

WAR BRIDES

It was inevitable that some of our local service men would make other than military conquests, and bring home with them the objects of their victories. These "war brides" were welcomed to Maynard at parties officially, and in our homes unofficially. In each case, the Maynard Women's Institute sponsored the gathering.

MRS. WILLIAM L. FRETWELL

On April 23, 1946, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Fretwell, the Maynard Women's Institute sponsored a miscellaneous bridal shower for Mrs. Bill Fretwell, the former Vera Eileen Harris, Didcot, Berkshire, England. Vera and Bill met while he was serving with the R,C,A,F. in Britain, and were married at Didcot, October 23, 1943.

Mrs. Wm. Durant read an address from a Bride's Book compiled by Mrs. Bruce Connell, and gifts were presented by John Robinson and Donald Fretwell. Mrs. Stanley Patterson and Mrs. Connell assisted the bride in opening and displaying the many lovely gifts.

Mrs. Fretwell replied in her gracious manner, thanking all for their kind welcome and lovely gifts. Lunch was served by the hostess, with Mrs. E. D. Perrin, Mrs. Wm. Durant, Mrs. Arthur Dulmage and Mrs. Oscar Carson assisting.



Sgt. and Mrs. W. L. Fretwell, with attendants
LAC Donald B. Fretwell and LAC Willis A. Perrin
Didcot, Berkshire, October 23, 1943.



These 3 airmen are
old pals, as well as cousins
known as "Three little lads at School"
from a Christmas concert when
they were in an early grade at
Dulmage's School