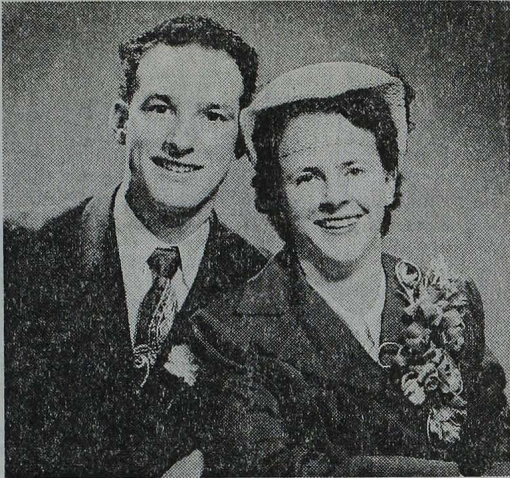


40th Wedding Anniversary



Walter and Betty Gough
1952 — 1992

Connie, daughter of Walter and Betty, invite friends, relatives and neighbours to help celebrate Dad and Mom's 40th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, February 1, 1992, to be held at the I.O.O.F. hall, Glanworth. Open House from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Best wishes only.

Thursday, January 9, 1992

Reflections

With Raymond Crinklaw

From my lazy chair, looking southerly out my dining room window, I can see the barn of the late Alexander Lobban on the fifth concession now named Westminster Drive.

It was just over 50 years that I attended a barn raising of an addition to the existing barn. It was my first and last barn raising and it was a memorable experience.

Within my collectables, is a timely and colourful account of a barn raising in the Hub of Westminster taken from the London Advertiser on June 17, 1904.

"The picturesque 'Bow Hill' farm of Mr. Andrew Nichol was en fete on Friday on the occasion of a bank barn raising, when 140 stalwarts and 40 fair ladies participate right royally. The edifice was 70 feet in length and 43 feet in width, lying upon a cement wall 9 feet high. A contingent was marshalled under Mr. John W. Laidlaw, comprising 40, while a similar number filed out under Mr. Charles Carrothers, with Mr. Ninlan Carrothers, framer, as fire lieutenant of the contestant forces. At a given signal, the ponderous timbers were seized with a herculean grip and borne aloft to their moorings with despatch by the rival contestant (in the absence of profanity, which speaks volumes for the morality of the forces), until prolonged acclamations went up from the forces of Mr. Carrothers. An appetizing spread greeted those present subsequently, aided by a corps of waiters under the supervision of

Mrs. William Fleming. Athletic feats were indulged in heartily, notably jumping, ball match was played with Mr. John Laidlaw at the bat. Mr. George Trigger behind the bat, and Mr. Peter Campbell pitching. He threw the first ball and struck the man at the bat on the side of the head, felling him to the ground. He was subsequently carried from the field in a semi-conscious condition and Dr. Hugh McColl of Lapeer, Michigan who had been entertained at his home during the last few days, was summoned quickly together with Dr. Nichol of Glanworth. They diagnosed the case, but alleged that no fracture had occurred. After the lapse of a couple of hours, Mr. John Laidlaw was removed to his home. The men's race was won by James Beattie (whip); second Robert Beattie. Ladies race — 1st Maggie Nichol; 2nd Nettie Lawson, who got a ladies' riding whip each. Boys' race — Andrew Murray first and Stanley Lawson second, a whip each. Walking race was won by E. Hudson, a prime whip. Little boys' race — Freddie Stevenson scored an easy victory, and was awarded a whip. Prominent among the visitors were Mr. W.L. Nichol, B.A.; Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Wilton Grove; accompanied by his wife and daughter; Dr. Hugh McColl of Lapeer, Michigan; James Nichol of Dorchester Station, accompanied by his two daughters, Misses Louise and Kate Nichol. The cement wall was constructed by J.W. Chivars of Belmont." From the Crinklaw Collection, 1987.

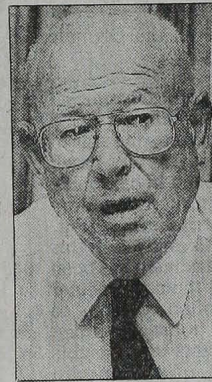
Yesterday's memories add colour to our tomorrows.

DEVELOPERS

February 20, 1992

Beaty advances a step closer in new venture

W. Harvey Beaty, right, founder of Cold Springs Farm Ltd. in Thamesford, wins an important vote toward the creation of a new Florida retirement community.



by Beaty, who assembled the property, and international developer Attila Hollohazy.

Commission chairman Parnell Townley said it will probably take four to six months before ground is broken because water consumption permits have to be approved.

Beaty said the first residents probably wouldn't move in for two years.

Townley said there is water rationing in the area where the development is proposed because of a five-year dry spell. But he doubted water concerns would stop the project.

Beaty said the value of the self-contained village, which will cater to retirees, may reach \$2.5 billion but the present value is a small fraction of that figure. Plans are for the community to have 15,500 homes among lakes and golf courses by the year 2020.

Beaty said he never intended the project to be as big as it is. He originally bought 526 hectares (1,300 acres)

near his winter home with the idea of developing it some time in the future. It became apparent the site couldn't be developed unless it had access to a highway.

"It just grew and grew in both directions because we needed access routes."

By John Matsui
The London Free Press

Thamesford's turkey king, W. Harvey Beaty, came a giant step closer to creating a new city in Florida that could eventually house 32,000 residents and be worth \$2.5 billion.

"We're pretty pleased," said Beaty, 75, the founder of Cold Springs Farm Ltd., from his Dunnellon, Fla., on Wednesday. "It went very nicely."

The proposal for the 2,045-hectare (5,054-acre) Cold Springs Village was approved in a 4-0 vote Tuesday by Marion County, Fla., commissioners after less than an hour of public discussion. The project — about 40 kilometres west of Ocala — is being developed

