



Love story

Bernard and May Morris of Picton, both 90 years of age, on Wednesday

celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary, highlight of a love story that began in

their teens. Mrs. Morris is a patient in Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital

where a party was held for the couple.

After 73 years of marriage couple still lead active life

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PICTON - Songwriters say "everybody loves a lover" and staff members of Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Wednesday supported the popular contention with an anniversary party for Bernard and May Morris, a bride and groom of 73 years.

Last summer, Mrs. Morris was injured in a fall at her home and has been hospitalized for the past several months for treatment. Her husband, Bernard, has visited her as often as possible and this year, for the first time, would have celebrated his anniversary without the usual family festivities.

Hospital staff members planned a noon-day party, complete with cake, in the sun room and Mr. and Mrs. Morris were invited to enjoy a celebration with their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gwen Morris and other well-wishers.

For Bernard and May Morris it was love at first sight when they met as schoolmates.

"She was the only girl I ever went with," said Bernard.

He recalled that he often walked his bride-to-be home from church in the evening and would chat at the gate until her father came outside to remind the couple it was after 9 p.m.

Bernard said Wednesday that his wedding day, 73 years ago, dawned clear and cold.

Married by the Reverend D.S. Houck, the bride and groom arrived at Bloomfield United Church in a rented livery rig, after dancing until dawn the night before at a party.

Honeymoons were not traditional at the time of the Morris wedding and the young couple, both 17 years of age, immediately began married life at their Huff's Corners farm.

The Morrisses later lived in Hillier and Cherry Valley, before moving to Picton in 1929.

Since becoming senior citizens, Bernard and May, now 90, have contended that good health is maintained by remaining actively interested in community events, such as card parties.

The couple has resided at their Hill Street home, for many years, performing all household tasks unassisted.

Bernard maintains a large vegetable garden and his wife, May, has continued to can the foodstuffs grown.

"I'd have been dead long ago, if I had stopped going out," said Mrs. Morris, when interviewed on her anniversary, two years ago.

Although her knee injury has forced curtailment of her favorite activities, she remains alert and enthusiastic.

The Morrisses have one daughter, Mrs. Eva Gledhill of Quebec and were also the parents of the late Irvin Morris of Picton.