



**Sisters married in lovely ceremonies at Heise Hill Church**

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander David (Sandy) Todd (left) and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Edward (Ted) Boake are pictured here following their weddings in Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Church. Mrs. Todd is the former Janice Ruth Steckley and Mrs. Boake is the former Joanne Elizabeth Steckley, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Steckley of

Richmond Hill. Mr. Todd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Todd of Thornhill. Mr. Boake is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boake, R.R. 1, Cedar Valley. Sandy and Janice were married April 19. Ted and Joanne were married July 19.

**Editor's Mail**

**Mennonite stereotype irritating to reader**

Dear Mr. Thomas:  
I'm writing this in response to a letter that appeared in the Oct. 1 issue of The Tribune.  
When I hear or read something like "Mennonite Tradition Has Nothing In Common With Skyscrapers, Traffic Jams And Beer Banners," or "The Atmosphere of Black Creek Pioneer Village Would Have Been More in Keeping With What Those of the Mennonite Faith Represent", I feel more than just a little dismayed with a perception of Mennonites as old-fashioned, odd, quaint, or some sort of historical pageant society best viewed at such places as Pioneer Village.  
It's true that Mennonites have, in some ways been guilty of letting this viewpoint go unchallenged, and that a minority of Mennonites are very visible due to their dress and insular habits. But it is also true that the majority of Mennonites can't be told visibly from "normal people" and are to be found in all walks of life constant with their beliefs and

live not only in farm houses but also in apartment buildings.  
It is a fact that, generally speaking, Mennonites are not found with beer banners, but where people are, God is, and therefore Mennonites should be also.  
It is unfortunate that a statement of not wanting to follow the standard of the "world" in such things as fashion and material success, hides what it is that Mennonites should be known for. I am in my early thirties. I was brought up amidst the skyscrapers and traffic jams of downtown Toronto. I have no Mennonite background and am not Mennonite by descent. What I am is Mennonite by choice because of what I believe. It is my experience that "Mennonite", properly speaking, is not a lineage, but a vision of life caught anew in each generation by people who hold in common that God is the Ruler of an orderly universe and is best understood through Jesus' teachings as seen through the Bible and that the "body of believ-

ers" is the best way to test the validity of the understandable.  
Now this may sound "preachy" but because of these things, some of the things Mennonites represent are—honesty to all at all times; the wish to help their neighbors and by extension anyone who needs help, (Parkview Home for the Aged, Parkview Village, Care & Share Shoppe, Disaster Services, Relief Services and Missionaries with non-political stances). On a personal level, they care for each other and their neighbors.  
Mennonites have a vital concern for ecology because they believe they should be stewards of this earth and its resources.  
They believe violence is wrong, whether it be war or personal, (Child Abuse, Domestic Violence and Rape), to mention a few. Therefore, peace and social reform are important.  
Families are also important—love for each other and children not neglected so adults can do their own thing or buy one more adult toy.  
Mennonites have a strong sense of community and commitment to each other, taking each other as they are, believing no one is of more value to God than another.  
These are some of the things that prompted me to choose the Mennonite vision of God and life.  
In spite of how saintly I've made the Mennonites sound, they are no different than anyone else. Pride, temper, fear and doubting often get in their way. We all fall short, but when we fail, we can try again and again. Because we are human, we can try to forgive others, as we will need their forgiveness and support to-morrow.  
I believe that people everywhere need this kind of thinking and that these qualities are not limited to Mennonites. But I feel Mennonites should be anywhere needs like these are found. If that is the country, fine. If that is the city, that's fine too. Each person has value to himself or herself and to God.  
If that is old-fashioned or quaint or odd, then that's what we need more of.  
There are three Mennonite congregations in this area. The newest, in many ways, is Rouge Valley Mennonite Church. I would invite anyone to come and see what Mennonites really represent.  
I don't feel I'm alone in seeing the value of the "Mennonite Faith". If you're lonely, hurting, looking or just curious, come out. We'd love to see you.  
You may discover you too are a Mennonite but just don't know it, like I did.  
But let's throw out the stereotype and see this as the wave of the future.  
I'd be pleased to answer any questions I can or look together for answers where I can't. My number is 649-5130.  
Mennonites do not have all the answers, but they represent people living in the present and the future but not the past.  
Sincerely,  
Kirrk E. Kobold,  
R.R. 2, Claremont

**AROUND TOWN**

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE**  
Ann Deacon (and friends), Hwy. 48, north of the Bloomington Road, will host a Christmas Craft Sale on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For additional information call 640-6282.

**TO PARKVIEW VILLAGE**  
The Silver Jubilee Club will hold its Entertainment Night in the auditorium at Parkview Village, Wednesday, (tonight), at 7:30 p.m. The York Minstrels will be special guests.

**Town Award**  
Crystal Eves, a Grade 13 graduate of Newmarket High School will receive the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Academic Award when N.H.S. holds its Commencement Exercises, Friday, Nov. 7. Crystal is currently enrolled at the University of Toronto. She is the daughter of Graham and Diane Eves, R.R. 3, Newmarket.

**FIRE CHIEF HONORED**  
Prior to the conclusion of his "tour of duty", Friday, Fire Chief Walter Smith was honored by staff employees at the Town Municipal Office. They presented him with two lovely chairs at a surprise afternoon gathering.

**LEGION LADIES BAZAAR**  
The Stouffville Legion Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual Remembrance Tea and Bazaar this Saturday, (Nov. 8), from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., in the Legion Hall, Ninth Line North.

**PURCHASE HOME**  
Councillor and Mrs. Jim Rae, McCowan Road, Whitchurch-Stouffville, have purchased a home on Manitoba Street, Stouffville. Mr. and Mrs. Rae have sold their farm on the 7th Concession. An auction sale will be held there this Saturday, (Nov. 8), beginning at 11 a.m.

**PIANO RECITAL**  
The piano pupils of Doris Taylor, Tindale Road, Stouffville, will participate in a recital on Monday, Nov. 10 beginning at 7 p.m., in the United Church. The hostess is Corriette Hofstee, Thicketwood Boulevard. The public is welcome. There is no admission fee.

**ALTONA W.I.**  
The Altona Women's Institute will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the home of Marian Jensen, 559 Elm Road, Stouffville. Time of the meeting is 1:30 p.m.

**YOUTH CLUB DANCE**  
The Ballantrae Youth Club is holding a Hallowe'en Dance this Friday, (Nov. 7), from 7 to 10 p.m., at the Community Centre. Young people 11 to 15 years are invited. Admission is two dollars.



**Scholarship**

Anne Christie, daughter of Howard and Audrey Christie, Elm Road, Stouffville, will receive an Ontario Scholarship when Markham Dist. High School holds its annual Commencement Exercises Nov. 7. Anne is currently enrolled in a Kinisecology and Life Sciences course at the University of Waterloo.

**Lemonville Church marks anniversary**

LEMONTVILLE — The congregation of Lemonville United Church will celebrate their 25th anniversary with a weekend of services, Nov. 14 and 16.  
A Sacred Hymn Sing will be held Friday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.  
On Sunday, Nov. 16, Rev. Wayne Reed, a former pastor, now of The Gaspé, will bring the message. Time of worship is 11 a.m., with special music.



**Married in pretty ceremony at Waterloo**

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey King are pictured here following their marriage, July 5, 1986, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Waterloo. The bride is the former Diane Goodyear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goodyear of Waterloo. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldred King, R.R. 4, Stouffville. On completion of their new home, Jeff and Diane will take up residence in Stouffville.

**Education Column**

**Why can't Johnny spell?**

By LYNDA WILLIAMS

Why can't Johnny spell?  
This question could be followed by: Why can't Johnny read or why can't Johnny write?  
"Spelling is a development process." In the early stages of writing, spelling mistakes of standard English words occur often. Many parents are horrified to see uncorrected words in stories young people have printed, to accompany a picture. Why is it we give these same children a considerable length of time to learn the spoken language, yet immediately want them to know the written language?  
"Recent research has shown that word spellings of beginning writers can be grouped into four developmental stages: (1). Pre-phonetic. (2). Phonetic. (3). Vowel transition. (4). Standard.  
Examples are — dirt, (dirt); rollr-coastr, (roller-coaster) and veary, (very).  
Spelling is not an abstract list of words found on Page 32 of a text just because it's the fifth week of school. To be meaningful and therefore needed to be learned, spelling has to be the complete reading and writing process.  
I did not sit down and immediately write this column as you now see it. My first copy was very rough. I worked on content. Before my final draft was complete, many revisions to form were made.  
"Good writing programmes in schools give credit to both components, stressing content as a first priority and paying EQUAL but LATER attention to form."  
"Certainly, accurate spelling and careful punctuation are important. And teachers must be concerned with them. They are best learned, however, in the context of meaningful use. A supporting environment treats young writers' errors and inadequacies as indicators of what they still need to learn, provides information and encourages them to try again. It does NOT punish them for not already knowing.  
"A young student who is criticized for writing 'noomoanya' is more likely to write 'sick' than 'pneumonia' the next time.  
"What can parents do to help their child become a better speller? Peter Fairburn, (English consultant, Durham Region), says "provide a language-rich environment."  
A pamphlet obtained from Diane Brown, (English consultant, York Region), says don't over-emphasize spelling to the point of making the student only write safely. The student should feel free to express herself/himself in writing.  
There are no set answers as to why students can't spell. Society has changed. Reading for entertainment is no longer a main past-time. Writing as a way of communication has been surpassed. Listening as a skill has been accompanied by visual. Even recordings are now video. Research into how students learn to spell wasn't started until the 1950's. Spelling lists were marked and the student was told how many errors were made, not how many were correct. Where is the positive feed-back to this approach? For awhile, phonics seemed to be out.  
There are many factors leading up to poor spelling abilities, but the important facts are — it's never too late! Phonetic and dictionary skills can be learned at any age. Schools should be moving towards use of spelling texts as resource material only. Weekly lists of words should be drawn up from each child's current reading and writing.

**Neighborly Notes**

By JIM THOMAS

**Sound asleep**  
They roll up the sidewalks at 9 p.m. on weekdays in the Village of Beaverton. I attended the Durham Region Plowmen's awards' presentations there Thursday. Later, my search for a restaurant proved to no avail. In fact, I drove all the way from Beaverton to Stouffville without locating a single stop-off point.

**'Fantastic'**  
More than a thousand people, (adults and children), visited The Haunted House at the Farquharson Real Estate Office on Main Street, Stouffville, Hallowe'en Night. John Walley and staff put a tremendous amount of work into the project. Helpers included — Debbi Mitchell, Annette Morin, Liz Rabe, Beverley Sefton, Jeannine Sheridan, Sharen Lyon, Susan Jenkins, Colleen Brown, Yvonne Walley, Herb Bell, Bill Carr and Josh Mitchell. "It was a lot of fun," said John. Within a time span of twenty minutes, 150 'guests' arrived. Already John and staff are looking ahead to next year. "But we may have to find a larger building."

**Ring found**  
A gold wedding ring was left at the Stouffville Medical Centre Sept. 6. The owner can claim same at The Tribune Office.

**Host a queen**  
The judges sure picked a winner when they selected Lori Hamilton of Hastings County, Ontario's 1986 Furrow Queen. Lori, 22, and soon to be married, graced the Durham Region Plowmen's Association awards' banquet in Beaverton, Thursday night and captured the attention, (both vocally and physically) of her audience. Lori was the guest of Doreen Catherwood, Durham's representative in the Furrow Queen competition.