

Doris and Robert Ferguson

Party on Sept. 1.
Real Anniversary Oct.

Giving and sharing makes it work

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Not to split hairs, but while the harvest brought them together, hair kept them together.

Robert and Doris Ferguson celebrated 50 years of marriage on Saturday, remembering the harvest excursion and a special haircut.

The couple met in Doris' home town Riverhurst, Saskatchewan. West of Moose Jaw, the town's population was about 300. Her future husband had come out on a 'harvest excursion', in which a free ticket brought workers to the field and \$15 got them back home with summer earnings.

A housekeeper in the home Robert lived in, Doris first met him over a hair cut. It seems no barber shops were open so Doris did the trimming.

"We seemed to hit it off together, Doris said. "He's never been in a barber shop," she added. "I still cut his hair." After marriage they returned to Castleford, Robert's home, and remain there to this day.

To celebrate, the couple enjoyed lunch with family and held an open house over the sunny afternoon.

Looking back, Doris agreed to share the secret of a successful marriage.

"You've got to give a little and take a little. You've got to give in and it's got to work both ways."

And the secret to their future together? "We'll spend it looking forward to good health."