



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hope, R.R. 3, Claremont, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Hope were married Sept. 17, 1927.

—Jim Thomas

**Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hope**

**Mark milestone of sixty years**

STOUFFVILLE — On Sept. 17, 1927, Fred Hope and Mildred Reesor were married in Scarborough.

Rev. Humphries conducted the ceremony.

On Sunday, Sept. 27, family members and friends gathered to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. Hope was born near Goodwood, the son of William and Lilian (Dixon) Hope.

Mrs. Hope was born at Hillside, Scarborough, the daughter of Donald and Naomi (Raymer) Reesor.

Mr. and Mrs. Hope farmed at Milliken for 24 years. In 1951, they

moved to a farm property east of Stouffville where they still reside.

The well-known and highly respected couple are justly proud of their family — a daughter and son-in-law, Ken and Janet Green; a son and daughter-in-law, Don and Louise Hope; four grandchildren, David and wife Dianne; Katherine; Janet and husband Paul Roney, and Andrew; also two great-grandchildren, Kofi and Melika.

The Tribune joins with a host of friends in the Stouffville community and beyond in wishing Fred and Mildred Hope continued years of health and happiness together.

**Editor's Mail**  
**Their smiles are missed**

Dear Editor:  
As you are quite aware, another hockey season has started at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Rec. Centre.

I have been a regular customer there for years and I must say, I was very surprised to find OUR two fine ladies, Betty Grove and Mary Moffatt, had not yet returned.

It was a pleasure to share a conversation with them on Saturdays or any day I found I had to sit in a cold, damp arena to watch my boys play hockey.

I hope, and know this was the feeling of a lot of people in this town, and I'm sure they were as shaken as I when no coffee or pop was available to us or, more importantly, to the players. Missing also were the warm greetings from Betty and Mary.

It's unfortunate we have to suffer due to a possible breakdown in communication or lack of consideration for one's fellow Town employees.

I'm sure something could have been done over the last two weeks of no snack bar service, either by the Rec. Centre office staff or one of the daytime employees of the Town. A little overtime would have kept the parents and children of minor hockey happy.

Come on people! Bend a little. Swallow your pride or ill-feeling that's brewing at the Town Office and Rec. Centre. Keep the Stouffville people happy!

We feel we're worth it. Certainly our children deserve better treatment.

On behalf of many minor hockey moms and dads, I say thank you to Betty and Mary.

Sincerely,  
Marianne Glover,  
Dorman Drive,  
Stouffville



**Photos span fifty years**

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hoover on their wedding day (below), and on their 50th wedding anniversary, (above), celebrated Sunday with an 'Open House' at the Silver Jubilee Club. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have two sons, Robert and Bill and three grandchildren, Sandra and Lynne; and Kevin. Margaret Stokes of Parkview Home, a member of the wedding party 50 years ago, attended Sunday's celebration.

—Jim Thomas

**Gary Fraser**

**Outdoor flowers have head start**

By BRUCE STAPLEY  
STOUFFVILLE — When Gary Fraser moved to Stouffville 17 years ago, he set out to add some local color to his Albert Street North home. The logical place to start, he thought, was in the various flower beds that surrounded the century-old house.

"It must be my Scottish blood but I considered it a whole lot cheaper to grow my own flowers than buy them," says Gary.

What started out as a penny-pinching endeavor, has become a labor of love for the Science teacher at King City Secondary School. He thinks he may have inherited his ever-widening interest in flower-growing from his grandfather.

"My grandfather operated a very successful florist business in Barrie for many years," he explains. "The more I got into it, the more I enjoyed it."

A drive past the home of Gary and Liz Fraser and family during the summer months, affords viewers a beautiful mixture of geraniums, begonias, petunias and marigolds in assorted shades of red, orange, pink, salmon, mauve and yellow.

The flower beds are filled along with various pots and hanging baskets.

The railings on the back deck accommodate even more flowers. The overall effect, when combined with mature trees, (one grown from a single chestnut back in 1960), is one of gorgeous

natural beauty in an established setting.

For Gary, it all started with the purchase of several second-hand fluorescent lights that he set up in the basement. He then went out and lined up cuttings and seeds. The seeds he starts in the dark. He then transfers them to an area under the lights.

Since the beginning, Gary has refined his operation, discovering ways and means of achieving better results with less effort. He now brings in his cuttings in mid-October and sets them under the lights.

"I don't use a timer," Gary explains, "that might encourage laziness. By visiting them every morning and night, I know I'm looking after them properly."

More new flowers are started in January and February. They all are transplanted outside by May 24, after the fear of frost is gone.

Gary maintains the growing of flowers has taught him lessons he can apply to the teaching of Science in the classroom.

"The main thing I've discovered," he explains with a grin, "is that living things don't do what you want them to do, when you want them to do it. Therefore, he must 'discipline' himself."

"The plants train you," he says, "they tell you when they need to be watered, to be pruned, to be fed, even when they must be put to bed. If you don't do it their way, they won't develop the way you'd like."

Gary has found his flowers to be a natural source of material for that part of the Science program that deals with vegetative reproduction. Not only are the students very interested in observing the flowers' growth, but it provides him more area to grow new flowers once he's used up all the space in his basement. Many students, he says, have begun growing their own flowers as a result of seeing his efforts.

Gary hopes, some day, to have his very own greenhouse. He sees himself following in his father's footsteps in a limited way.

"I realize maintaining a greenhouse takes a lot of time, but sometime I hope to have one," he states determinedly.

However, for now, Gary's content to keep his flower beds blooming, handing out posies to friends, "to brighten their day."

**Volunteers**

MARKHAM — Markham Search and Rescue is searching for new members.

The volunteer organization, dedicated to assisting police and fire departments, is holding a recruiting drive. A meeting is scheduled for Thurs., Oct. 1 at 8 p.m., in the Markham Centennial Centre, McCowan Road, north of Hwy. 7.

"You can learn new skills and provide valuable community service," says Mike McKenna, Albert Street South, Stouffville.

For additional information call 640-2755.



**Discuss home decor**

GOODWOOD — "Sew Your Own Drapes" with Ann Rae of Ann's Fabrics, Stouffville, will be featured at a meeting of the Goodwood Christian Women's Club this Friday, (Oct. 2), in the Goodwood Community Centre.

Time of the gathering is 9:30 a.m.

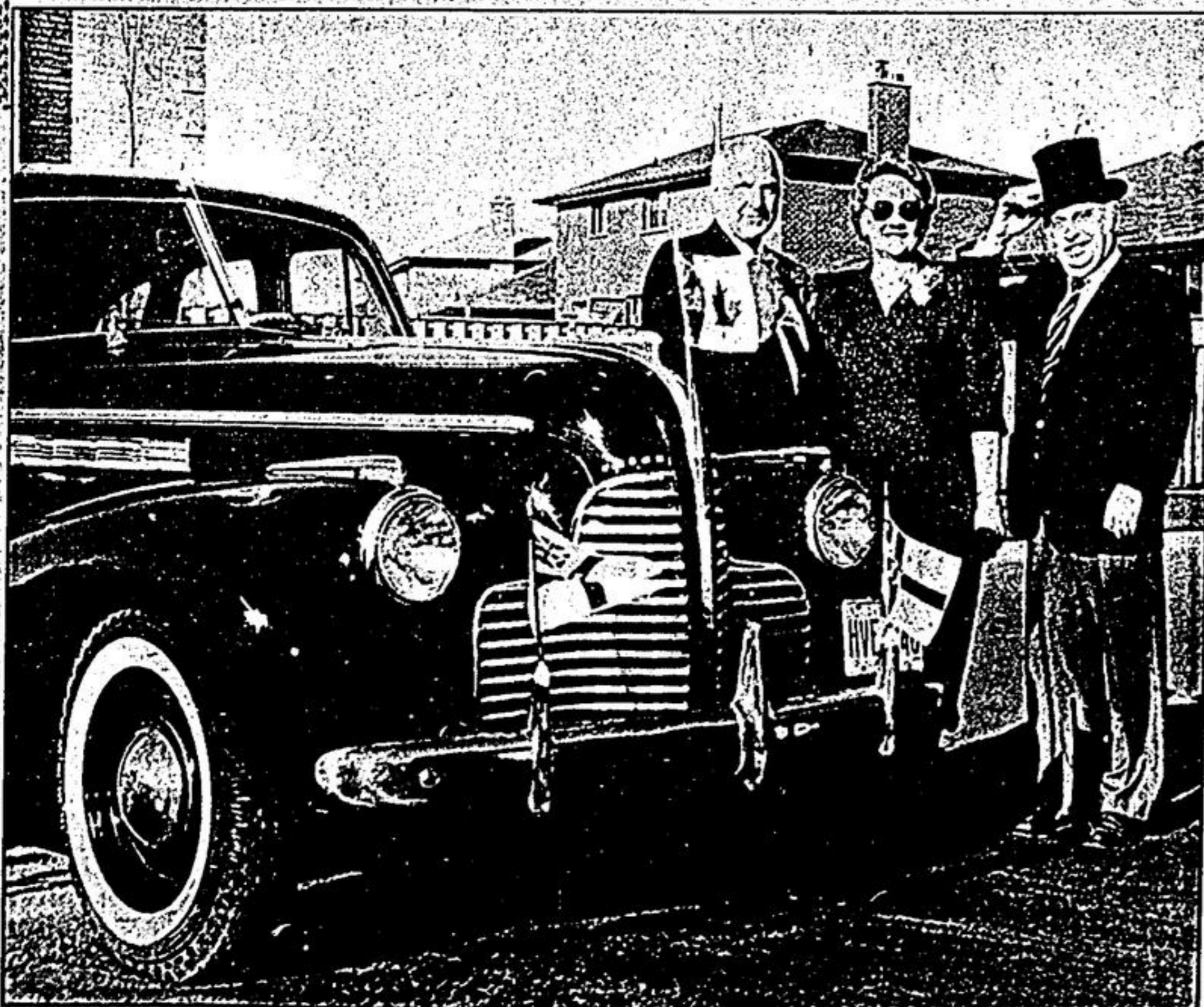
The theme is "Window Dressing and Home Decor".

Special music for the program will be provided by talented vocalist Cora VanderBeek.

Guest speaker is Daisy Cross, described as "an ordinary person with an extra-ordinary touch."

For coffee and nursery reservations the persons to call are — Christine Harding, (640-6296) and Linda Morrison, (852-5760).

Admission is three dollars.



**Orval and Marj ride to reception in style**

Orval and Marjorie Fretz, Hemlock Drive, Stouffville, were guests of honor, Saturday, at a reception in the Stouffville Legion Hall. The occasion was their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Fretz were chauffeured by Lloyd Britton of Lemonville in his classic McLaughlin Buick, complete with V.I.P. flags. The Lloyd Britton billboard on Main Street West, told the world of the happy event.

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**Married forty years**

A Wideman family reunion and Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Harper's 40th wedding anniversary made for a joyous gathering at Parkview Village, Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harper live at 346 Glad Park Avenue, Stouffville.

—Jim Thomas