

1911 - Kingsmill Young people have a party at the J.C.Dance home.



In 1911, parties like these were common and enjoyable. Television, radio, arenas with skating and other sport facilities, better means of transportation etc. has changed this. It would be hard to get a group of community young people like this together and harder still to intertain them, if we could.

Front row - Bill Barnes, Arthur Parks, James Moore, (?), Aleta Dance, Maud Sweet.
2nd row - Alta Holmes, Mary King, Eljiva Moore, Bertha King, Mary Mc.Neil, Sadie Condon, Ida Holmes, Elmer Mossey, Carman Hoover, Florence Holmes.
3rd row - Jennie Ghent, Wallace Baker, Boyd Thompson, Annie Ghent, Marion Martindale, Morley King, Carlton Dance, J.C.Dance, Roy Mc.Clintock, Harvey Martindale.
4th row - Essie Hoover, Lulu Finch, Mary Parks, Lulu Brooks, Melba Sweet, Myrl Condon, Ruby Graham, Eva Herbert, Hugh Mc.Neil.

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School around 1900. Graduated from London Medical School in 1904, married Lillian Dance, practiced in Cayley Alberta for 18 years, took a post graduate course in Los Angeles California in eye, ear, nose and throat and practiced in Vancouver B.C. until his death in 1948.



Arthur Oswald Brown, M.D.
son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, who lived where Mrs. Salem Herbert does now (1959)
Taught the Kingsmill



A Mission Circle at Kingsmill, The meetings were held in the member's homes. Front row left to right :
 Mabel Derrough, Edith Derrough, Mrs. James Mc. Cauley and baby Clayton, Mrs. J. P. Farrah.
 Back row - Mrs. William Mossey, Mrs. Alfred Ashford, Mrs. Abraham Charlton (President) Mrs. A. E. Lloyd and Mrs. Ed. Durdle.

1908



Sunday School was held in the School house. This is one of the classes. Left to Right : Alta Holmes, Sadie Condon, Aleta Dance (Teacher), Marion Martindale, Lulu Brooks, Ruby Graham, Mary Parks.

1908

Pioneers Wed 70 Years (1954)



Seventy crowded, happy years of married life will be celebrated Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. John Blake Sweet, of Kingsmill. The couple—both more than 90 years of age—were married April 2, 1885, in the 109-year-old home where Mrs. Sweet was born and where they have lived all their married lives. Their residence is shown on the opposite page. (Photo by Jeanne Graham, Free Press Photographer)

A remarkable couple will celebrate a most remarkable anniversary Saturday in their century-old home near St. Thomas.

They are Mr. and Mrs. John Blake Sweet. Children of pioneers and childhood sweethearts, they were married April 2, 1885. Saturday marks their 70th wedding anniversary.

Keen, alert, and surrounded with mementoes of a crowded past, the couple will mark the anniversary in the Kingsmill house where Mrs. Sweet was born 91 years ago, and where they were married.

Formerly Rosemond Celia McKenny, Mrs. Sweet is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton McKenney, original settlers on the land. The house in which they live — erected on a sill of white pine logs 14 inches square — was built by Mrs. Sweet's father 109 years ago to replace the original log house.

Mr. Sweet, who is 95, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Blake Sweet Sr. The family came by sailing vessel to Canada from Cornwall, England, in the 1840's, a six weeks trip — lived for a short time in Sparta, Ontario, then settled on the farm across the township road from the McKenneys.

Kingsmill Man and Wife Have Diamond Wedding



MR. AND MRS. JOHN CONDON

A diamond wedding anniversary and a 80th birthday were the reasons for a quite family celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Condon of Kingsmill on Sunday.

Bouquets of every description came from friends and relatives for the occasion, but the highlight of the anniversary was the presentation of a box of cigars which when opened revealed 60 silver dollars in honor of their 60 years of happily married life. The gift was given to Mr. and Mrs. Condon by their four sons and two daughters, all of whom were present for the celebration with the exception of Jack who lives in Pleasantvale, Sask.

Mrs. Condon was 80 on her anniversary so it was a double celebration for her. Prior to her marriage she was Bessie Foy, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Foy, of Springfield. Her marriage to Mr. Condon took place at her brother's home in Vienna. The late Rev. Alexan-

der Cooper performed the ceremony and their attendants were the late Miss Sarah Bingham of St. James, and Harry Brooks of Cultus. Mr. Condon who is 84, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Condon of Cultus.

A mason by trade until three years ago when he was forced to retire due to ill health, Mr. Condon is also a very active member of the Masonic lodge. His recipe for good health and long life is found in his six and a half acres of land which keep him busy without being too much. He has quite an extensive garden and orchard which he looks after himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Condon have lived in their present home for the past 44 years. Following their marriage they lived near Springfield for a couple of years until they moved to Kingsmill and lived in several homes near there until moving into their present home.

Diamond Wedding

Observance of

Mr. and Mrs. John

Condon at their

home north of

Kingsmill on

November 15th,

1953.

Mrs. Condon is a skilled crocheter and enjoys doing crossword puzzles while her husband spends the winter evenings, doing jigsaw puzzles. Mrs. Condon's formula for a happy marriage is a keen sense of humor and, according to her daughter, Miss Sadie Condon, who lives with them, she is well supplied with this asset. Mrs. Condon agrees with her husband though, that work and keeping busy have a lot to do with it too.

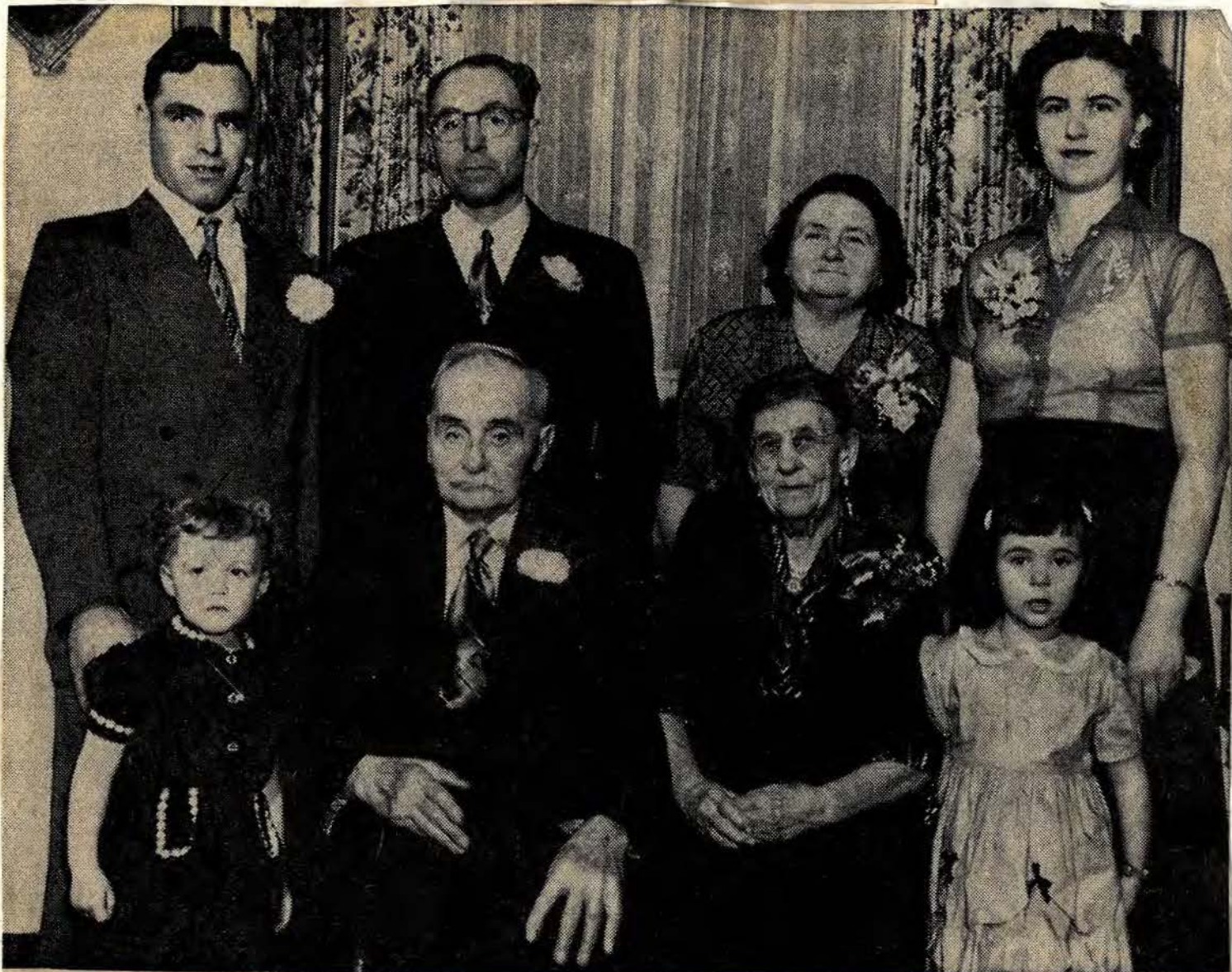
Mr. and Mrs. Condon's family includes four sons and two daughters: Jack of Pleasantvale, Sask.; Kenneth, London, Ont.; Hector, with the Pere Marquette Railway, St. Thomas; Bert of Toronto; Mrs. T. McCulley of Pontiac, Mich.; and Miss Sadie Condon at home. There are 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Diamond wedding gifts included a diamond brooch from Mrs. Condon's sister, Miss Ethel Lou Foy, who is a nurse in Washington, and a walnut magazine rack from Mr. and Mrs. E. Titterton, of Southdale, as well as many other gifts and flowers.

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Kingsmill Couple Mark 60 Years Married Life

1954



DIAMOND WEDDING — A Kingsmill couple, Mr. and Mrs. Salem Herbert, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday at their home when about 30 relatives of the family sat down to dinner together. Four generations were represented on both sides of the family. In the centre of the above photo are Mr. and Mrs.

Herbert. Immediately behind them are their son and daughter, Wilfred Herbert and Mrs. Clarence Cox. On the left is Mr. and Mrs. Herbert's grandson, Ashton Herbert, and their great-granddaughter, Sandra. On right is Mr. and Mrs. Herbert's granddaughter, Mrs. Murray Brady, Port Burwell; and their great-granddaughter, Linda.—(Times-Journal Photo).

KINGSMILL. — Congratulations were received here this weekend from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and other Canadian government officials by Mr. and Mrs. Salem Herbert as about 30 relatives gathered at their farmhouse to pay honor to them as they celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary—a milestone in life which few married couples have the pleasure of reaching.

And represented with them in the happy gathering were two four-generation families. There were their son, Wilfred; his son, Ashton, and his daughter, Sandra. And on their other side were a

daughter, Eva; her daughter, Beatrice, and her daughter, Linda. Linda and Sandra are just four years old, with only two days separating their births. Mr. and Mrs. Salem Herbert are in their eighties.

The happy couple, who only retired from farming three years ago, were married 60 years ago on March 7 at Courtland by the late Rev. Mr. McGragor of Tillsonburg. The ceremony took place in the home of Mrs. Herbert's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. George Argyle. Mr. Herbert, whose parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. George Herbert, lived not far from the Argyles in Norfolk County, and he first met his wife, Carrie, when they went to school together.

Mrs. Herbert, however, insists that theirs was not a school days romance. Mr. Herbert just smiles when the suggestion is made.

The young couple farmed for five years at Walsingham in Norfolk, spent the next nine years farming at Springfield and Lyons, and then moved to R. R. 1, Kingsmill, where they have spent the past 46 years. Since their retirement, their grandson, Ashton, operates the farm.

Mrs. Herbert's only plan for long life and happy marriage is to eat three good meals a day and work hard. Mr. Herbert has a better method. He says a man must marry a good woman and a good cook. It has worked for him.

Congratulations were received from Queen Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. George Drew and H. O. White in the form of telegrams and Premier Leslie Frost sent a personal letter to them offering his wishes for continued health and happiness.

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came, at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm deep and vast and wide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fears for him,
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old Man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here,
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at even tide?"
The builder lifted his old grey head,
"Good Friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me,
To that fair youth may a pit-fall be;
He too must cross in the twilight dim,
Good Friend, I am building this bridge for him."

(Anon.)

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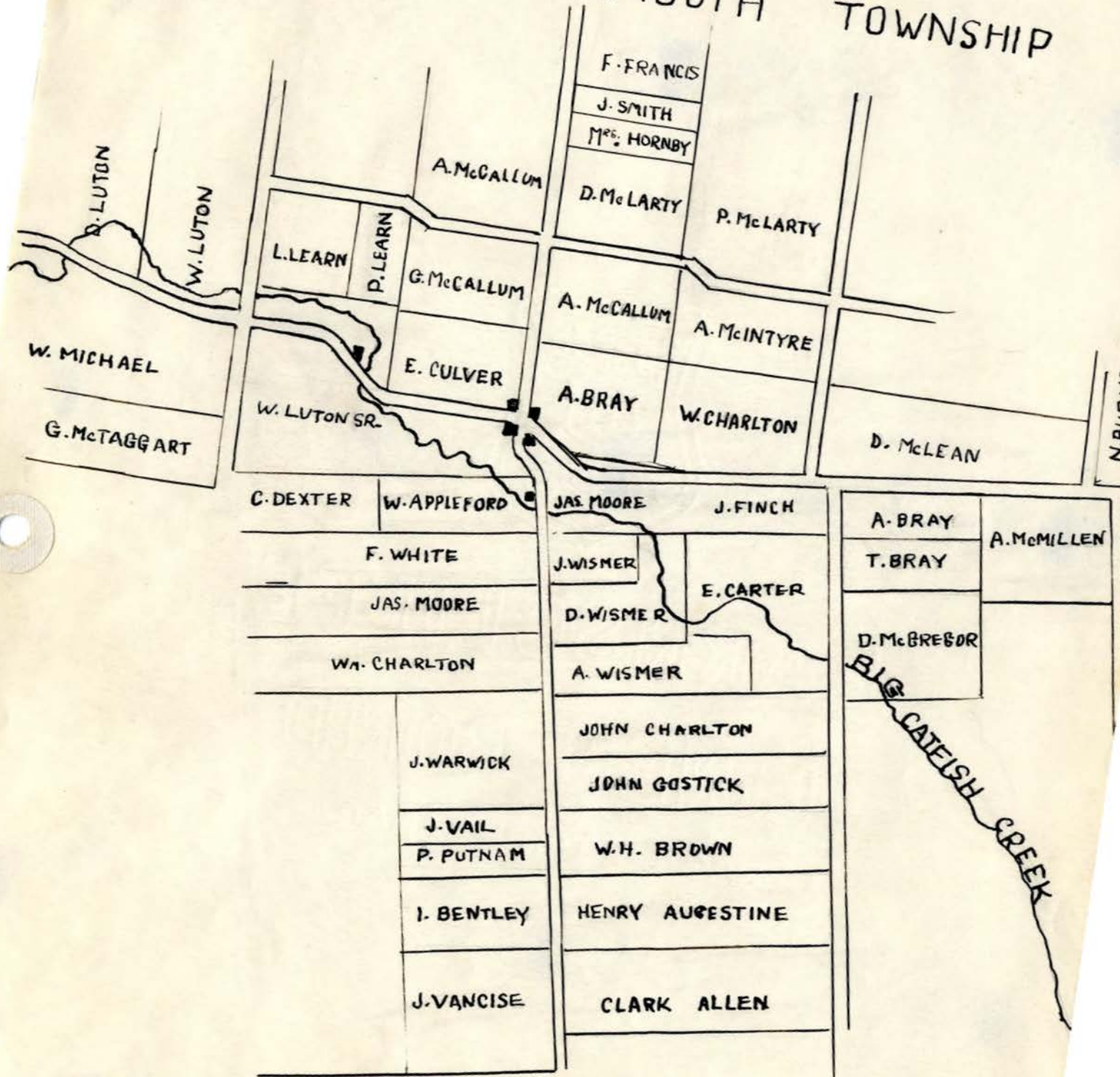
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