

Friends honor Gormley couple

By Evelyn Milsted
GORMLEY — Jean Sibley will Saturday was an

occasion Lloyd and ways remember— the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

More than ninety friends and relatives attended a

noon luncheon in their honor at the Victoria Square Community Centre. This was followed by an "open house" attended by an additional 100 guests.

Lloyd and Jean (Baxter) were married Jan. 18, 1933 in Stouffville Baptist Church. Rev. W. W. Fleischer performed the ceremony. Lloyd is the son of Jeremiah and Emily Sibley. Jean is the daughter of Alfred and Mary Baxter.

Prior to joining the Toronto Post Office staff, Mr Sibley served overseas as a sergeant in the Royal Regiment of Canada.

They are proud of their family that includes one daughter, Geraldine Brilinger of Gormley; two sons, Bruce of St. Catharines and Douglas in Scarborough; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs Sibley has one brother, Arthur, in North Toronto. Mr Sibley has two sisters, Winifred Empringham of Newmarket; Veda Barkey, Mount Albert; and one brother, Bob, in Scarborough.

The well-known and highly respected couple were right "at home", Saturday, mingling with well-wishers, many from a distance. In addition to dozens of cards, they received messages of congratulations from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau; Governor-General Ed Schreyer and Premier Wm. Davis. At Saturday's luncheon, special music for the occasion was provided by The Viscounts' Quartet. Rev. Marlin Ressler of Heise Hill Brethren-In-Christ Church was master of ceremonies.

Mr and Mrs Ralph Empringham have returned to Florida. They came home to attend the funeral service for Ralph's mother, Mrs David Empringham.

Mr and Mrs George Sider of Wainfleet and Mr and Mrs John Hall were weekend guests of Velma and Jean Brilinger.

Mrs Merrill McDonald of Scarborough spent the weekend with Mr and Mrs Jack Wright and family.

The Youth Group will meet at the Missionary Church, Saturday (7 p.m.) and later enjoy an

evening of bowling. The film "Thief in the Night" will be shown at the Missionary Church,

Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Peter Dyck, a long-time Mennonite Central Committee worker, will

be the guest speaker, Sunday, Feb. 6 at the 7 p.m. service in Heise Hill Church.



Mr and Mrs Lloyd Sibley of Gormley were honored, Saturday, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. An "open house" at the Victoria Square

Community Centre was attended by close to 200 family friends and relatives. —Jim Thomas.

Choir Concert Festival of music

Promoted
to
principal

STOUFFVILLE
— On Jan. 16, close to 50 men and women gathered at Stouffville United Church to attend the initial practice in preparation for an interdenominational sacred music festival, March 13.

Choir members, under the direction of Alan Gent, will host the event. Selections will range from contemporary to traditional.

al, with accompaniment by organ, piano, flute, trumpet and tympani.

Offering will be used to cover expense related to music purchases, with remaining funds going to local charities.

Future practices will be held at the United Church, Feb. 6 and Feb. 27. Interested participants are still welcome.

STOUFFVILLE
— Clyde Fawcett, vice-principal at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, is leaving this position, Feb. 1, to take over the principalship at King City Secondary School.

Announcement of the promotion came from the Board of Education office at Aurora, Tuesday.

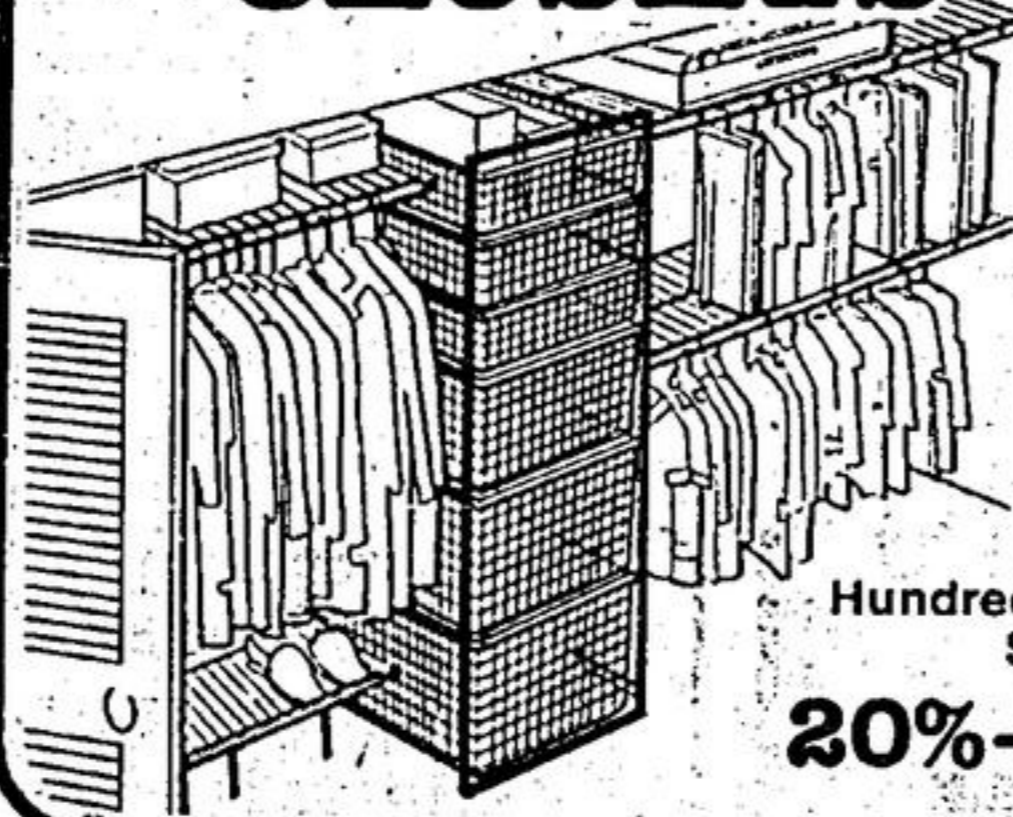
Mr Fawcett's successor is Robert Krol, currently the principal at King City S.S. The switch in posts was at his request, The Tribune was told.

Mr Krol has been at King City since 1978 and previous to that, served as principal of high schools at Langstaff and Newmarket.

ACADEMIC LETTERS

Eight Summitview students received their "A" academic letter, during an assembly Friday morning. The presentations were made by staff teacher Norma Card to—Laura Campbell, Jeff Carney, Karen Corner, Jeremy Gallop, Jeff Newman, Johnathan Hall, Darren McCool and Andrew Green. Each of these pupils has achieved an academic standing of 80 per cent and over for three years.

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THE WAY TO GO

Don Brown

Not many years ago the mention of "Tahiti" sparked visions of a mysterious, inaccessible island in the far Pacific—far beyond the holiday ambitions of Canadians.

Today that is no longer the case. Today the Tahiti group of islands, five in number, is one of the most sought-after vacation spots in that part of the South Pacific and is fast becoming the prime choice for a tropical vacation by a steadily increasing number of Canadians.

The mystic of Tahiti has now dissolved, due mainly to its easier access by fast jet liners, but also to its genuine, unsophisticated people with epitomize traditional warm, tropical hospitality.

Tahiti, contrary to common belief, is not a single island. This French-ruled Polynesian resort area is comprised of five islands, by the romantic names of Tahiti, Bora Bora, Huahine, Raiatea and Moorea, providing as much or more breathtaking natural beauty and sun-drenched beaches as the famous Hawaiian group of islands.

Where Tahiti has its current advantage is in its novelty. These islands are comparatively new as far as North American holidaymakers are concerned. Whereas Hawaii has been a vacation focal point for half a century, Tahiti has only come into its own importance and prominence in the past 20 years.

In fact Huahine has only been catering to tourists since 1973. The Tahitian group of islands stands as one of the few remaining commercially "untouched" resort areas to be found anywhere. Which adds to the sun worshippers enjoyment.

One situation which you will not find in people-packed beaches like Miami Beach and Waikiki. Except for the capital city of Papeete on the main island of Tahiti, there are no large centres of population—just small, friendly villages and ports with bicycles and the odd "le truck" (bus) for transportation.

Companies packaging Tahiti trips, such as UniTour, offer a variety of locations from remaining on a single island for your entire two weeks, to combinations ranging from two to five lands. Canadian passports are required.

For the initial visit, which it likely

will be for most Canadians, it is suggested that two or three islands, at a minimum, be considered. Mainly because each offers its own exclusive and spectacular scenery ranging from endless white sand beaches, to secluded lagoons, lush rain country foliage, to impressive mountain ranges. Secondly, because transit time between the island is minimal.

Visitors to Tahiti will find the living pace very casual, and the natives very friendly but not aggressive. The philosophy of the islands is "haere maru" — "take it easy" and it isn't hard to fall into and enjoy the custom. That describes the people and the atmosphere of Tahiti perfectly.

If you have gourmet tendencies or are concerned about menus, no worry. The incomparable French-influenced cuisine prevails, and native dishes are a culinary adventure. You may ask — "they are comparatively new islands — how about accommodation?" Actually you answered your own question. Since they are "new" islands the hotels and villas are modern and complete in every detail.

For instance, the Hotel Bali Hai on Moorea is situated on a white sand beach in the midst of a coconut grove overlooking a jade-colored lagoon. It also offers a swimming pool, use of snorkelling equipment, tennis courts, daily cruises to "Liki Tiki," sunset cruises, a Sunday Feast (Tamaaraa) of Polynesian delicacies, and nightly entertainment.

The Modified American Plan is available on all islands but Tahiti (which has an excellent repertoire of restaurants) and it can save you 10% or more on meals on the smaller islands.

It is only fair to mention the flying time involved—something like 12 to 14 hours from Toronto. But it also should be pointed out that there is an airline change breaktime at Los Angeles on the outbound trip, and a one-night stopover at LA on the return—included in your ticket cost.

Finally, let's let renowned world traveller and author James Michener put everything into the proper perspective. He has written that Bora Bora is the most beautiful island in the world. Moorea, Huahine, Raiatea and Tahiti are right next door—need more be said?

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