

Everyone knows the Mac Donalds! VI 24

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## Celebrates 65th Anniversary

Alexander (Sandy) MacDonald and Venus Robinson met when they were both working at McVicars Farm some ten miles south of Tobermory.

Sandy was lumbering and Venus was the cook.

They were married in the United Church Manse in Wiarton on January 25, 1915. The Reverend E.L. Flagg performed the ceremony.

Venus was "a good cook and good manager," and Sandy, "a steady worker and good provider" a firm foundation on which to build a 65 year marriage.

Sandy's grandparents came from Scotland as young children over 100 years ago and settled in the Ripley and Goderich areas. Sandy and Venus enjoy a rocking chair in their home which was brought from Scotland by one of his great-grandparents.

Venus' grandparents were from Scotland and Ireland.

The couple remained at the McVicar Farm for the first two years of their marriage then moved to Lion's Head. Sandy was a well known and highly respected carpenter and mason for forty years.

For the next eleven years, Sandy was superintendent at Craigleith Park near Collingwood. They spent their summers at the park and their winters in Wiarton where Sandy did maintenance and repair work at local camps.

In 1970, they retired and settled permanently in Wiarton.

Sandy's hobbies are fishing and hunting, although he has "no luck". Venus reads a lot, writes a lot of letters, quilts and cooks. They are members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

The Queen wired to Sandy and Venus sending "warm congratulations and good wishes."

Joe Clark wrote in part: "I

hope that the event you celebrate today marks the beginning of a year of happiness and health for you."

William Davis said in his letter, "Today is a very special milestone in your lives and a day in which you will be recalling many fond memories of your life together. I am extremely pleased to have this opportunity to join with your family and friends in marking this occasion and wish you both many years of happiness together."

The couple will have a family gathering to mark the occasion in the spring.

They have one daughter Lois (Mrs. Charles Paterson) of Toronto; a son John of Walkerton; four married grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. "The great-grandchildren are all boys but we are hoping for a girl one day," says Venus.

Shaking hands with Venus and Sandy upon leaving caused Sandy to remark "see you in five years."