



Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary

More than 200 guests attended the at home held for a well-known North Bayham couple, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Tupper, at their home at R.R. 5 Tillsonburg, to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, on December 24, 1961.

Tea table was covered with a lace tablecloth, centered with a three-tier wedding cake made by Kenneth Smith, of Kingsville, and decorated by Mrs. Fred Williams of R.R. 1 Norwich, which was flanked by candelabra.

Tea was poured in the afternoon by Mrs. Edna Goodhand of London and Mrs. George Elliott of North Bayham, and in the evening by Mrs. Elmer White and Mrs. LeRoy Curtis, both of Tillsonburg, and Mrs. Alberta Crane of R.R. 5 Ingersoll.

Charles Turnbull of St. Thomas, 97, who was the first to congratulate the newlyweds 60 years ago, was the first again to offer congratulations to the pair. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Morley Howell of St. George, cousins of Mr. Tupper, who also marked their 60th wedding anniversary three years ago, both being over 80 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Tupper spent most of their life in North Bayham area. Mr. Tupper was Sunday School superintendent at the United Church, North Bayham, for 35 years, and Mrs. Tupper is a life member of the Woman's Association. Mrs. Tupper was correspondent for The Tillsonburg News for many years.

The pair, both in fair health, have two daughters, Mrs. Bruce (Irene) Ball of Brownsville and Mrs. Charles (Eva) Irwin of Sweaburg; one son, Warren Tupper of R. R. 5 Tillsonburg; 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. One son, Emory Tupper, has passed away.

In attendance in the afternoon were members of the Young Peoples' Choir, who sang "Bless This House", and "How Great Thou Art", and also Christmas carols, under the direction of Mrs. Gwenyth Vanschouwen, who presided at the piano. Gerald Tupper and James Tupper, grandsons of the celebrants, accompanied on their violins. In the evening, Miss Ann Irwin played several piano solos.

The couple were recipients of messages of congratulations from Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Diefenbaker, Premier Robarts, John Yaremko, provincial secretary, and James McBain, M.P. for Elgin.

The couple were married on a clear cold day, December 24, 1901 and the United Church parsonage, Corinth, by Rev. L.W. Reid, and left on their honeymoon via horse and buggy to Tillsonburg where they caught a train for Simcoe.

The bride of 60 years ago was the former Anna May Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Smith. The groom was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Tupper. Attendants were the bride's sister, Mrs. Gertrude Taylor of Chicago Ill., who was unable to be present at the occasion, and Jeremiah Tupper of Texas, brother of groom, who has since passed away.

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Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Green

60th Wedding Anniversary

January 11, 1959



Sixty years of happy married life were celebrated on Saturday by Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Green, R. R. 5, Tillsonburg. The well known couple who lived just east of the Elgin County boundary on No. 3 Highway received more than 100 friends, neighbours and relatives during the afternoon and evening "at home".

The couple were married on January 11, 1899 in Courtland by the late Rev. C. Jackson and have farmed all their married life in the North Bayham-Middleton districts. They have lived for the past 39 years on their present farm on the highway.

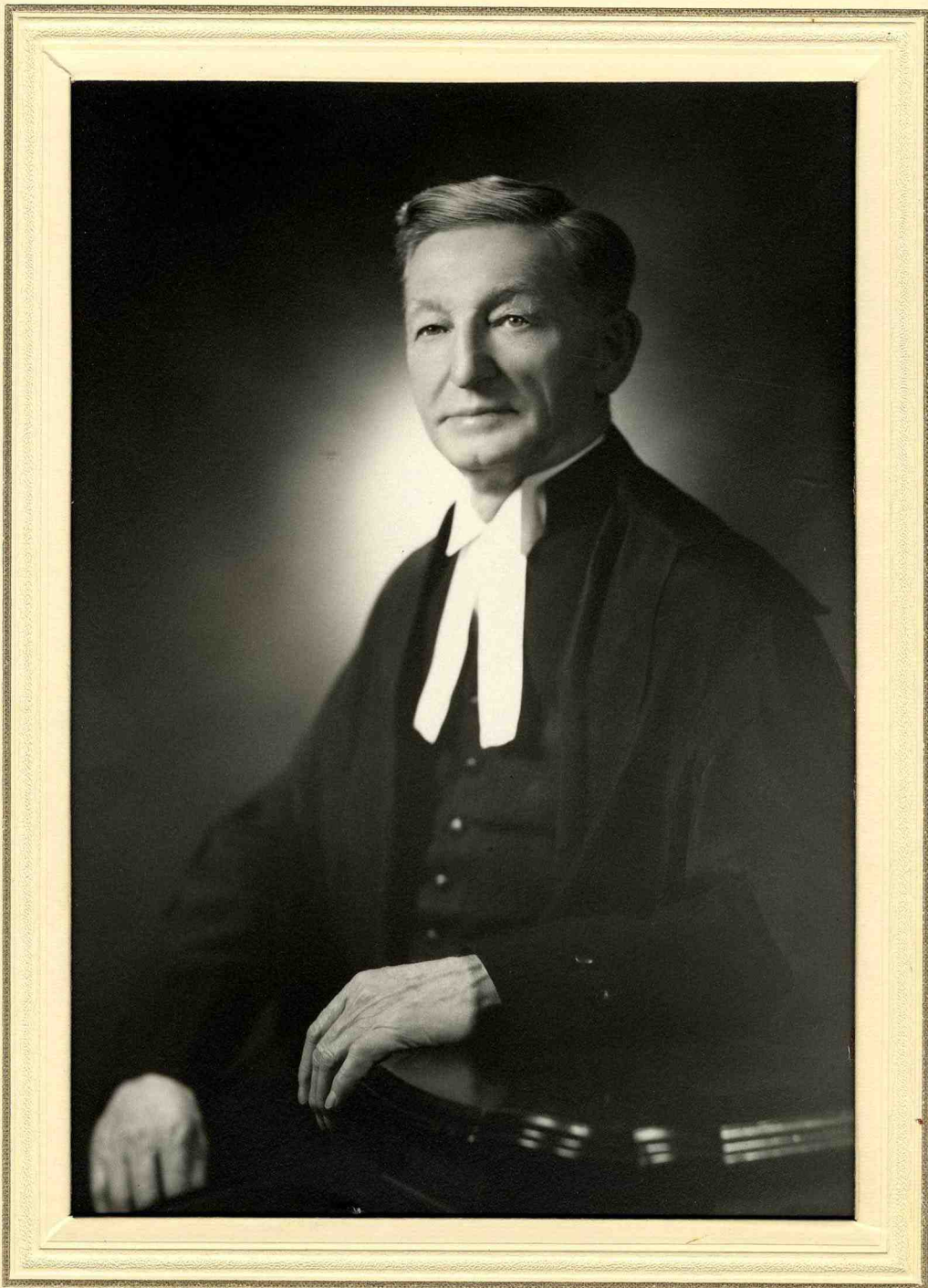
Mrs. Maggie Green is the former Maggie M. Lowrie and is a daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Lowrie. She

was born in Dereham Township in the year 1882. Mr. Green is a son of the late George and Elizabeth Green and was born in 1887 in Middleton Township, near Mabee's Corners about eight miles from his present home.

Still enjoying excellent health the couple take a lively interest in affairs of the community. They have been members of the North Bayham United Church for the past 54 years. Mr. Green served a number of years on the Church Board of Stewards and also was a Trustee on the S.S. No. 23, North Bayham Public School Board for some years.

Mr. & Mrs. Green have six children, 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. The children are Mrs. Irwin (Leta) Esselting, Zenda; Mrs. Harold (Violet) Mannell, Tillsonburg; Roy, R. R. 1 Corinth; Earl, at home; Spencer, St. Georges and Mervin of Tillsonburg.

Besides the "at home" on Saturday, the couple celebrated the happy occasion on Thursday evening when they were guests of honor at a family dinner held in the North Bayham Church, when about 60 members of the family and close friends were in attendance. They also were the recipients of a large number of gifts, cards and messages of congratulations.



Respectfully
Clinton J. Ford

C. Alberta 1957 to 1961.

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The Honourable Clinton J. Ford

Retired Chief Justice

of Alberta

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Clinton James Ford - born March 29th, 1882, on his father's farm at North Hall, Bayham Township.

William Mills Ford - his father, was born and raised on the farm of his uncle, Robert Cheesman, on the town line of Dereham and Bayham, his mother having died shortly after his birth. He was the son of

Thomas Mills Ford - who came from England near Manchester, in the early part of the century with his father, who died on the way to Canada, via New York, U.S.A. and was buried at Troy, New York State. Thomas, who was then 17 years old, came on to Canada and was for years the close friend and secretary of Robert Firby, who owned and operated a very successful saw and lumber mill on what was then known as Stimers Creek, somewhere near the townline of Malahide and Bayham Townships.

William Mills Ford (continued) married rather young, Elizabeth Hawley and took over the management of his father's farm at North Hall - legally described, I think, as Lot 8, Concession 9, Township of Bayham, comprising 100 acres. He later acquired the 100 acres to the north of it. He had 9 children. Their names were:

Mary - who married Ardan L. Cook, son of Squire A.L. Cook - a magistrate of repute in the township of Bayham.

Emma - who married Charles Firby, a grandson of the Robert Firby mentioned above.

Thomas Hawley Ford - who married a daughter of Ira W. Hayward of Corinth.
Clinton J. Ford - who married Kitty A. Evans of Corinth. She was the daughter of Richard and Margaret Evans, who kept the general merchants store and operated the post office at Corinth for many years.

Susie - who married Dr. A. C. Riddell, of Bayham, or Richmond as it was once called.

Harry M. Ford - who married Lulu Riddell, a niece of Dr. Riddell, and who served overseas in the first Great War, and is now a barrister in Toronto.

Jennie - who married Thomas W. Ballantyne, a divisional engineer of the C.P.R. and lived in Toronto.

Christie - who married Thomas Brown of Orillia, Ontario.

Earl H. Ford - who married Hazel Small, who once taught in the Public School.

W. M. Ford - who was active in local politics, being a councillor and later Reeve of Bayham Township for several years and Warden of Elgin County for one year. He was afterwards a County Councillor for Elgin County for eight years, being elected to represent Bayham, Malahide and South Dorchester under an act of the province, subsequently repealed, that divided Elgin County into Districts for representation on the County Council.

Clinton James Ford (continued) - attended public school at S.S. No. 16, Township of Bayham, located where the new school now stands. The principal was James Amoss who held this position for about 35 years at the modest salary of \$500.00 until two or three years before he retired this salary was raised to \$525.00 or \$550.00 a year. J. Amoss was widely known for efficiency passing so many High School entrance pupils. I attribute to him my foundation education. My memory of the teachers, even the primary department, recalls the names of Miss Bancroft and Miss Sarah Baker, who married a young farmer named John Wills, who afterwards went to Detroit, Michigan, and became a well-known preacher in the United States.

After High School entrance 1896 I attended Tillsonburg High School and got commercial certificate in 1897. Later at Aylmer Collegiate Institute under principalship of W. W. Rutherford, B.A., received honors in Mathematics and Science, 1900.

Attended Model School, St. Thomas in the autumn of 1900 and received third class certificate qualifying me to teach in public school for three years.

Now continued as a narrative by myself:

This was the fall of the year when there was a scourge of typhoid fever in North Hall neighbourhood. Louis Benner on the old Benner farm, on the Forge Road just southwest of the North Hall church, was the first to contract it, and he died in August. Many others took it, and some died - one whose name I forget died on the Howell farm. The Ketchibaws got it in the house on the corner where the old Blacksmith shop stood - they recovered.

My father and brother Harry went down with it - they recovered; most of this time I was at the Model School, St. Thomas, but stayed home two weeks during the time my father was ill.

After the Model School I taught the public school at Calton - on the Townline between Malahide and Bayham, a few miles north of Lake Erie-eight or so miles from Port Burwell. Then, I attended Toronto University (Victoria College) 1903 - 1907, graduating that year with a B. A. degree. Afterwards I attended the law school at Osgoode Hall, 1907-1909 for two years, and then went West in the summer of 1909 and finished the law course in Calgary, Alberta in May 1910. I returned to Ontario to be married, October 29th, 1912 to Kitty A. Evans, as stated above.

I became City Solicitor of the City of Calgary, February 7th, 1913, and remained so for 9 years until early February 1922 when I resigned and took my position as head of the law firm of Ford, Miller and Harvie, that had been organized some years before. In 1935 this firm continued as Ford and Miller.

In May 1942 I was made a judge of the District Court of Southern Alberta and in this capacity was rent control judge for Southern Alberta during the war years. In May 1945 I was elevated to the position of a Supreme Court Justice of Alberta. In January 1950 I was appointed to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Alberta. In January 1957 I was elevated to be the Chief Justice of Alberta.

In the year 1960 a Court of Appeal for the North West Territories was created - this consisted of the five judges of the Alberta Court of Appeal and the resident judge for the Yukon District, and also the resident judge of the present North West Territories. Thus, by reason of this statute I became the first Chief Justice of the present North West Territories, that extend from the Yukon District on the west to the eastern point of Labrador on the east, and include the islands in Hudson's Bay and in James Bay, a territory of over one million square miles of land.

In October 1960 the Appeal Court for Yukon and the Territories opened the first Court at the new Court House in Yellowknife, N.W.T. I had the great honour to preside at this opening court - one greatly appreciated - not the less because my daughter Helen and her husband Charles A. Perkins, both practising lawyers, had opened a law office there back in 1937 and organized and published the first newspaper printed in Yellowknife. They are now in Vancouver, B.C.

This has been rather lengthy - but it

ends abruptly enough. By an amendment to the B.N.A. Act of 1960, that became operative on March 1st, 1961, all Supreme Court Judges in Canada who had attained the age of 75 years, ceased to hold office on that date. Reference to the date of my birth given above, will convince anyone that this meant me, - I, with 12 other across Canada, making 13 in all - the perfect baker's dozen, - were consequently retired.

However, so far, I have made no reference to any of my outside activities.

I was a member of North Hall Methodist Church, and can vividly recall some of the ministers; the Rev. Byron Snell, about 1898, a lame man with an ardent and clear message; a Rev. Mr. Yelland of years before; a Rev. Mr. Haylock and his two daughters, more modern, about 1902-04, and another one later, the Rev. Mr. Mundy, who prayed one Sunday morning for all those in jail, and all those out but who should be in. He very wisely took in the whole field of the doubtful ones.

I do remember vividly the Sunday School where I grew up, with Mr. Thomas Hatch, of sacred memory, as its superintendent for many years, and how he used to catechize the boys and girls after the lesson had been taught. My earliest and most remembered and loved teacher was Mrs. Henry Berry, one of our nearest neighbours, and her daughter Christy, who so faithfully played the organ in church and Sunday school over the years.

I remember the local preachers, who came to fill in when the regular minister was at another appointment. We had five churches - North Hall, Maple Grove, Eden, Straffordville and Guysborough. Two of the best preachers came from Tillsonburg, one an Englishman, worked at Tillson's Mills. He was Mr. Wold, - or "Woold", pronounced "Wold". The others were Mr. Hogarth, and Levi J. Hatch. All were very devoted and brought well thought-out messages. I remember another from another village, who used to remind us he needed the collection to pay for the wear and tear on his buggy and horse.

In Calgary, I have been a member of Central Methodist Church, now Central United Church, and on the Board of Elders for several years. I joined this church in the fall of 1909.

I was a voting member of the United Church of Canada at Amsterdam in 1948, and helped to vote into existence the World Council of Churches.

My other activities have been largely concentrated in the Y.M.C.A. in Calgary, and in the National Council of Y.M.C.A.'s in Toronto.