



George and Evelyn Bryant

60 years of married bliss

January 7, 1991, marked the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George and Evelyn Bryant of Chesley. Old friends from London, Kitchener, Owen Sound, Port Elgin and Chesley expressed best wishes during an evening of socializing and dining at the home of Robert and Sheridan Bryant.

The celebrating couple then spent a few days at the Nottawasaga Inn in

Alliston, where they were showered with dozens of roses sent by children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. George and Evelyn would like to thank their family, friends and acquaintances for the many thoughtful expressions of congratulations.

Charles "Charlie" Carty Hodgins of Parkhill, formerly of Chesley, passed away at Chateau Gardens Nursing Home in Parkhill on Saturday, February 9, 1991, in his 79th year.

Beloved husband of the late Margaret (Marriot) Hodgins, Mr. Hodgins owned and operated a furniture store on Chesley's Main Street for many years. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 144 Chesley and was a former member of Chesley's Town Council.

He was the dear brother of Sarah

Steeper-Morley and dear friend of Florence McInnes of Chesley.

Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by one sister, Ellen Jean Fralick and brothers, Hugh Richard Hodgins and Kenneth Henry Hodgins.

The funeral service for the late Charlie Hodgins was held on Monday, February 11, 1991 at 1:30 p.m. at the M. Box and Son Funeral Home in Parkhill.

Interment in St. James Cemetery, Clandeboye.

The children of Frances Middleton invite you to a "Come and Go Tea," to celebrate her "80th Birthday." Please join us Saturday, January 26th, 1991 from 1:30 to 4:30pm. St. John's United Church, Chesley. Let your presence be your gift to Mom.



Ethel Thornburn

by Mary Golem

Ethel Thornburn - described by her family as "a very giving person" - celebrated her 99th birthday on Thursday, February 7, 1991.

Born in Canby, Minnesota on February 7, 1892, Ethel (nee Fairchild) Thornburn came to Canada in 1914, five years after her marriage to Everett Thornburn.

The couple farmed in Brant Township for a few years, then moved to a farm just east of Paisley, where they lived for 47 years. She has lived in Chesley since 1966.

The mother of three girls - Marion, Mrs. Gillies Parker of Paisley; Isabel, Mrs. C. G. Thackway of Port Elgin and Beth, Mrs. Frank Davidson of Chesley and one son, Grant, who is deceased - Mrs. Thornburn learned to do "a little bit of everything" during her lifetime, including sewing, quilting, crocheting, knitting, rug-making and embroidery work, although she is now no longer able to do such handiwork.

"One of her biggest hobbies," her daughter, Beth, explained "was keeping a diary. Almost daily she wrote in it about everyday happenings. She also kept scrapbooks - they are like a history of her family."

Mrs. Thornburn's varied interests also included being an avid church worker, first at Knox United Church in Paisley and later, St. John's United Church in Chesley.

"She also has a green thumb when it comes to gardening, enjoys reading and was a great one to write letters," Beth added. "She always wrote to her children when we were away from

home. You could always count on getting a letter from Mom every week!"

Mrs. Thornburn is the last surviving member of her family of seven children, all of whom remained in the United States after she came to Canada.

She was not able to get back home very often after her move - "there wasn't so much travelling then as there is now," Mrs. Thornburn explained.

A lot of changes have taken place in the past 100 years, Mrs. Thornburn says, adding she feels the most significant change has been the use of machinery and automobiles.

"There was more hard physical work years ago," she added.

Questioned on her secret to living such a long life, Mrs. Thornburn smiles and says "just fortunate, I guess."

"She has been very fortunate to enjoy good health," her daughter adds, and has only been hospitalized once for a minor operation. "Her body really is in good shape."

On Sunday, Mrs. Thornburn's family arranged a come and go tea in her honor. In attendance were her three daughters, neighbors and several grandchildren.

Mrs. Thornburn has 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

"She is a very giving person," her family says. "Very unselfish and generous to a fault - she would do anything for anybody, if she possibly could."

Maybe that's the secret to Ethel Thornburn's long life!