

THURSTON, Alfred + Madeline



Alfred and Madeline Thurston of Bayside, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary, Friday. The two were married in 1913 in Canterbury Hall, Trenton. After paying the minister they said they had 25 cents to start their married life.

It's 70 years of togetherness

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BAYSIDE - Friday was a special day for Alfred and Madeline Thurston as they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

"I won't say we never had a scrap in the time we have been married like some people in the paper say," says Mrs. Thurston, 85.

She and her husband, who will be 90 in December, still maintain their own home on Alkins Road, across from Bayside Public School.

They were married in 1913 by Rev. F.W. Armstrong, in Canterbury Hall.

After arriving home

from their wedding Mrs. Thurston recalls that her mother sent them out to get the cows from the pasture, which was located where a K-Mart store is now.

During their married life the couple lived in Trenton and area for all but five years when they lived in the United States.

Mr. Thurston was employed in the British Chemical Company during the First World War.

"It was on our fifth anniversary that the plant blew up," Mrs. Thurston said.

"I made ammunition during both the First and Second World War," Mr. Thurston added.

He worked at Benedict-Proctor on Ontario

Street in Trenton for 47 years before retiring.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston have five children, 11 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Speaking of couples who tend to divorce at the first sign of trouble, Mrs. Thurston said "it's just crazy."

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Thurston family was planning a special dinner

in honor of the 70th anniversary.

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