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MRS. HARRY FOX *May 1955*

Find Wedding Ring Lost for 51 Years

WALLACETOWN. — For the first time in 51 years Mrs. Harry Fox, of Wallacetown, has a wedding ring adorning her left hand.

The broad, gold band which her husband gave her on her wedding day 53 years ago was returned to her a few days ago after lying lost in the garden of her old home behind the Presbyterian Church, Wallacetown, for over half a century.

On Wash Day

It was a wash day when Mrs. Fox lost the ring and although her late husband and herself searched the ground between the kitchen and the well with great care and thoroughness, the ring was not found. Mr. Fox even went to the extent of emptying the well twice in vain efforts to trace the gold band which signified the bond between himself and Mrs. Fox.

Gave Up All Hope

Soon afterwards Mrs. Fox left the old home and with her departure gave up all hope of ever seeing her wedding ring again.

Recently, however, Mrs. Fox heard that her old home was being pulled down by owner Ezra Martelle, and she went along to see the last of the place in which she had begun married life and which held so many memories for her.

Hard to Believe

Mrs. Fox told Mr. Martelle about her lost wedding ring and could hardly believe her ears when he told her that a ring had been found in the garden some two years previously.

It was an overjoyed woman who returned to her home that evening with the gold ring, just a little discolored after its long spell in the ground, on the finger that had been bare for 51 years.

Missed Husband

"My only wish is that my hus-

band was still here to rejoice with me on the return of my wedding ring," Mrs. Fox, a person with a charming personality, told a Times-Journal reporter.

A building contractor and a man known for many miles around for his skill in building chimneys as straight as a gun barrel, Mr. Fox died in 1950.

In Fine Home

The home in which Mrs. Fox now lives is one of the finest looking in Wallacetown. It was completely remodelled by her late husband and has, as one of its best features, some most attractive stonework.



MISSED FEW FAIRS — Mrs. Harry Fox, Wallacetown, once again tends the flowers at the entrance to the Wallacetown Fair Grounds. Mrs. Fox, who celebrated her 90th birthday last May, said she has missed very few fairs since the annual event began 105 years ago.

A resident of Wallacetown since she was a child, Mrs. Fox said the fair has changed in style considerably through the years, but she added, Wallacetown is still the town "where the sun never sets, and July never ends." (T.-J. Photo)

NCE, DUTTON, ONT. — May 5th, 1965

SHE'S NINETY!

(To our neighbor, Mrs. Harry Fox)

The rafters rang with cheerful sound,
The friends and neighbors gathered round;
Gay voices laughed and reminisced,
The chatter turned to that and this.
While sitting primly in her place—
Is she in lavender and lace?
Why no! you'd never think that she
The good old friend we'd come to see
Was ninety!

The teacups gaily clinked among
The rise and fall of many tongues;
As folks went out some more came in
And added to the pleasant din.
Our neighbor now great joy has found
With all her family gathered round:
She's gay and youthful as the best
And sure looks twenty more years less
Than ninety.

Methinks this time she's lived around
Our cheerful little lively town
Must sure have brought to mind a lot
Of memories and passing thoughts.
The old folk living in and round
All big and little country towns
Have much to show the younger ones
Of lives well-lived and duties done.
So of continued health and cheer
We wish her quite a few more years
Than ninety!

Sunday, May 2nd, 1965.

Margaret Welch



HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY PARTY — Mrs. Harry Fox of Wallacetown gained nonagenarian status on Tuesday of this week, when she celebrated her 90th birthday. This was the happy scene at noon yesterday when friends gathered at the home of Mrs. A. D. Strath to offer congratulations and share a birthday dinner with her. Shown, seated clockwise around the table are Mrs. Strath, the hostess; Miss Millie Sifton, Mrs. R. Rob-

inson, Mrs. Floyd Sifton, Miss Eva Pearce, Mrs. Lillie Cameron, Mrs. Annie MacFarlane, Floyd Sifton, Mrs. Maribel MacPherson, Mrs. Lillie Lackey, Rev. Hill Hamilton, Miss Ella Sifton, George Lunn, Mrs. Alfred Kochler, Mrs. George Lunn; Mrs. Fox, the celebrant; Mrs. Emma Campbell, Stewart Pearson, Mrs. Ermyrn Lucas, Frank Smith. It is interesting to note that of the guests attending, nearly all were over 80 years of age.

—(T.-J. Photo)

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TRIES FOR WINNER AT 94—Mrs. Hattie Bobier, 94, of 80 Myrtle street, has been puzzling out The Times-Journal crossword puzzles since the contest began in June last year. Mrs. Bobier

states that next to reading, working out the puzzles is her favorite pastime. Mrs. Bobier came to St. Thomas in 1950 from Port Talbot and, in the above photo, she is shown working on this week's contest puzzle. — (T.-J. Photo).

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DUNWICH COUPLE WEDDED.

James Lackey United in Marriage to Miss Lilly Grainger.

James Lackey, farmer, of Dunwich, was united in marriage yesterday to Miss Lilly Grainger, daughter of William Grainger, of Dunwich. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. T. Scott. John H. Sloan acted as groomsman and Miss Hannah Grainger assisted the bride. The happy couple were registered at the City hotel yesterday and left this morning on a honeymoon trip to London.

Mrs. Harriet Bobier Is 100

This district's oldest resident, Mrs. Harriet Bobier, was 100 on Sunday.

A patient at the Bobier Home and not in strong condition, Mrs. Bobier marked the event quietly. Visitors were kept to a minimum because she is easily upset, but the staff of the Home filled her room with flowers and otherwise helped to mark the birthday.

A native of Iona, Mrs. Bobier lived most of her life in the Port Talbot area. Ten years ago she moved to St. Thomas and for the past few years she has made her home in Dutton. Her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. James Mitchell, were early residents of this district and knew Colonel Thomas Talbot.

Mrs. Bobier is a member of St. Peter's Church, Tyrconnell, and in her younger years active in its work. In 1883, she married Richard Bobier, who died in 1912. A daughter Mabel, passed away in 1951 and a son, James, in 1953.

Among the many congratulatory messages received by Mrs. Bobier were those from Queen Elizabeth and James McBain, Elgin M.P. Included in remembrances was a beautiful orchid from Ryland's. St. Thomas.

May 8. year 1960



WAS 96 TUESDAY—More than 75 friends called Tuesday afternoon to pay tribute to Mrs. Harriet Bobier, well-known nonagenarian of this city and district, who celebrated her 96th birthday. Mrs. Bobier, who now lives at 80 Myrtle street, moved six years ago from Tyrconnell where she lived for most of her life and was an active member of St. Peter's Anglican Church. A member of an old pioneer family from the Port Talbot district, her father knew Colonel Talbot. In 1883, the former Harriet Mitchell married Richard Bobier. She is predeceased by her husband in 1912, by a daughter Mabel in 1951, and a son James, in 1953. Mrs. Bobier is in good health for her age and enjoys keeping up on all the news, both world-wide and local.—(T-J Photo)

Mrs. Hattie Bobier Passes At Age 100

June 14 1960
DUTTON—Mrs. Hattie (Mitchell) Bobier passed away early this morning at the Bobier Nursing Home, Dutton, at the age of 100.

She was born in Southwold Township on a farm on No. 3 Highway just east of Iona. She resided for many years following her marriage to the late Richard Bobier on the Talbot road on a farm known as the Bobier homestead, Dunwich Township. She taught school for a number of years both in Southwold and Dunwich.

After leaving the farm she resided for a number of years in St. Thomas and for the past four years had been at the nursing home in Dutton. She was a member of St. Peter's Anglican Church, Tyrconnell. She celebrated her 100th birthday on May 8, and was the last surviving member of her family.

Mrs. Bobier was also predeceased by one daughter, Miss Mabel Bobier, eight years ago, and one son, James, seven years ago. She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews.

Resting at the Cyril J. Beill Funeral Home, Dutton, where funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 16 at two p.m., conducted by the Rev. John Graham of St. Peter's Anglican Church, Tyrconnell. Interment in St. Peter's Cemetery.