

Sept 3, 1981

Rick Zavitz stands in a
foot of mud unable to har-
vest his corn crop.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hide celebrated
their 60th Wedding Anniversary
at 12 Chestnut St. St. Thomas
Dec. 15, 1982



MR. AND MRS. FRED HIDE
Dec. 15, 1982

Celebrate 60th

Dec. 10, 1969

Mark Golden Wedding Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McGregor, R. R. I Belmont quietly celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Wed. Dec. 10, when they greeted a few close friends who called to offer congratulations. Rob. Roy McGregor and Florence Ellen Irene Finch were married in the Methodist parsonage in Springfield by Rev. R. H. Barnby, formerly of the Belmont circuit. They have resided all their married lives in their century farm home.



Hafton Place, which is Mr. McGregor's birthplace. His father settled on four hundred acres in this section of East Elgin when he came to Canada in 1832, and his son followed in his footsteps, farming the same land.

Roy McGregor

Roy McGregor of RR 1, Belmont, passed away at the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital on Friday, July 9, 1971, in his 88th year.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGregor, the late Mr. McGregor spent all of his life in South Dorchester Township on the homestead farm. He was a member of the Belmont United Church, a past leader of the Belmont 4-H Club, past president of the Belmont Horticultural Society, and was very active in community life.

Surviving are his wife, the former Florence Finch, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. McGregor was predeceased by a sister, Mrs. Skene (Edna) Smith.

Resting at the H. A. Keibel Funeral Home, Aylmer for service on Monday, July 12 at 1 p.m., with Rev. George Shields of Littlewood, officiating. Interment in Mapleton Cemetery.

FUNERALS

Rob Roy McGregor

Funeral service for Rob Roy McGregor of RR 1, Belmont, whose death occurred on Friday, July 9, 1971, was held from the H. A. Keibel Funeral Home, 119 Talbot St. East, Aylmer, on Monday afternoon. Rev. George Shields of Lambeth, conducted the service during which Mrs. James Wright presided at the organ. The pallbearers were Lloyd MacVicar, Russell Lunn, Roy Ketchabaw, Elmer Barons, Walter Moore and Harold Jenkins. The beautiful floral tributes were carried by James Thomson, Donald Jenkins, Harold Ferguson and Max Zavitz. Interment was made in the Mapleton Cemetery. Relatives and friends were in attendance from Toronto, Tillsonburg, St. Thomas, Belmont, Aylmer and surrounding district.

She was on
Flower Committee
1940-1941
and
Auditor
1941-1942

Kingsmill Couple Wed 60 Years



1968.

—(T.J. Photo)

MR. AND MRS. HERBERT M. BROWN

Herbert Brown, retired farmer dies suddenly

KINGSMILL. — Herbert Mandeville Brown, 85, of RR 1, Kingsmill, passed away suddenly at his home on Saturday, December 20, after a short illness.

Born in Mapleton, he lived in this area all his life. He retired from general farming in 1959 and was a devoted member of the Church of Christ's Disciples at Mapleton.

He is survived by two sons, Lewis of Kingsmill and George of Ingersoll; one sister, Mrs. Harold (Mabel) Wolfe of Windsor; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Resting at the H. A. Keibel Funeral Home, Aylmer, where Rev. Lorne Nethercott will conduct services Tuesday at 2 p.m. Interment will be at Nacropolis Cemetery, Mapleton.

DEATHS

BROWN — Suddenly at his home, Saturday, December 20, Herbert Mandeville Brown of RR 1, Kingsmill; father of Lewis of Mapleton, and George of Ingersoll; brother of Mrs. Harold (Mabel) Wolfe of Windsor; also surviving are three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; in his 86th year after a short illness.

Resting at the H. A. Keibel Funeral Home, Aylmer, where Rev. Lorne Nethercott will conduct services Tuesday at 2 p.m. Interment will be at Nacropolis Cemetery, Mapleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Brown celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 2nd, when they held open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brown, Kingsmill, Ontario.

Over 200 of their friends and relatives called to offer congratulations. A number who attended their marriage 60 years ago were present.

On June 3, 1908, Herbert M. Brown and Mabel F. Thomson were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Thomson, who were pioneer residents of North Yarmouth. The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Brown, were early settlers of South Dorchester.

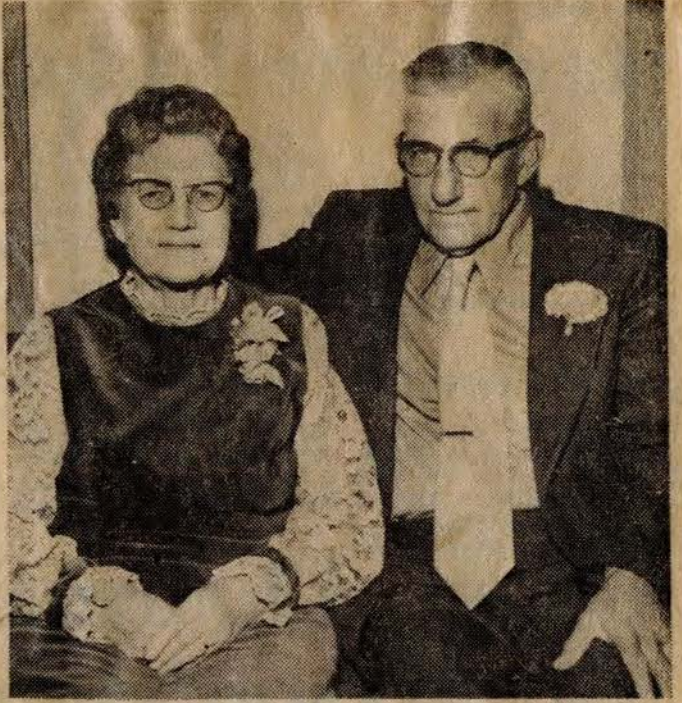
They have two sons, Lewis, Kingsmill, and George, Ingersoll. Another son, John, passed away in 1941. They have three grandchildren, David, Dr. John and Rosalie Brown and one great-granddaughter, Stephanie Brown.

Among the host of congratulatory messages and telegrams received were those from Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Premier John Robarts, Harold Stafford, M.P., Ronald McNeil, M.P.P., Robert Nixon and also a telegram from their grandson, Dr. John Brown, who is en route to Spain.

Guests were present from Winnipeg, Windsor, Highgate, Rodney, Sarnia, Petrolia, London, Dorchester, Kitchener, Ingersoll, Brownsville, Tillsonburg, Avon, Belmont, Glanworth, St. Thomas, Aylmer and surrounding district.

A well-known Belmont area couple, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Legg, who resided at R.R.#1 Belmont, Ontario, will mark their golden wedding day in happy fashion on Sunday, Oct. 29th, 1972. They will greet their relatives, friends and neighbors at an open house to be held in the Aylmer Oddfellows Temple, John Street North, Aylmer, from two to four o'clock in the afternoon

To mark golden wedding day



T-J Photo

MR. AND MRS. HENRY LEGG

and from seven to nine in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Legg were married at the farm home of the groom's parents the late Charles and Bessie Legg of South Dorchester, on October 25th, 1922. Mrs. Legg is the former Thirza McLain, youngest daughter of the late Andrew and Annie McLain of Yarmouth Township. The couple are the proud parents of two sons. Donald H. who lives in Belmont, and C. Beverley at R.R.#3, St. Thomas. There are six grandchildren. Mr. Legg has farmed most of his life on the Century Farm where they now reside. Mrs. Legg spent her early life attending school in Toronto, Ontario, where she resided with an aunt and uncle later returning to South Dorchester, where she met Mr. Legg. Mr. Legg is a past district deputy grand master of Victory Lodge IOOF Belmont and also a member of Mahomet Sanctorum AMOS. They are both members of Monta Rebekah Lodge, Belmont. Mrs. Legg is also a member of the Ladies of the Orient.



50 Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Drake of R. 18 St. Thomas, Open House was held at July 7, 1979 at the Poligh Hall on County R. 52.

Pouring tea were-- Mrs. Siama Erickson, Mrs. Violet Brown. who taught Keith in Public school, Mrs. Anne Fishback, Mrs. Margaret pow and Mrs. Joyce Zavitz/

June, 19, ~~1989~~-1929

The day of her grandmother, Mrs. Emily Grown's birthday was the date chosen by Hazel Roberts, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts of Aylmer, for her wedding to Keith Drake, oldest son of Mr. & Mrs James Drake of Mapleton.

The bridal attendants were ~~E~~Athel(Roberts) Hodgins, twin sister of the bride, and Percy Drake, brother of the groom.

The Rev. Edgar Allen of Aylmer officiated at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. & Mrs. Drake have resided in Mapleton all their married life.

Mr. Drake served with the RCOC in England for four and half years during the world War 2, operated a grist mill following his return to Mapleton. When the mill was destroyed by fire he became an employee of George White and Son in London where he worked until his retirement.

Mrs. Drake owned a sewing business in Aylmer for several yrs. and has been a T. J. correspondent for Mapleton for 25 yrs.

Mr. Drake is a hunting and fishing enthusiast, and Mrs. Drake enjoys travelling.

They are the parents of 5 children.

Mrs. Charles (Doreen) Baker. of Ottawa.

Mrs. John (Donna) Skoreiko of ~~Ottawa~~, Edmonton.

Charles of Spruce Grove, Alberta.

Robert of Norwich. a son David passed away at the age of 5 months.

They have 19 grandchildren, and 1 great-grand son in B. C.

They celebrated their 50 wedding anniversary on July 7 at the Polish Hall on County rd. 52 with an open house and supper



Erma (sister) of Keith Drake, Mrs. Fred Brown Keith
 Drake and Myrtle Anne Dennis all went to Sunday School under Mrs.
 Fred Brown at Mapleton Church July 7, 1979. Grace McKenzie (sitting)

July 24, 1979

Mrs. Max, Zavits
 Grey Fuller
 Jack Widner
 Keith Hiepleh
 visit our sister W. I.
 Twin Sister at Clachan
 Ontario.



District Couple Wed 50 Years

1912



—T. J. Photo.

MR. AND MRS. S. W. LEGG

On Sunday, December 30, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Legg will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a family dinner at their home in the Belmont district. On Monday, December 31, anyone wishing to call will be welcome from two-thirty to five o'clock in the afternoon, and from seven-thirty to nine o'clock in the evening, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Stuart Scanlan and Mr. Scanlan, R.R. 3, Belmont, the home farm. It was in 1912, that the couple were married by the late Rev. A. E. Jones, pastor of Belmont Methodist Church, at the home of the bride, seven miles east of Aylmer on No. 3 Highway, with the immediate families as guests. Mr. Legg is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Legg of Belmont and until illness in the family forced his retirement he had lived his entire life on the home farm. He has one sister

still living, Mrs. Lloyd (Pearl) Blanchard, of Belmont. Mrs. Legg, the former Opal Baker, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Baker of Malahide and at the time of her marriage, she was a member of the Aylmer Baptist Church, and of the choir. She is a life member of the Belmont Woman's Missionary Society and of the Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute. Mrs. Legg has one sister, Mrs. Haney of St. Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Legg are members of the Belmont United Church, which they attend regularly, and although both have passed the three score and ten mark, they keep busy with their garden and housework. The couple have three children, E. James Legg, Toronto; Milton W. Legg, Belmont and Mrs. Stuart (Evelyn) Scanlan, four granddaughters and one grandson. Their eldest son, Murray, passed away eight years ago.

New Year's Day

A new opportunity, this, O my soul,
To erase all mistakes of the past;
A higher objective to set for thy goal
Fairer, nobler than that of the last.

And for its accomplishment harder to strive;
Much more earnestly watch, work and pray
That the Victory longed for—sweet Peace, may arrive
Be with us long ere next New Year's Day.

Belmont Couple Wed 55 Years



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—(T.-J. Photo)

MR. AND MRS. S. W. LEGG

Today is a very special one in the lives of two well-known residents of the Belmont area, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Legg, who are marking their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary today. Tomorrow, a family dinner to mark the occasion will be held at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Scanlan, RR 3, Belmont, when guests will include their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. James Legg, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Milton W. Legg, Belmont, and Mr. and Mrs.

Scanlan, the latter their only daughter, Evelyn.

The couple were married in 1912, and following their marriage, they spent most of their married life on the home farm until ill health forced their retirement. They are members of the Belmont United Church, and Mrs. Legg is a life member of the Belmont Women's Missionary Society and of the Kingsmill-Mapleton Women's Institute.

They have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



The 25th Silver Anniversary, Sept. 2nd 1975 of Wm. H. Free & Grace (McCracken) Free. They and their family James & Karen celebrated by motor home to a pleasant three week trip to the East Coast of Canada travelling through Quebec, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick & Nova Scotia returning home by the United States through Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York & Buffalo.

Then again, on Sept 20th, 1975 on account of selling their farm to Mr. & Mrs. Carl Stover & moving to 8 Dunwich Drive, St. Thomas, Ontario, they enjoyed a wiener roast held in their honour at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Max Zavitz as a farewell party from the community. They were the recipients of a beautiful artifact.

April 12/71



Spring Bride

*Last week her bridal gown of white
The cherry tree displayed;
Besides her stood the apricot
In pastel pink arrayed.*

*Today I searched for nuptial signs
But not a one I found,
Save for confetti, pink and white,
Star-strewn upon the ground.*

—MARY A. PADDON

50th Anniversary April 12, 1971

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barons are celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Monday, April 12, They farmed in the Belmont and Aylmer areas until 1951 and moved into Springfield to retire. They now reside at R. I Belmont. They have two sons Harley and Glenn, both of Aylmer. They also have 8 grandchildren. The revered couple was married in First United Church, Westminster, by Re. M. Crawford. Mr. and Mrs. Barons will hold open house in the Oddfellows Hall in Aylmer, from seven to ten o'clock in the evening on Monday April 12, 1971



Mr. & Mrs. Max. Zavitz 25th Ann.
Oct. 14, 1975, of R. 1 Belmont.
Celebrated on Sunday Oct. 19, 1975
at the North Ratepayers Community
Club from 2~~4~~ 5 P. M.

Mrs. Zavitz was the daughter of the
late Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Karr, Forest
Ont. where as Max. is the son of Mrs.
Archie Zavitz & the late Archie Zavitz
Dorchester.

The surviving family of the couple
are- Philip & Daughter-in-law Linda
Norman, Richard, Gregory. they are
farmers.

Mrs. Max (Joyce) Zavitz has been
a W. I. member & hostess for several
yrs. serving as, Director 1966-69.
Treas. 1967-70. Sec. Tres. 1970-72
Public Relations officer 1972-74.

The lovely 3 tiered Anniversary Cake, flaked with silver candles
was baked by Mrs. Dora Demary. Mrs. Lloyd Coulbeck, Mrs. Ralph Karr
Aunts, and also friends Mrs. R. E. Shiell, Mrs. Keith Drake, Mrs. Lloyd
Hyme, Mrs. W. J. Free Sr. poured tea.

Luncheon was served by, Misses Barbara & Gloria McPherson, Jacqueline
Demary, Rhoda Zavitz and Heather Karr, (neices of Joyce and Max) Brenda
Coulbeck.

Kitchen assistance, Aunt Alice Lawson, Joyce's sister Jean Mc
Pherson and Hilda York, her sister-in-law Jane Karr and cousin Beth Karr.
Max's sister, Mrs. Douglas Demary assisted in opening the gifts.

Best wishes from two important & responsible members for the
couple's wedding ceremony 25yrs. ago were Rev. W. J. Taylor, Dorchester,
organist, Mrs. Emma Kilmer, Forst.

Guests attended from Toronto, Peterborough, Norwood, Norwich,
Petersburg, Sarnia, Ridgetown, Arkona, Watford, Forest, Atwood, Thedford,
Parkhill, Aylmer, Burgessville, Dorchester, Belmont, Lambeth, Mapleton,
& London,

Adam and Eve

Adam and Eve 812

Ate the apple

Adam ate one too

Adam was the fastest runner

Because he was the first here

Belmont Area Couple Keep 25th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Willsey

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Willsey of R.R.#3, Belmont, celebrated their 25th anniversary on Sunday, September 8th, 1968 at Lyons Hall in the form of an evening tea, from 7 until 11 p.m.

Attending the guest book was Myrna Willsey, daughter of the couple. Mrs. Larry Jenney and Mrs. Charles Evert presented their parents with a corsage of orange roses and a boutonniere when they arrived.

One Hundred and twenty-five relatives and friends attended. Tea was served from a table centred with three tier wedding cake and silver candles and decorated with pink and white streamers and bells.

Assisting with the tea table were Mrs. Lloyd MacVicar, Mrs. Sidney Brunsdon. Mrs. Charles Evert, Mrs. Larry Jenney, Susanne Willsey and Cheryl Lynne Jenney. Susanne Willsey also unwrapped and displayed the lovely gifts which the couple received.

Decorations and arrangements were made by Mrs. Marvin Willsey, Miss Shirley Evert, Mrs. Charles Evert, Mrs. Larry Jenney, Mrs. Alvin Willsey, Mrs. John Charlton, Susanne and Myrna Willsey.

Guests attended from London, Stratford, Ingersoll, Preston, Langton, Port Rowan, Talbotville, Brownsville, Aylmer, Springfield, Belmont and vicinity. The couple having resided in Crossley Hunter community for 25 years, are parents of eight children: Marvin, Mrs. Larry Jenney (Joyce) Mrs. Charles Evert (Jean) John, Susanne, Roy, Myrna and Brenda at home. They are also grandparents of three, Kimberley and Karie Willsey, John Evert.

Marlene Anne Legg daughter of
Mr. & Mrs. Bev. Legg R. 3. St.
Thomas. married Ronald R. Berry
son of Mr. & Mrs. Colin Berry
May, 9, 1981.
at Yarmouth Centre United Church.

