

## Local Couple to Mark 50 Years of Marriage

A World War I veteran who enlisted in the Canadian Army at the age of 15, and his English war bride of half a century ago are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary this weekend.

They are Mr. and Mrs. William McKenna, 149 Burnham Street, who will be "at home"

to their friends and family members on Sunday.

Saturday they will be honored guests at a family dinner at Bloomfield's Maple Inn.

In fact it is going to be a busy time for the 50-year wed couple all next week. Following the weekend anniversary, they will go to Toronto to at-

tend the annual banquet of the Originals Club and then back home for Christmas.

Members of the Originals Club are all World War I veterans who went overseas with the first contingent in 1914.

And next summer Mr. McKenna hope to re-visit World War I battle scenes as mem-

ber of an overseas charter flight being sponsored by the club.

Mr. McKenna is a life member and former president of the Army, Navy and Airforce Veterans, Unit 201 and also belongs to the Royal Canadian Legion in Belleville.

While serving with the 4th Battery CFA, he was seriously wounded in France and a year later when still only 18 he was married in England to the former Amelia Scarff.

Now retired, Mr. McKenna for many years worked as a plasterer.

Anniversary congratulatory messages and the seasonal Christmas greetings are making a double load for the postman as he called at the McKenna home this week. Among the anniversary congratulations are messages from Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, and Ontario Premier John P. Robarts.

The couple have three daughters, Mrs. K. (Emily) Carswell and Mrs. F. (Eunice) Travers of Belleville and Mrs. James (Doreen) Browning of Malton, and a son Al J. McKenna of Belleville. There are seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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MR. AND MRS. W. McKENNA

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