

Diamond wedding

MARKHAM—Edwin Byer can't ever recall carrying Ruth Meyer's books, when the two attended classes together at old Dickson's Hill School, eighty years ago. He's not even too sure if she was really his "best girl" at that time. If not, she was a short time later, even as they rode in the horse and cutter across the Peach Sideroad for a few hours of skating fun on a pond south of the Henry Miller farm.

Those were the days, simple pleasures still vividly recalled by two of the area's best known and most highly respected couples.

On Saturday, Edwin and Ruth Byer celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, a milestone in their lives, that family members refused to ignore. The "open house" event was held in their "second home", the Wideman Mennonite Church. Hundreds attended, many from a distance.

Mr. and Mrs. Byer are justly proud of their pioneer heritage. Ruth Byer is the daughter of William Henry and Annie (Hoover) Myer. Edwin is the son of J.L. and Emma (Haeckle) Byer. Her mother died when she was just a baby. She was

raised by her grandparents.

The date of their marriage was Feb. 20, 1918. Lewis Burholder conducted the ceremony.

That was only half the battle. All the hotels were booked solid and they had to make their way to a relative's home on Ossington Avenue.

"The street cars only ran about once every hour," recalled Edwin, "it sure was cold".

For a time they lived at her grandparents' farm (across from the new fairgrounds), then moved to Binbrooke near Stoney Creek. After two summers there, they returned 'home', living on

the east side of Hwy. 48 until the road was widened and that house was torn down. They now reside in the same area, a short distance east.

Mr. and Mrs. Byer are active members in the Wideman Church, where he "fired" the furnace, taught a boys' Sunday School class, served on the trustee board and the building committee. Mrs. Byer still attends the community sewing circle that meets twice a month.

Edwin Byer is best known for skill in the processing of honey, a trade that's still carried on by a son Erle and youngest brother, Lloyd.



Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Byer celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary last week at the Wideman Mennonite Church.



The irrepressible Jean Hammond was one of the stars during a mock wedding held at the Silver Jubilee Club on, appropriately enough, Valentine's Day.

STOUFFVILLE SCENE

What's going on

Wes Middleton

The death occurred at York Central Hospital on Feb. 16, of Wes Middleton, Richmond Hill. Mr. Middleton is the father of Mrs. Stewart Rumble whose husband, M-F dealer on the Whitchurch—Stouffville townline, was a former reeve of Markham Township. Deceased is survived by his wife Elsie. A family funeral service was held on Saturday, Feb. 18.

Display of jewelry

A demonstration and display of baroque and cabochon jewelry made from natural coloured stone from many countries will take place at Parkview Home on March 1, from 2 to 3.30 p.m. Jewelry will be on sale for reasonable prices and part of the proceeds will go towards Parkview craft activities.

Sorry about that

In the Feb. 9 issue of the Tribune we ran a story on snowplow drivers and wrongly identified one of the men. Ron Connor's wingman, incorrectly identified as George Dicks, is actually Rae Holden. Apologies to all.

Texas Fruit

All those who ordered cases of grapefruit and oranges from SDSS students and wonder when the fruit will be delivered will have to be patient a little longer. Since only enough orders to fill half a truck were received, delivery has been delayed till the end of February or the beginning of March.

Volunteer drivers needed

Meals on Wheels urgently needs a driver or drivers to deliver hot noon-day meals to a couple on the Uxbridge Pickering town line on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Anyone willing to help or wishing more information please call Sheila Jones, 640-1911.

SDSS update

Dancers raise \$1,000

By JULIE SIMONDS

On Friday, February 10 both the Midget Boys' Basketball Team and the dance-a-thon competitors were extremely successful in their attempts. The Midgets played a well-organized and aggressive game as they defeated King City 35-28. While Doug Davidson, Claude Maillet, Ross Dube, Ken Grove and Mike Young were leading their team to victory, the dancers were challenging the clock. For ten fulfilled hours the couples, 30 of whom completed the entire showdown, stepped

in beat to the music of D.J.'s Mike Lafleur and Larry Holt. Approximately \$1,000.00 was raised by the dance-a-thon and this will fund future Student Council events.

On Monday, the Senior Girls' Volleyball Team played host to Aurora and won their 5th and final game of the '78 season. The entire team would like to thank their coach, Mrs. McBride, for her time and encouragement and Ken Benson for his "almost honest" calls as a referee.

On Valentine's Day this past week, the Senior Spartans' Basketball Team won against Sutton 63-34 with style, sportsmanship and unfortunately, an injury. Mike Lafleur received an elbow in the face resulting in a broken nose. The following Thursday, the boys played their second game of the week versus Aurora for the quarter-finals and finished victoriously to the score 63-77. On Thursday, February 23 the semi-finals will commence in S.D.S.S. gymnasium.

On Wednesday, the Athletic Council directed an Intramural Dodgeball Tournament between gym classes. The final winners were: 2N02 girls in the junior division, 4N02 in the senior division, 8N02 in the boys' junior division, and 3N02 in the senior division. Special thanks are sent to Leigh Hamilton and Melissa Patterson who helped to organize the after-school entertainment.

On March 1 an Activity Day has been planned for S.D.S.S. students.

Suite to Saskatoon

MARKHAM — Curt Fleischer, of Toromark Furniture certainly has some loyal customers.

One such customer proved his loyalty in a rather unique way. He did it by having a dining room suite shipped out to Saskatoon Saskatchewan, from Toromark. Mr. Fleischer

commented that the man was in to Toromark a number of times, then moved out to Edmonton a short while ago.

After looking in Edmonton for a suite, the man then called Toromark and wanted one of their's shipped out to Saskatoon, where he would be residing.

Mr. Fleischer, who has been in Markham for 27 years, commented he had made sales in Oshawa and Bradford, but he felt such a sale across the country was extremely rare.

The Toromark store is located in Markham's Sherwood plaza.

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