

# Mr. and Mrs. David Russell diamond wedding anniversary

Friends and relatives from all over the district gathered to honor Mr. and Mrs. David Russell on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary, Sunday, March 24 at the home of their son and daughter on Main St.

Married in 1908 at Ballinafad by the Rev. George Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Russell can look back on their wedding day with amazing clarity.

"The snow was terrible that day," they recall. "Guests came by cutter, democrats and bugles." Roads were choked up with snow so the guests just cut

over the farm fields to attend the wedding which was held at the bride's home.

The bride and groom moved right over to the family farm on the Fifth Line, Lot 1, Erin, land which had been in the Russell name since Dr. Christopher James Russell took the patent on it from the crown. There they settled down and farmed until Mr. Russell retired.

Mr. Russell remembers stories about his doctor grandfather travelling long distances on horseback to treat patients. He had no medical ambition himself but has loved the farm and took a special interest in registered

shorthorn cattle.

Mrs. Russell, the former Margaret McEnery has taken an interest in flowers and sewing all her life. She also has a keen memory for prices having worked in the Ballinafad store.

"I can remember when butter was 10¢ a pound, eggs 5¢ a dozen and bread 5¢ a loaf," said Mrs. Russell. "People were more independent then than they are now," agreed her husband.

"People fed themselves on their own table and didn't have to depend on getting goods from the store. Most farmers are the same as townspeople now."

The couple take an active interest in everything around them. Mr. Russell's hobby is gardening and his wife's love for flowers is reflected in the appreciative glances she saved for the profusion of flowers they received Sunday.

Pouring tea for the reception were sister-in-laws Mrs. Kate McEnery, Acton and Mrs. Thelma McEnery, Georgetown; in the evening, Mrs. Robert McEnery and Mrs. Cam McEnery of Ballinafad poured.

Serving were Mrs. Bruce Leitch, Beverly Leitch, Mrs. Allan Grant, Merle, Mrs. Edith McEachern, and Mrs. Stewart Russell.

A three-holed wedding cake made by their daughter, Edith McEachern was a focal point for visitors from Toronto, Brampton, Oakville, Clarkson, Georgetown, Cheltenham, Guelph, Erin, Hillsburg, Ballinafad, Milton, Hornby, Eden Mills, Calodon and Acton. Mayor Les Duly and clerk-administrator J. McGeachle brought greetings from the town.

Telegrams of congratulations were received from Her Majesty the Queen, Prime Minister Pearson, Leader of the Opposition Robert Stanfield, M.P.'s Dr. Harlow and Alf Halos.

Mr. and Mrs. McEnery have a daughter, Edith, a son Stewart, one grandchild, Merle Grant and one great-grandchild, four-year-old Brian Grant.

The Free Press joins with the many well-wishers in congratulating the popular couple.



BANNOCKBURN W.I. MEMBERS were all present but one for the golden anniversary of the group's founding. In the front row are first vice-president Mrs. C. Coles, president Mrs. Cam Sinclair, secretary Mrs. Y. Gordon; in the back row Mrs. T. O'Rourke, Mrs. Stan Morrison, Mrs. D. A. Russell, Mrs. B. Leitch, Mrs. W. Roszell, Mrs. J. Upshall, Mrs. C. Griese.

Mrs. J. Fox, Mrs. W. Brooks, Mr. W. Linham, Mrs. R. Lindsay, Mrs. Stan Matthews, Mrs. W. McDonald. One member left before the picture was taken, and Mrs. Voskamp was in hospital and unable to attend.

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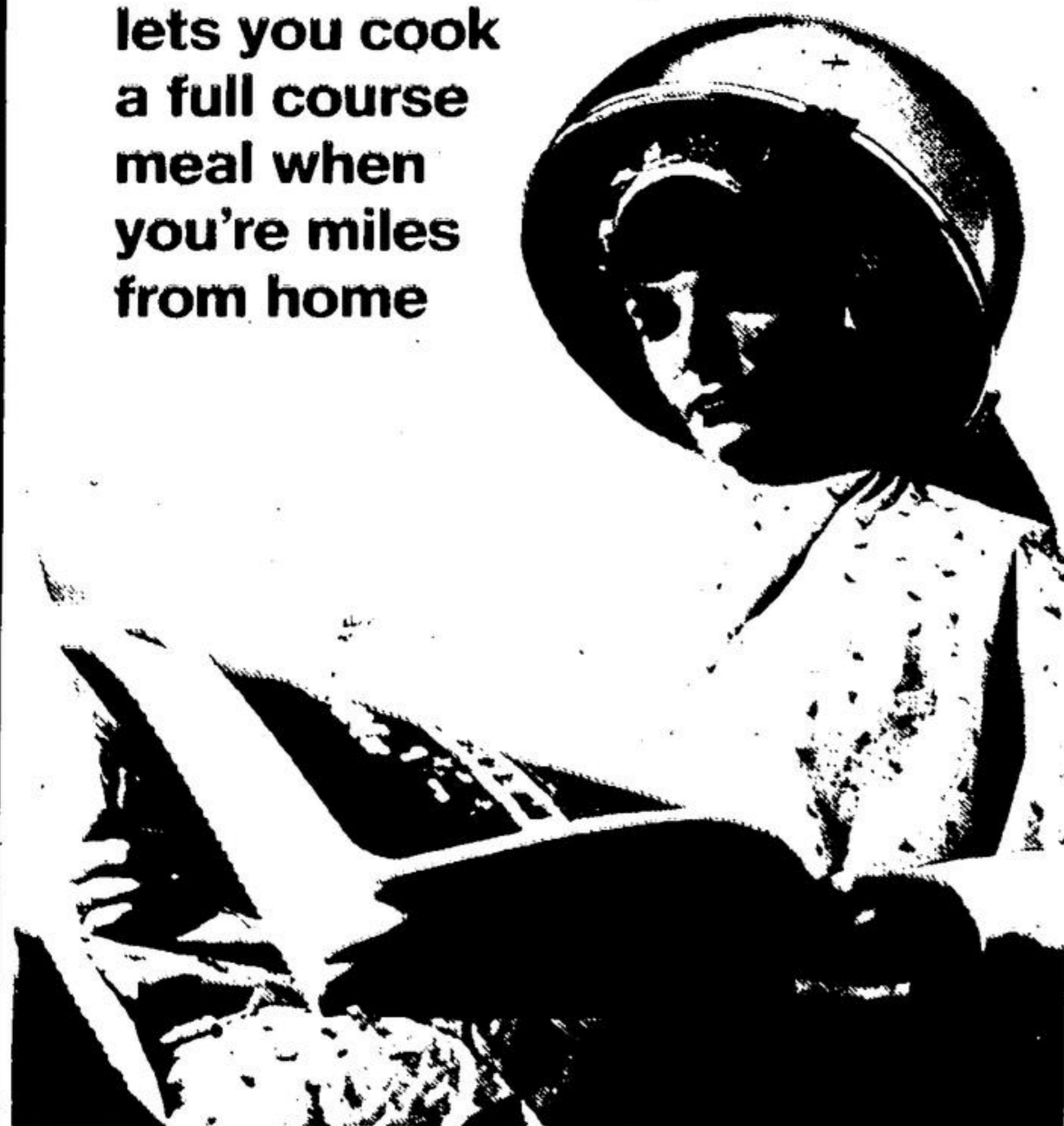
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Second Section.

## Golden anniversary celebrated Wednesday by Bannockburn W.I. with lunch, program

Bannockburn Women's Institute celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a noon luncheon and program at Lighthouse Presbyterian Church on Wednesday,

### New members join Knox

New members admitted and received into Knox Presbyterian Church, on March 24 were, Profession of Faith; Douglas Ferrier, 48 Main St. N., Bryan Hammond, 125 Longfield Road, Miss Carol Marie Hammond, 125 Longfield Road; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henderson, 225 Elmore Drive; and Mrs. Gordon A. McCann, 158 Tyler Avenue.

By Transfer of Membership, by Certificate; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd N. Hammond, 125 Longfield Road, from Rockwood Presbyterian Church, Rockwood, and Gordon A. McCann, 158 Tyler Avenue, from Knox Presbyterian Church, Galt.

March 20.

The guest book and registration was in charge of Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. McDonald. A large gathering including former members, district executive and branch members and Institute friends, enjoyed the delicious meal served by the

### Kits, canvassers ready for April cancer drive

All is in readiness for the annual April cancer drive in Acton and district. Materials for the kits are all here and the canvassers are all assigned and ready.

Campaign chairman is again Mrs. Ray Arbie, and she expects her many canvassers will begin their calls early in April, in hopes of completing them as soon as possible. The countryside is also divided into sections for canvassing.

church W. A. The tables were centred with blue and gold flowers.

After Grace, the president Mrs. Cam Sinclair welcomed the guests and introduced the head table including Mrs. Harry Wilson, area president; Mrs. N. Jamieson, provincial board

member; Mrs. William Wohl, district president; Mrs. R. Alexander, district secretary; Mrs. K. Williams, home economist; Mrs. Hattie Price and Miss Emma Cole, charter members, and Mrs. T. Gordon, secretary.

The program was opened with the Hymn of All Nations followed by the roll call.

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Williams brought greetings and Mrs. Jamieson spoke briefly.

The two charter members present, Miss Cole and Mrs. Price, were invited to come forward and receive a corsage, pinned on by Mrs. Matthews.

Mrs. William Ballentine, in her own delightful way, gave two recitations.

Down Through the Years, a history of Bannockburn Institute compiled by Mrs. T. O'Rourke, was read by Mrs. W. Linham. Mrs. W. J. McDonald read the names of charter members and past presidents.

Mrs. F. Shortill sang a lovely solo, and later with her daughter

Ann sang a duet, the old favorite Whispersing Hope.

In Memoriam was conducted by Mrs. S. Morrison, observing the customary silence.

Mrs. Wohl, the guest speaker, paid tribute to the famous Adelaide Hoodless and her great ambition to help women to become better home makers and home keepers.

Courtesy convener Mrs. R. Lindsay thanked the entertainers and the W. A. Ladies, who through their talents had made this a memorable day, and expressed the good wishes of the Bannockburn ladies to all the visitors.

Mrs. Sinclair added her thanks and closed with the Institute Ode, and The Queen.

Attending the special occasion were visitors from Elora, Rockwood, Georgetown, Ballinafad, Kitchener, Milton, Queensville, Norval, Hornby, Campbellville, Guelph, Fergus, Streetsville, Moffat, Burlington, Brampton, Hillsburg, Palerme, Lighthouse, Ospringe and Acton.

### Erin twp. school board plans to end existence with banquet

The Erin Township School Area Board held its regular meeting in the Township Municipal office, Hillsburgh, on Monday, March 11. All members of the board were present as well as A. King, P. Donaldson and C. R. Whitfield area superintendent. A delegation was interviewed in regards to kindergarten and auxiliary classes added to the present classes.

The principal was allotted \$1 per pupil to be used on educational field tours in the school year 1968.

Accounts amounting to \$2,990.75 were authorized paid.

A special motion was passed that we as members of the Erin Township School Area Board are aware that our authority over the Township Schools is to give way in the near future to a smaller ruling group over a wider area.

To mark the termination of the existence of the local board, that we make a motion that we sponsor a banquet and social evening, when we would entertain the teachers, Area Superintendent, Township Council and officials, bus operators and school officials and their wives or husbands whichever the case may be, that John Root M.P. and Mrs. Root be invited, and that a small committee be appointed to make the arrangements.

An advertisement was to be placed for a secretary for the three schools in the Erin Township School Area.

There are two kinds of men who never amount to much -- those who cannot do what they are told, and those who can do nothing else.

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