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## The Dobsons were married in Meaford *Couple celebrates 68th anniversary*

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July 30, 1919, in Meaford was a bright, sunny day, "not blistering hot — just right."

It was the wedding day of Norman and Mary Dobson, who today celebrate their 68th anniversary at Owen Sound's Summit Place.

The Dobsons' wedding was basically a family affair: dinner first, the wedding ceremony, then hurrying to catch the train to Lake Couchiching for their honeymoon.

They didn't own a car until three or four years later. "Anyplace you wanted to go, you either walked or took a horse," Mary remembered recently.

She met Norman at a choir practice. She was 23 and from Meaford, he, 30, from Collingwood Township. When they married they moved to his farm, on top of Blue Mountain in the Scenic Caves area.

"It was a beautiful view," she said, "except in February."

The couple farmed there, then in Redwing, about 16 kilometres south of Thornbury, then near Allenford, before moving to Parkhead where they lived about 40 years.

Almost four years ago now, they sold their Parkhead home and moved to Summit Place.

They have two sons and a

daughter, nine grandchildren and some great-grandchildren. "They increase from time to time," Mary said, "and it's hard to keep track of them".

Couples don't seem to stay married the way they used to and Mary feels it's "because the world's going too fast.

"There are still 24 hours in a day. I think people should stop sometimes and think a bit. Instead of thinking that making money is the be-all and end-all, they should think instead about trying to live decently, trying to have a decent relationship with other people."

Growing up in the country, she said she doesn't think "we had the temptations to do the things in the country that you have now.

"But I think we were happier. We didn't learn to want the world with a fence around it."

Of her and Norman's years together, she said, "We had a pretty good life. We never made \$1 million, but then we never set out to.

"We always had a decent life, and we always had a decent home. We've been pretty lucky."

The Dobsons are both confined to wheelchairs and some days, when there's a new ache or pain, "it helps to remember some of the good years we've had," Mary said.

"We had some good times."

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