

## FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On March 15, 1943, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Nelson, Corinth, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were married at the parsonage at Kinglake by the Rev. Mr. Johnson. The bride's sister, Miss Lottie Collinson, attended her. Mr. Wyatt Malcome was best man.

After the ceremony the bride and groom travelled 18 miles to Tillsonburg in a horse and buggy, the journey taking three hours. There they caught the train to continue their honeymoon to Hamilton, Burlington, Dundas, Toronto and Aurora. Since that time they have lived at Houghton, Malahide and Corinth for the past 28 years.

They entertained about 60 guests including their family and a number of friends, at a supper in the Corinth Community Hall.

The guests on entering were asked to sign the register at a table where Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were seated.

The supper table was centered with a wedding cake and decorated with daffodils, candles and gold streamers. Rev. Mr. Wright proposed a toast to the bride and groom of 50 years ago. Walter Nelson proposed a toast to the three members of the family in the armed forces, a son, Donald, a petty officer in the Navy, two grandsons, Jack Graves and Marion Knowles, who are overseas.

Mr. McTaggart of Aylmer, Mr. Coomber, Charles Turnbull and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, all of Corinth spoke briefly to the bride and groom.

Mary Margaret Richmond, only great-grandchild presented the couple with a bouquet. Mrs. Nelson read a telegram from Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have two daughters, Mrs. Eugene Brown, Corinth, and Mrs. John Graves, Tillsonburg. There are five sons living, Gordon of Ostrander, Walter at home, Arthur of Norwich, Donald of the R.C.N.V.R. and William of Tillsonburg. One son Murray is deceased. There are 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

One interesting fact of the evening was that there were four generations present. Mrs. G. L. Nelson, Mrs. Eugene Brown, Mrs. Clare Richmond, Mary Margaret Richmond, all of Corinth.

Relatives were present from Aylmer, Springfield, Norwich, Ostrander, Tillsonburg, Aurora and Corinth.

Information obtained from Mrs.  
Clare Richmond



Picture donated by Walter Nelson



MR. AND MRS. STARKEY MARK 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Married 60 years ago on December 2, 1896, Mr. and Mrs. William Starkey celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary here at their home on Sunday.

Still enjoying excellent health, although Mrs. Starkey's eye sight and hearing are not as good as they used to be, the couple received many friends, relatives and neighbours during the day.

Congratulatory messages were received from Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, Premier Leslie Frost, Opposition Leader Earl Rowe and James A. McBain, M. P. for Elgin.

Married in Chadderton, Lancashire, England by the late Rev. S. Weeks, the couple came to Canada in 1906 and settled on a farm on the Forge road, now No. 3 Highway, about 5 miles west of Tillsonburg. Mr. Starkey farmed there for more than 30 years before his retirement in 1941. Mr and Mrs. Starkey moved to Springfield at that time and have lived there ever since.

Both were born in Lancashire England in 1872. Mr. Starkey is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Starkey and Mrs. Starkey is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Wildman.

Mr. Starkey is a life member of the Canada Order of Foresters at Corinth and his wife was for many years an active member of the women's branch of the same organization.

The couple have six children, Mrs. Albert Sinden (Hilda) of Vienna; Mrs. Dora Atkinson (Harrietsville); Tom Starkey and Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, both of Springfield, and Mrs. Ralph (Mary) Bye, of Tillsonburg. A daughter, Mrs. Clara Cady died in 1955. There are 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.



Information obtained from Mrs.  
Elizabeth Brown



## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Boyd celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at an open house held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Boyd on Saturday, December 24, 1966.

About 85 relatives and friends called to congratulate them and wish them many more happy years together.

They received congratulatory messages from Governor-General Vanier and Mrs. Vanier, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, Harold E. Stafford, M.P. for Elgin, along with many others. Telegrams and phone calls were received from members of the family unable to be present.

They were recipients of over 100 cards, several containers of yellow roses and mums and many beautiful gifts to fit the occasion. The North Bayham Community presented them with a beautiful swivel rocker.

The table was centered with a three tier wedding cake and candles.

The guests were met at the door by their son, Dwight, and wife, Helen. The guest book was attended by their grandson, Paul, and the wedding cake was served by their granddaughter, Brenda. The guests were served fancy cookies, tea and coffee by Mrs. Theo Boyd, Mrs. W. C. Turner, Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. Warren Tupper and Mrs. Stanley Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd were married at Ingersoll on December 23, 1916 at the home of the groom's brother, William. In attendance were the late Mr. William Boyd and Mrs. Ethel Trussler, now of Kirkton, Ontario.

Mrs. Boyd was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pearson of R. R. 1, Eden, and Mr. Boyd was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd near Aylmer.

They have one son, Dwight, and two grandchildren, Paul and Brenda, and twin great-granddaughters.

They farmed near Corinth and North Hall districts. Mr. Boyd did masonry work for many years. They have resided the past 23 years in the North Bayham district.





## Golden Wedding Anniversary

Well known in the farming community of Corinth, Mr. and Mrs. John Holtby, of R.R.1 Ingersoll, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Sept. 8 1954

The couple marked the event on Sunday by a celebration gathering at their home, which was attended by nearly 50 members of the family, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Holtby was born 4 miles west of Ingersoll 75 years ago, while Mrs. Holtby was born in her present home. The couple were married in the Aylmer United Church in 1904, and shortly after purchased a farm at Springfield. In 1916 they took over the farm of Mrs. Holtby's parents. This was a 300 acre farm and their present home.

Because of the acute shortage of farm labor, Mr. Holtby works the 200 acres of his dairy and mixed farm single handed. He used to hire a man by the year, but has been unable to obtain any steady help since the higher paid tobacco farm work proved a stronger attraction.

Mr. and Mrs. Holtby's next door neighbor is their son, Weston Holtby, who works 100 acres of his father's farm. Farther on down the road lives their married daughter, Mrs. Violet Holbrook, whose husband is also a farmer. The couple have three grandchildren, all girls. They are Barbara Holtby and Sheila and Bonny Holbrook.

In addition to their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Holtby's celebration was attended by Mrs. Holtby's sister, Miss. A. Firby, and three sisters of her husband, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, Mrs. Bessie Porter, and Mrs. Rose Wright. A popular guest was 91 year old Mr. Charles Turnbull, a neighbor of the Holtby's.

Yesterday the actual anniversary day was quiet in contrast to Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Holtby spent the day in much the same way as any day in their farming life. One noteworthy feature, however, was the arrival of a telegram from Mr. James McBain, M.P. which read, "Congratulations on your 50th wedding anniversary."





## MARK GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cook, Straffordville, were at home on Wednesday to friends and neighbors who called to wish them many happy returns of the day and offer congratulations on their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

It was a great day for Mr. and Mrs. Cook who were married at North Hall in the farm home of Mrs. Cook's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, on Dec. 9, 1903. Rev. A. E. Lloyd, retired minister now living in St. Thomas, performed the ceremony.

Two neighbors, Mrs. William Garvin and Mrs. Wilbur Locker, brought in a nicely iced wedding cake for the "bride and groom,"

indicating the esteem with which Mr. and Mrs. Cook are thought of by the neighbours.

But next Sunday will be family day when some twenty-five relatives gather to help Mr. and Mrs. Cook celebrate with a golden wedding dinner. Included will be their three daughters, Mrs. Frank Baumgart, Brantford; Mrs. Howard Anderson, Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Stanley Kerr, Aylmer; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cook's only medicine for good health is "no worry." They have lived for the past 22 years in their present home in Straffordville after a life of farming near Corinth.



Donated by Mrs. Howard Anderson



CELEBRATE SIXTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Floto, formerly of Belmont, celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Helen Pogue in Belmont. Their seven daughters were present for the happy occasion: Mrs. Cressa Woolley of Brownsville; Mrs. Pogue; Mrs. Muriel Wixon of Toronto; Mrs. Verna Gibbons of Downsview; Mrs. Roberta Harkness and Mrs. Norma Cornish, both of Belmont and Mrs. Audrey Stevenson of Tillsonburg. The revered couple were presented with a lovely bouquet of sixty-five flowers from the Borden Company, where Mr. Floto was a dairy inspector for several years, and a pot of white chrysanthemums from the Belmont

United Church, of which both are members. Mr. Floto is one of the elders on the board of sessions. He is now at the Ontario Hospital and Mrs. Floto is a resident at Elgin Manor.

Mrs. Floto was formerly Eva Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Moore, Corinth. She became the bride of Daniel C. Floto, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Floto, Port Elgin, in a ceremony at the home of her parents, December 26, 1900. The couple lived for many years at Corinth, where Mr. Floto accepted a position as dairy inspector at a local plant. He retired six years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Floto belong to Belmont United Church, where Mr. Floto is an elder and his wife is a member of the Women's Association and Women's Missionary Society.





Sixtieth Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor

Congratulations and best wishes for the future from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth were received by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor of 31 Pine St. E. on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Her Majesty's message was from Buckingham Palace. Cables were also received from two brothers in England.

Telegrams were from Premier John Robarts of Ontario and James McBain, MPP for Elgin. Letters were from Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, Ottawa, Opposition Leader John Diefenbaker and Ron McNeil, MPP for Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were assisted at their home by members of their family and Mrs. Kathleen McKay, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Pressey and Mrs. Vera

Stewart poured tea. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of the couple served the guests.

Visitors were from Detroit, London, Windsor, St. Thomas, Sparta, Tillsonburg, Corinth, St. Catharines, Port Stanley, Toronto, Woodstock, Port Burwell, Springfield and Aylmer.

The couple was married at St. Noit's church of England in Cornwall, England, on November 15, 1904, Mrs. Taylor being the former Beatrice Crocker. They came to Port Stanley from England, 52 years ago, living there until 1943 when they moved to Corinth. Mrs. Taylor is a past president of Corinth Women's Institute. The Taylors have three daughters, Mrs. Cecil Goldrick, Mrs. Daisy Edwards, Miss Lily Taylor, and a son William. There are 11 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.





MR. & MRS. LESLIE SWANCE



Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swance celebrated their golden wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Swance, on February 5th, 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. Swance were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ferris, at Courtland on February 1, 1922. The officiating ministers were Rev. A.D. Whaley and Rev. R.E. Jones.

They have two children, Murray of Tillsonburg and Marion (Mrs. Arthur Newton) of Chatham, also five grandchildren, Brian, Bradley and Lynn Swance and Mary Beth and Tommy Newton.

Mr. Swance has been a successful dairy farmer. He has lived all his life on the farm where he and Mrs. Swance are now living retired. This is the farm to which his father, Mr. Conrad Swance, brought his bride about the year 1890. Murray Swance is the third generation of the Swance family to live there.

Mrs. Swance taught school in Middleton and at North Bayham before her marriage. She and Mr. Swance took an active part in the work of the North Bayham Church, where Mr. Swance was superintendent of the Sunday School

for many years. They have enjoyed serving with the Gideons and are active members of the North Broadway Baptist Church.

Guest were received by Mr. and Mrs. Murray Swance and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newton, assisted by Brian and Bradley Swance, who had charge of the guest book. Lynn Swance and Mary Beth and Tommy Newton served the anniversary cake.

There were seven present who had been guests at their wedding. Mrs. Walter Smuck of Hamilton, a friend of the bride, had played the wedding music. Mrs. Robert Craig of Port Rowan, niece of the groom, had been the flower girl. Mrs. Irwin Esseltine of Mount Elgin was also present. Four of these who poured tea had been guests, Mrs. Florence Langfield of Tillsonburg, Mr. Swance's sister, Miss Grace Ferris of Courtland, Mrs. Swance's sister, and Mrs. Harold Mannell and Miss Ethel Wilkinson of Tillsonburg.

Others helping pour tea were Mrs. Elmer White and Mrs. George Elliott. A lovely golden wedding cake and gold candles decorated the table from which a dainty lunch was served to the guests by several friends of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Swance received many letters

and cards of congratulations, also beautiful flowers and gifts. The friends of the community presented them with a lovely chime wall clock. There were about 175 who called, coming from Detroit and Harper Woods, Mich., Toronto, Burlington, Hamilton, Brantford and the surrounding area.