

Mr. Robert Jackson Firby (picture of their house) had a brick and tile yard about a half mile west of the station. The house in the picture was built for Jackson Firby and his

bride, nee Nellie English, by Jackson's father. The bricks for the house were made in the brick and tile yard. The clay for the tile yard came from the farm of Walker Firby.



Front Row: left to right: Mrs. Walker Firby, **, **, Mrs. T. W. Firby, Weston Holtby (on his grandfathers knee), Mr. Tom W. Firby, **, Mr. Tom Firby (Jackson's father), Mrs. Tom Firby, Mr. George Moore (brother of Mrs. Tom Firby, Mrs. Allan Moore, Lulu Moore, Miss Evans

Second Row: Robert Firby (little Rob.), Rev. and Mrs. Elford, Rev. L. W. Reid (married Mr. and Mrs. Floto, **, Mr. Ed Summers, Mrs. Annie Summers, **, Mrs. Ernie Lee, Mr. Lee, Ethel Moore, Hazel Evans, **, Mima Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ronson, Mrs. Wealthy Firby, Jackson Firby, Nellie Firby, Libby Firby, * Moore, Edith Hall (nee Moore) Mr. Hall.

Third Row: Dr. Riddell, David Firby, wife Elizabeth Firby, **, **, **, **, **, **, Spencer Elliott, Mrs. Minnie Elliott, **, **, **, Kate Evans (later married Clinton Ford) Mr. Clare Cheeseman, Mrs. Bert Evans, Bert Evans **, **, Jerry McKenney, **, Eva Floto, Mrs. M. Ford, Robert Firby, Dan Floto, David Ribbel (father of Elizabeth M.) Elizabeth Moore, (Mrs. Floto's mother)

Forth Row: **, Margaret Evans, Clinton Ford.

** Names not known.

MARK GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Porter of Corinth marked their 50th wedding anniversary recently with open house attended by 100 relatives and friends.

The couple received many gifts, cards and messages and congratulations, including messages from Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and James A. McBain, M. P. for Elgin.

Guests were received by Mrs. Clair Curtis and Mrs. Kenneth Porter. Miss Gloria Curtis presided at the register in the afternoon, and Mrs. Robert Davis and Miss Wanda Porter in the evening. They are granddaughters of the honored pair.

Tea was poured in the afternoon by Mrs. Clifford McCrimmon and Mrs. Zelpha Pressey, and in the evening by Mrs. Dalton Herron and Mrs. Alice Gill, nieces of the celebrants.

The tea table was attractively offset with silver appointments, and centered with a wedding cake made by Mrs. Ken Porter.

Members of the immediate family in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth

Porter, and children, Francis, Jr., Wanda, Jerry and Randy; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Curtis and Gloria.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter exchanged marriage vows on February 7, 1912, at the parsonage of the United Church, Courtland. Rev. Ezra Adams solemnized the rites. The bride was the former Emma Fitch, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Fitch. The groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Porter. The maid of honor was Mrs. George Berry, sister of the groom. Best man was George Berry.

Following their marriage they resided for one year on the groom's farm on the Jackson sideroad, and moved to Moose Jaw, Sask., where they grew wheat for 11 years. They returned to take up dairy farming, and farmed in South Middleton, Goshen, Eden, Brownsville and Corinth where they now reside. They retired from farming six years ago.

They have one son, Kenneth Porter of South Middleton; one daughter, Mrs. Clair Curtis of Tillsonburg and six grandchildren.

MARRIED SIXTY YEARS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Turnbull, Corinth, was the scene of a happy occasion on Saturday, March 22, 1947, when they celebrated the 60th anniversary of their marriage. The house was gay with bright flowers and tall yellow tapers. The living room became a profusion of bloom as the guests brought them plants and flowers.

At noon, a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed by approximately fifty near relatives.

During the afternoon and evening almost 200 friends attended their reception, when Mrs. Nelson Warner, St. Thomas, had charge of the register and Mrs. G. Turnbull and Mrs. C. Donaldson of St. Thomas welcomed the guests and directed them to the living room.

Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull received, wearing boutonniere and corsage, respectively, the gift of the W. I. and W. A. The guests were entertained at intervals with vocal solos by Mrs. Ben Curtis, Hamilton, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Harry Brady, Tillsonburg, and with readings by Miss Bernice Henderson, Port Huron, Michigan.

Mrs. Hazel Turnbull, Corinth and Mrs. Nellie Donaldson, St. Thomas invited to the tea room which was capably supervised by Mrs. Dwight Vincent and Mrs. W. Fewster, St. Thomas. The lace covered table was centred with a beautiful bouquet of American Beauty roses, a gift from Mr. Turnbull to his bride of 60 years. On the buffet rested the three-storied wedding cake. It was unique that the frosting on the second tier showed their Christian names and the dates, viz., Charles and Melissa, 1887 and 1947.

Mrs. (Rev.) Wright and Mrs. Harry Coomber both of Corinth, poured tea during the afternoon and Mrs. Susan Wallace and Mrs. T. A. Ronson, both of Tillsonburg did likewise in the evening. Several grandnieces and friends assisted in serving.

Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull received scores of cards, telegrams, telephone calls, and gifts of flowers, jewelry and money, etc., tangibly expressing congratulations and best wishes. Among them were noticed greetings from His Majesty, Geo. VI., Prime Minister MacKenzie King and Premier George Drew.

The guests seemed to vie with each other for the honour of coming the longest distance. They came from Croswell, Detroit and Port Huron in Mich.; Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Toronto, Hamilton, Owen Sound as well as many nearer centres.

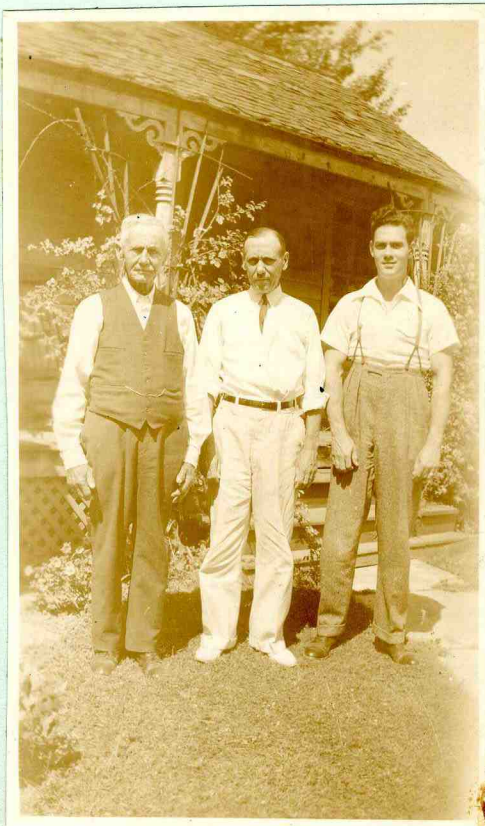
On Monday evening the community gathered in the Institute Hall to honour Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turnbull who celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding. After a short programme consisting of a mock wedding put on by the young people and a sing song conducted by Mrs. Andrew Pressey and Mrs. Don Murphy, a reading was given by Mrs. Neil McConkey.

The presentations were as follows: a purse of money from the Bayham Council presented to Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull by Reeve Neil McConkey and Chas. Coyle, M. P., in recognition of Mr. Turnbull's service in council 30 years ago.

Also a purse of money from the Corinth community lads, presented by Mr. Harry Coomber and Mrs. Charles Coyle. Speeches were given by Rev. A. E. Lloyd, of St. Thomas, who was former minister on the Circuit over 40 years ago. Mr. Neil McConkey and Mrs. Chas. Coyle; Gordon Turnbull. Rev. A. E. Wright. The rest of the evening was spent in a social time visiting and lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull were married at Corinth on March 23, 1887, Rev. Mr. Crews officiating. The bride was attended by Mary Jane Turnbull, sister of the groom, and the best man was Charles Jenkins, a brother of the bride. Mrs. Turnbull was born on the Jenkins' homestead, North Dorchester, on April 18, 1866, her parents being Catherine Middough and William Jenkins, United Empire Loyalist descendants. Mr. Turnbull is a native of Bayham Township, the date of his birth being January 16, 1864. His parents were Mary Jane McLean and James Turnbull, a native of Scotland. Mr. Turnbull is a man of strong political convictions, a Conservative, ever since the days of Sir John A. Macdonald. The only son of Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull was the late Earle C. Turnbull, assistant division superintendent of the CNR-Wabash in St. Thomas. They have two grandchildren, Keith Turnbull, a draftsman with the Kennedy Company at Owen Sound, and Mrs. Harry Patrick (Beatrice) of St. Thomas; also two great-grandchildren, Janice Ann and Carol Lynn Turnbull, Owen Sound.

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Mr. & Mrs. Elmer White's 50 Anniversary



Doris Swance, Mrs. Elmer White, Eula Boyce, Elmer White, Verna Evans, Willard White

Servers were the six older grand-daughters of the pair, Patricia Evans and Janet Evans, both of Hamilton, Karen Boyce, Heather Boyce, Barbara White, Connie White, all of Tillsonburg. Dawn White looked after the guest book.

In the latter part of the evening, a sing-song was held by the remaining guests, the last two numbers, "Bless This House" and "Now the Day Is Over," requested by the honorees. Karen Boyce was accompanist.

The couple exchanged marriage vows on a cold, bright day on March 20, 1912, at the home of the bride's parents at Goshen. Rev. W.E. Kerr officiated. The bridal pair left through deep snow by horse and cutter for Lansing, Mich., for a week's honeymoon at the home of a cousin of the groom, travelling through the fields from Goshen to get a train in Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. White have taken a great interest in church work in each community in which they have resided. They have 14 grandchildren.

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer White of 35 London St. East, Tillsonburg were "At Home" to relatives friends and neighbours, March 17, 1962, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Guests were received by the celebrants, assisted by their three daughters, Mrs. Albert Evens of Hamilton, Mrs. Merlyn Boyce and Mrs. Murray Swance, both of Tillsonburg, their son-in law and their son, W. White.

The tea table was covered with a beautiful crocheted tablecloth of lace, made by the bride of fifty years ago, and centred with a three tier wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom.

Tea was poured in the afternoon by Mrs. A. Hill, Reg. N., of Nova Scotia, cousin of the bride, who was bridesmaid at the wedding, and Mrs. John Collings of Springfield, cousin of the bride.

In the evening tea pourers were Mrs. R.G. Herron of Courtland, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Ross White of Pontiac, Mich., a sister-in-law.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coomber of Corinth celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, when a banquet was served to about 60 relatives and friends, in the Institute Hall at Corinth.

Grace was offered by Rev. H. E. Wright. A toast to the King was proposed by H. F. Johnston, which was responded to with the singing of "God Save the King", with Mrs. J. H. McDonald at the piano. A toast to the church was proposed by Frank Travis and responded to by Rev. Mr. Wright. H. A. Ostrander proposed a toast to the bride of 50 years, which was responded to by Mrs. Coomber. N. O. Stilwell sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. McDonald. Mr. Coomber presented Mrs. Coomber with a ring and they were each recipients of wrist watches from their children, and many beautiful gifts from the guests.

N. O. Stilwell favoured with another solo and short addresses were given by Reuben Culp, Mrs. Coomber's brother, George McDonough, a son-in-law, Thomas Rushton of Port Elgin, Chauncey Smith, Henry Foster and others. Howard Coomber expressed grateful thanks to the ladies for their help in making the occasion a success.

Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Johnston, who were celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald, the latter being Mr. and Mrs. Coomber's daughter who were celebrating their 19th anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Herman, who were celebrating their second anniversary. Each of the brides was presented with flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turnbull, who recently celebrated their 59th anniversary, were also present and Mrs. Turnbull was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Guests were present from Port Elgin, Paisley, Toronto, Hamilton, North Tonawanda, N.Y., Grass Lake, Mich., Tillsonburg and the surrounding district.

Mr. Coomber was born in England in 1873 and came to Canada at the age of 11. He lived at Guysboro for 10 years, and when a young man he attended the Dairy School at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, where he learned cheesemaking. After making cheese at Cumberland for a number of years, during which time he was married, Mr. and Mrs. Coomber moved to Tillsonburg and he entered the furniture and piano business. Mr. and Mrs. Coomber are both active in church and social work, and Mr. Coomber became interested in municipal work and was mayor of Tillsonburg in 1915. They afterward moved to Toronto, where Mr. Coomber was employed for a time by the Adams Furniture Company, and later made their home in New York City for a time. They returned to Canada in 1935 and Mr. Coomber engaged in dairy and tobacco farming at Corinth until he retired from active work in 1942. Mr. Coomber is a life member of King Hiram Lodge No. 78, A.F. & A.M., of Tillsonburg.

On April 8, 1896, Mr. Coomber married Zelma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Culp of Guysboro. They have two daughters and one son, Mrs. George McDonough (Irene) of Brownsville, Mrs. J. H.

McDonald (Alma) of the Goshen Rd., and Howard of Corinth. Mrs. Coomber has two brothers and two sisters, William Culp of Tillsonburg, Reuben Culp of Guysboro, Mrs. M. A. Travis of Rio Hondo, Texas and Mrs. Frank Travis of Eden.

A reception was held in the Corinth Hall on Monday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Coomber. The guests were received by Miss Jean McDonough, a granddaughter assisted by the daughters, Mrs. McDonough and Mrs. McDonald. Tea was poured by Mrs. H. E. Wright and Mrs. A. Collins of Toronto. Mrs. Howard Coomber, a daughter-in-law, also assisted in the dining room.

In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Coomber were guests at a community surprise party in their honour, when a delightful programme was presented and Rev. Mr. Wright acted as chairman. Ted Ellis led in the singing of songs. Short addresses were given by Charles Turnbull, Andrew Ronson and Gordon Turnbull. A song by William Beatty, "I Love Every Girl I See" was enjoyed, also a reading by Mrs. Ellis, and short speeches by Mrs. Kerr, Douglas Rabbits, Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Cheeseman and Neil McConkey. An address was read by Mrs. Pressey and Mr. and Mrs. Coomber were presented with a lovely crystal table lamp, a sewing cabinet and flowers, for which they thanked their friends. Lunch was served and the guests wished Mr. and Mrs. Coomber many more happy anniversaries.

SIXTY-ONE YEARS MARRIED

A very pleasant event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hanford Elsworth on Monday, it being the celebration of the sixty-first anniversary of their wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth have resided here all their lives. Mrs. Elsworth's maiden name was Esther Hartwick. She was but nineteen and Mr. Elsworth but twenty years of age when they were married.

At one o'clock on Monday the friends gathered to honour the day sat down to a sumptuous dinner prepared by Mrs. Elsworth. The Richmond band furnished music during the dinner. After the company had partaken of the good things, the Rev. Mr. Cunningham of Brownsville was asked to act as chairman and addresses were given by Mr. C. Seabrook, Rev. J. Elford, Messrs. J. Patten, A. B. Evans, Ira Stilwell, E. Stilwell, A. Patten, J. Hartwick and G. Hartwick.

After wishing Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth many happy returns of the day, they were presented with two handsome leather-seated rocking chairs, a beautiful oil painting, and a pair each of gold rimmed spectacles, by the company.

Mr. Elsworth very suitably acknowledged the gifts, after which the band played the National anthem and the gathering dispersed.

Guests were present from Tillsonburg, Eden, Brownsville, Talbotville and Corinth.