

Black, Mr. & Mrs.
B.J.



Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Black Observe Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Black, 15 Alexander St., a prominent Belleville couple, observed their golden wedding anniversary with a dinner party yesterday.

Nearly 40 relatives and friends attended the dinner at Queen's Hotel, given by the family in honor of the couple. Later in the afternoon and evening, a reception was held at their house. Approximately 150 guests from the surrounding area, as well as from Chicago and Rochester, were present.

Mrs. Black is the former Margaret Jewel Fitzpatrick, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzpatrick, Belleville. She has lived all her life in this city. Mrs. Black enjoys lawn bowling and reading. She is also active in church work and belongs to the Catholic Women's League, among other organizations.

The couple was married in Belleville in St. Michael's Church. The Rev. Father Twomey was the officiating priest.

Mr. and Mrs. Black have seven children and 16 grandchildren, the latter ranging in ages from two to 17 years. Their five sons, Murray, Al, Twomey, Jimmie and Joseph are all living in Belleville. One daughter, Mrs. Hubert Bedore, is in business with her husband in Kingston. The other daughter, the Rev. Sister Mary Imelda, Superior, is in King, Ontario.

Mr. Black is the owner of Black's Wholesale, Ltd., which is now operated by four of his sons. He has been in that business for 50 years, and came to Belleville shortly before that. He was born on a farm north of Kingston. Prior to establishing his Belleville business, Mr. Black worked for the Canada Railway News Company in Cobourg and Kingston Junction for a number of years. He is fond of lawn bowling and, at one time, was an ardent fisherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Black consider a six-week trip to Europe some years ago as one of the highlights in their lives.

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