



**MARRIED 50 YEARS** Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cleave, Mill St., were honored Saturday during a family gathering at their home and yesterday at open house. They were married in Rockwood and have lived 43 years at their home in Acton. Prior to moving here the couple farmed in this area.

## Lived 43 Years in Acton Have Golden Anniversary

Married 50 years ago yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cleave have received congratulations this week from a host of relatives, friends and neighbors. There was a dinner for 22 on Saturday, and "open house" yesterday. They have lived in their home on Mill St. for the past 43 years, and are very well known in the community.

This week the house is gay with flowers, cards and gifts. A treasured card is from Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson. Saturday, Mrs. Cleave wore a corsage and Mr. Cleave a boutonniere as they welcomed their brothers and sisters with their husbands and wives for dinner. On Wednesday they greeted friends and neighbors, old school chums and cousins.

**Family Party**  
A lovely pole lamp was presented Saturday at the family gathering were Mr. Cleave's sister, Mrs. Vic Watson and Mr. Watson of Guelph; her sisters Mrs. Clayton Bewick and Mr. Bewick of Hamilton (their daughter, Mrs. William Dick and a grand-daughter, Marie Dick, served) Mrs. Edwin Perryman and Mr. Perryman, who live near Cedar Springs Motel, Mrs. Ken McKinnon and Mr. McKinnon, Acton; Mrs. Jennie Holmes, Acton and Mrs. Elwood Cruzier, Port Credit. Another sister, Mrs. Donald McLean of Erin township, is in hospital, but her husband came to the party. Her brothers were were Wes Allan with Mrs. Allan, Acton; Thomas Allan with Mrs. Allan, Kleinburg; and Bert Allan who lives on the second line. One brother, Roland Allan, predeceased the rest of the family, but his wife who lives in Warren Grove, was there.

**Same Sunday School**  
They both have lived in this district all their lives. They lived a few farms away as children and went to the same Sunday School.

Lena May Allan was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Allan who farmed in Erin township on the second line about three miles north of Acton.

Fred Cleave's parents were several lots away, and the children attended different schools — Fred went to Lorne school and his future bride to Greenock. But they went to the same church — Silson church, which has since been torn down, and they attended Sunday school classes together.

On March 25 in 1914, a day when spring was just around the corner, as it has been this week, they set out for the parsonage in Rockwood to be married. They recall the weather that day was

right "neither for wheeling nor sleighing". The mud was bad but there wasn't enough snow left for the sleigh. They went by horse and buggy, and had a supper at the farm house afterwards. Then they left for a few days in Toronto.

There was more snow in those days, the pair recall, and the roads were not ploughed out as they are now.

**Farmed Near Town**  
For four years they farmed on the Donald Mann farm on the third line, where Dick Brown is now, and then for three years on the Murray farm on the first line (where the Tom Shields are now. (A new house has been built there since.)

Then they came to Acton, and they have lived here for 43 years. Mr. Cleave worked at the Wool Combing until his retirement.

Both are faithful members of the United Church, and he was on the session for years. He is not out so much now, but enjoys walking to the post office for the mail.

**Praise for U.C.W.**  
Mrs. Cleave has always been particularly interested in church work. She was a Sunday School teacher for 25 years, was a member of the W.M.S., the W.A., and now the U.C.W. She was the secretary of the W.A. for years, and just this spring resigned as community friendship secretary after 35 years.

She is happy the way the new church organization, the U.C.W., is getting the young women involved. "They are taking over very well," she said with pleasure.

## Citizen of Year Annual Surprise

Who'll be Acton's Citizen of the Year?

That's an annual secret. The answer will be announced Wednesday evening, April 15 at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner. Tickets went on sale this week and can be purchased from the two bank managers, two public school principals, Henry Deveau and Paul Neilsen.

As well as the announcement, citation and presentation to the surprise Citizen of the Year there will be a turkey dinner, professional entertainment and a good speaker.

Denver man says he has been married 35 years and has never quarreled with his wife. It takes an exceedingly candid man to admit being such a coward.

## Improved Curling Ice Discussed Club is \$2,800 a Year Customer

Much of Acton Recreation Committee's time at their regular meeting Thursday was taken up with discussion on curling ice and possible improvements in the methods being used in the community centre.

The committee accepted the recommendation of the administration committee regarding the arrangement with the curling club at a meeting March 5. At this joint meeting, the recreation representatives agreed to burn the ice each week, the cost to be bill-

ed to the curling club, and paid weekly.

Vice-chairman John Goy felt the community centre was on the brink of losing a good customer if something wasn't done to improve ice for curling. "We stand to lose \$2,800 a year if the curlers decided to move out," he estimated. "Right now-up above, a meeting may have already decided to do it."

(Coinciding with the recreation committee meeting, members of the curling club were discussing whether they should attempt to build separate facilities for curling, at a meeting upstairs in the community centre.)



**SENIOR CITIZENS** met Thursday evening of last week at the Y.M.C.A. to form a club and heard guest speaker Royal Boothby, co-ordinator of the Senior Citizens' Club of Kitchener. Meeting the speaker left to right are recreation director Jim Casburn, James Ralston, Mrs. E. T. Thetford, Mr. Boothby, Charles Mason and councillor Mrs. George Fryer. Formation of an executive was held over until a later meeting.

## First Senior Citizens' Meeting Brings Over 60 to "Y" Thursday

On Thursday evening of last week in the Y.M.C.A., approximately 60 residents of Acton responded to invitations mailed by the Acton Women's Institute and recreation director Jim Casburn to sponsor a Senior Citizens' Club in this community.

Mr. Casburn, acting as chairman for the evening's program, introduced the guest speaker, R. Boothby and Mrs. Boothby, Mr. Boothby is the Senior Citizens' Co-ordinator for Kitchener Recreation Department. He complimented the audience of "60 and over" Actonians on the splendid co-operation evident at the initial meeting.

"Such interest and co-operation would ensure success for the organization of this community's first Senior Citizens' Club," intimated the guest speaker.

**Develop Abilities**  
Mr. Boothby pointed out that older men and women have an important place and a definite responsibility in the life of the community. He noted leisure time often affords one the opportunity to discover hidden talents and unknown abilities, to take up hobbies and crafts or do something totally different from the regular jobs before retirement. A Senior Citizens' Club, with proper guidance, organization and co-operation, could help develop these hidden abilities and talents and make life more worthwhile for the individual and the community.

**Program Arranged**  
Recreational director Jim Casburn was master of ceremonies for a most entertaining program of dancing and music. Accordion music by John Rossell and duets by Judy Dwyer and Sandra Denney were enthusiastically applauded.

Charles Landsborough, accompanied by Mrs. James Bradshaw on the piano, thrilled the audience with a clarinet solo. Diane Bousfield gave a song and dance number entitled "On the Sunny Side of the Street."

Miss Dorothy Simmons and Mrs. Bernard Veldhuis sang two duet numbers; Mrs. Allred Long was accompanist; Mrs. Jack Carpenter and her troupe of young

dancers appeared in costume to dance the Can-Can and Louisiana Hayride. George Fountain and partner Mr. Graham delighted the audience with selections of old time jigs and waltzes on the fiddle and guitar.

The successful evening closed with lunch provided by the Acton Women's Institute. Likely two or three similar meetings will be held before an executive is formed.

The committee also:

- Decided to close the community centre for the entire day Easter Sunday and just allow skating on the afternoon of Good Friday.
- Heard from recreation director Casburn by word of chairman Bullough that a tentative date for closing of the arena was set for April 17.

Finance chairman Patterson felt the finance committee had reduced the budget to a sensible figure and no further pairing was necessary in answer to council's request for a review.

The committee was in receipt of a letter of commendation from the Robert Little school on the success of the ice carnival in which several schools participated and which recreation director Jim Casburn conceived and organized. Members agreed it was a big success.

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**PINEVIEW SCHOOL** won the Acton Bank of Montreal trophy Tuesday when they placed first in the boys' unchanged voices choir at the North Halton Music Festival held in Acton. Left to right are Robert Bradbury, Dick Willie, accountant at the bank who presented the trophy and Robert McGee who received the award.

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