

Park Head couple wed fifty years

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Evans of Park Head celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, October 17th with a dinner served to their family and relatives, numbering forty, in the Park Head Community and Memorial Hall, and catered to by the ladies of the Women's Institute and United Church Women at 5 p.m. The hall and dinner tables were very tastefully decorated with gold and brown appointments with gold roses in bud vases and gold candles flanking the very lovely three-tiered wedding cake. A beautiful bouquet of Tallman roses and large gold coloured daisies, a gift from the members of the Sauble Conservation Authority and a large bouquet of deep red roses, a gift from nieces and nephews in Toronto with other baskets of gold coloured Chrysanthemums decorated the upper hall. The many lovely gifts were on a lace covered table at the front of the hall.

The delicious dinner was very nicely served by Mrs. M. McKnight and her committee, Mrs. E. Rourke, Mrs. V. Warrington and Mrs. Keith Philp, with other helpers. Mr. Allan Evans of Tiverton was toastmaster and Mr. Clyde Evans of Chatham proposed the toast to the Bride and Groom of fifty years ago. Mr. Evans made a very suitable reply to the toast. Over two hundred cards were received, among them was one from Mr. Diefenbaker, Prime Minister Pearson and Mr. John Loney, and a telegram from the Premier of Ontario, Mr. Robarts. As well, a scroll from the Provincial Government was received. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Whicher were present to offer their personal congratulations.

In the evening around three hundred relatives, friends and neighbours gathered in the Upper Hall, many could not gain entrance and stood at the doors. These many friends were greeted at the door by Mr. and Mrs. Evans, their two daughters-in-law and their grandchildren.

Miss Carmen Evans of Chatham was in charge of the guest book. Mr. Norman Smith made a very capable chairman for an enjoyable program with Miss Beth Evans of Galt at the piano for the singing of the "The Maple Leaf Forever" and "God Save The Queen". Mr. Clyde Evans welcomed the many friends on behalf of his parents. Nancy and Leone Philp played two very nice piano duets. Mrs. J. K. Davidson of Zion, sister of Mrs. Evans, sang two very nice solos, "The flight of Ages" and "The end of the road", accompanied by Mrs. G. Huehn. A novel number was some community singing led by Mrs. N. Smith with Mrs. M. McKnight at the piano. Mrs. Smith had put a great deal of preparation into this number, tracing the life of the bride and groom of fifty years with old songs from "School Days" to "Home Sweet Home", interspersed with bits of humorous dialogue. Some of the songs were "Seeing Sadie Home", "Let me call you sweetheart", "Sadie, Sadie, give me your answer, do", "I love you truly", "Oh dear, what can the matter be, Ephriam's so long at the Fair", "Silver threads among the gold", "When you and I were young, Sadie", and many others. Mrs. B. Samella and Mr. Percy Doubt, wearing the wedding hats of Mr. and Mrs. Evans of fifty years ago, sang a parody on "Put on your old grey bonnet", accompanied by Mrs. McKnight. Mrs. Jack Mercer of Owen Sound gave one of her humorous readings and Wendy Cruickshank of Owen Sound gave a very lovely demonstration of Baton twirling. Mrs. M. McKnight in her usual fine manner played "The Sweet Bye and Bye", with variations as a piano solo. Little Ester McKibbin of Shallow Lake sang a sweet number "Seek and ye

shall find" unaccompanied.

Mr. Walter Smith, Park Head Minister, spoke words of eulogy, congratulations and best wishes and said he hoped everyone would be back to help Mr. and Mrs. Evans celebrate their Diamond Anniversary. Mr. Mel Barber of Owen Sound sang two nice solos, "I've grown so fond of you" and "Count your blessings". He was accompanied by Mrs. Huehn at the piano.

Mrs. W. A. Smith then read an address of congratulations and best wishes from all their Park Head friends, and Mrs. P. Doubt, Mrs. G. Huehn and Mr. Elgin Rourke presented Mr. and Mrs. Evans with a beautiful gold and walnut decorator wall clock, brass mechanical door knocker and two gold cups and saucers. Mr. and Mrs. Evans both made very suitable replies and thanked everyone for their cards, gifts and good wishes, and for helping to make the day such a happy and memorable one. Mr. Allan Evans then added the thanks of the members of the family for the wonderful day that had been tendered their parents. The singing of "God Save The Queen" brought a lovely day to an end. All retired to the lower hall where delicious refreshments were served by the women of the W.I. and U.C.W. in charge of Mrs. J. Bergstrau, Mrs. P. Doubt, Mrs. G. Hopkins and Mrs. R. McIntosh and other helpers.

Mr. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Evans was born and resided all his life in Park Head community, farming for many years until retirement to the village six years ago. Mrs. Evans was the former Sadie Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson of Zion, Amabel. They were married on October 14th, 1914 at the Hepworth parsonage by the Rev. J. C. McLellan.

Guests were present from Ottawa, Detroit, Chatham, Toronto, Princeton, Tiverton, Owen Sound, Warton, Allenford, Hepworth, Southampton, Port Elgin, Tara and Shallow Lake.