



Your Wedding

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"Love and marriage"

Love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage, so the song goes, and surely these newlyweds agree. George William Porter and Joyce Irene Meuring were recently married in the Markham Museum church (July 5). George was born in Brandon Manitoba and lived in Mississauga for 10 years where he enjoyed membership in the Missis-

sauga Canoe Club. Joyce was born in Etobicoke but grew up in Markham, spending a great deal of time with horses. She attended Markham District High School. The happy couple will reside in Calgary Alberta. For anyone interested in renting horse and buggy for their wedding, the outfit came from Lionel's Pony Farm on McCowan Rd.

Going in style

It's a great time for a wedding

The days are warmer, and there is a softness in the air that soothes the soul and calms the spirit. It's summertime, and there is no better reason for a wedding.

There are many good reasons for planning a warm weather wedding: The flowers are in bloom, the trees are full and the grass is soft and green.

People feel better too. There is a certain freedom associated with the summer months — the pace slows down, people feel more relaxed, and there is a feeling of hope and rejuvenation that only the sun can produce.

There are many different types of weddings to choose from during the summer months. A garden, patio or tent wedding are among the options to consider.

Weddings such as these

combine the "naturalness" of a sixties wedding with a more traditional, genteel atmosphere.

In many respects these types of weddings resemble intimate house parties, complete with the individual attention and personal touches that make a small party a success.

Weddings such as these produce a convivial atmosphere where people are more, likely to move about freely, socializing with others.

Choosing wedding attire is much easier during the warmer months. Unconcerned with the many layers of clothing necessary during the winter months, you are free to choose from a variety of styles.

Off-the-shoulder or sleeveless bridal dresses and those made of cotton, eyelet, pique

or organza are pretty choices for a summer wedding.

While the traditional morning suit and black tuxedo are always good choices for the groom, tuxedos in pastel colors are being seen with more regularity.

Especially nice for an outdoor wedding is a navy blue blazer paired up with white pants. A blue, pink or white shirt can be worn with it, depending on the colors worn by the bridesmaids.

Whether you choose traditional attire or create your own style is a matter of personal choice. With more and more people doing it both ways, there seems to be no set of rules when it comes to planning a wedding today.

However, there are some things that do remain the same, and the tradition of ex-

changing rings, whether they're engagement rings or wedding bands, is still very much alive.

Although the custom lost some of its popularity in the sixties, generally it has enjoyed a steady acceptance.

The only things that hasn't remained the same is the type of rings that people are choosing. Plain gold bands have, in many instances, been replaced by tricolor rings, rings with florentine and diamond-cut patterns, and diamond baguettes.

Engagement rings have also changed over the years. Many women now prefer colored stones over the traditional solitaire diamond.

Some say that this trend can be traced to the engagement of Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer. When Prince Charles

gave Lady Diana an engagement ring of sapphires with diamonds, women the world over requested sapphires.

Whether you choose to have an outdoor wedding, one that is casual or traditional, or choose the latest engagement ring (rubies and diamonds like the ring Prince Andrew gave Sarah Ferguson), follow your instincts.

Only you know what makes you feel most comfortable and will bring you the most happiness, and there are no trends or fashions where your happiness is concerned.

Editor's Note: The Markham Economist and Sun and the Stouffville Tribune are pleased to be able to publish wedding photographs from local families. Please submit properly identified photos to the editor.