown of blue flowered crepe with white accessories, and a white rose corsage. The mother of the groom assisted in a floor length, flowered, pink gown with a corsage of white roses.

For travelling, the bride wore a rust dress with white accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. Mr. and Mrs. Hollands are now residing at R.R. No. 2, Stouffville.

## Our churches Suffering offers the chance to become closer to God

By Rev. J.L. Carder, Stouffville United  
AS ministers visit in nursing homes, hospitals and homes we see much suffering, both physical and mental. Sometimes the questions are asked, "Why is there so much suffering?" or "Why do Christians suffer?"

There are some who regard suffering as "an inevitable evil"; others think it punishment for some sin; and many just remain baffled by it. Many forms of suffering can be relieved, and thanks to medical science it is to a large extent. But often suffering is taken for granted. It may be accepted as a part of life. Let us try to look at suffering in the light of New Testament thinking and teaching.

The first thing we need to realize is that very often we find in the New Testament a "hangover" of Old Testament thinking. Consequently we need not be surprised when we read that in the days of

our Lord's ministry, men regarded suffering as a penalty for sin. The case of the man born blind, recorded in St. John 9, illustrates this, as does the incident reported in St. Luke 13. The inference in these references was that sin was at the root of the matter. That is not the reasoning Jesus used. He not only declared emphatically that calamity need not always be attributed to sinful deeds, but that calamity may be used to discover the heart and mind and will of God for men. So then, suffering, so far from being a ministry. Through the path of suffering many have made their first real discovery of God. In truth, many have found God or discovered Him anew when sickness came.

It would seem however, that the best evidence of the ministry of suffering must be, and is found in the realization that suffering is God's business too. This suf-

fering is something that can draw man and God closer together. And one need scarcely mention how this ministry touched the earthly life of Jesus, and how supremely He entered into it. He had compassion for the sick. He learned obedience through the things He

suffered; He endured the agony of the Cross. In the light of all this, surely it is not wise to take suffering for granted or as something that is inflicted or inevitable. Where is God while humans suffer? God is right here, in the midst of us, suffering with us.

## Glen Major

By Jennie Johnson  
Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. George Pickett on Sunday were Mrs. Edgar Johnson, Mrs. George Johnson and Elizabeth and Chuck Fiss. Very pleased to report George is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Faulkner visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pugh, Havelock.

Paul Baster, of the Netherlands, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones. Paul is on a business trip and will return to Holland Wednesday.

Many Glen Major friends will be pleased to learn of the marriage of Carolyn Sturgess, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Sturgess, of Winnipeg, to Paul Siler. The wedding took place in California, Jan. 7.

Mrs. Wilbur Parrinder has returned home after spending a month with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tipton, Fort McMurray, Alberta, and while there welcomed a new granddaughter, Suzanne Christine. Mr. and Mrs. Ossie Gill visited with Fanny Pugh at Parkview on Sunday.

Birthday greetings this week to two of our little fellows; Todd Dubreuil and Christopher Dickerson.

Margaret Searle and Mrs. Wm. Turner and daughter, Toronto, were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ossie Gill on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson, Anne and Brian and Brian and Jean Holman, Brookline, were Sunday evening dinner guests with the Johnsons.

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7:00 p.m. — Evening Worship Wednesday  
7:00 p.m. — Family Night Friday — Youth Night  
7:00 p.m. — Jr. High  
8:00 p.m. — Sr. High  
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7:30 p.m. — Gideon's Presentation Wed. 8 p.m. — Prayer Service

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Wed. Prayer — Bible Study 8 p.m.

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BAKER HILL BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor James Shantz Sunday, Feb. 5, 1978

9:50 a.m. — Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. — Morning Service  
Wed. 8 p.m. — Prayer Meeting  
Everyone Welcome

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9:45 — Sunday School  
11:00 — Morning Worship Tues. & Fri. 7 p.m. — Pioneer Girls  
Wed. 8 p.m. — Prayer — Bible Study.

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