

Golden wedding

Reception on Saturday for Mr., Mrs. S. Braida

Their golden wedding anniversary was celebrated last Saturday by long-time Acton residents Severino and Madeline Braida.

The couple still live at the town's eastern outskirts, although their dairy farm has now been sold. Mr. Braida retired from Beardmore and Co. in 1964.

A reception was held in the Music Centre Saturday afternoon followed by a family dinner for over 70.

Saturday morning a special mass was sung at St. Joseph's for the couple. Rev. Gillen performed the mass with the retired pastor, Rev. Morgan, attending, and both priests were guests at the dinner.

All family

The couple were happy to have all their family with them: son Rino, wife Shirley, Janet and David; son Armand and wife Joyce from Kingston with their family, Pat, Cheryl, Susan, Theresa and Gary; son-in-law Don Timmings and family John, Jim, Philip, Paul, Kenneth and Marianne. Their only daughter Eveleen Timmings died tragically in December, 1965.

Mrs. Braida's brothers came from Bracebridge, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Braida and Gus Braida, sister-in-law Mrs. Harry Braida with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Du Pre and son Harry Jr. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Art Foster, and son Walter, Pembroke and Mrs. Donna Cooper, Toronto.

Same name

Yes, Mrs. Braida's family are named Braida, too. She was born in Italy, but came to Canada as a baby and lived in Bracebridge.

After service in World War I Severino Braida came to Canada in 1920 from Gravers, near Torino. After six months in Welland he moved to Bracebridge, where he met the other Braidas in a relation.

Came to Acton

He worked at the Anglo-Canadian Tannery for seven years. The couple were married in Bracebridge Dec. 28, 1921, and came to Acton in 1927 where he worked at Beardmore.

They lived on Main St. S., then bought their farm in 1947 and built their house there, with the help of their sons and daughter, in 1948.

His brothers Eugene and Abele Braida already lived in Acton, making a close family unit here. They retired from farming in



MR. AND MRS. Severino Braida were surrounded by family and friends at an Open House and dinner when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last Saturday. They came to Acton in 1927. —(Staff Photo)

1963 and the farm has been sold.

Trips back

Mr. Braida was one of the original founders of the Legion, and Mrs. Braida belonged to the C.W.L. They made a trip back to Italy two years ago. Mr. Braida has also had a couple of trips back as an interpreter for Rock-

wood International on cattle buying assignments.

At Saturday's reception, two sisters-in-law, Mrs. A. Braida of Acton and Mrs. Harry Braida of Bracebridge poured tea and coffee for the family members who served the callers. Aldo Braida was master of

ceremonies for the dinner and read telegrams from Rud Whiting, Pope Paul and P.M. Trudeau. The C.W.L. catered.

Many flowers, gifts and cards were received by the well-known couple. Mayor Les Duby attended to wish the couple congratulations.

Centennial rep named

Enthusiasm for Acton's centennial was whipped up when Jack Carpenter and Harold Townsley visited Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. at their meeting Tuesday of last week in the Legion hall. Mr. Carpenter outlined some of the plans and urged members to send suggestions to Box 100, Acton.

Mrs. Elsie Syne volunteered to be the chapter representative on the committee.

Slides shown

Mrs. Kay Alger showed more of her slides taken on a recent trip to New Zealand with stopovers in Hong Kong, Japan and Hawaii.

A letter from Acton branch of the Cancer Society invited members to a film preview Jan. 18. Velma West and Elma Braida will attend.

Mrs. Bessie Musselle reported the chapter had assisted in providing 16 Christmas hampers for needy families.

Regent Mrs. Hazel Orr presided for the business meeting; preparations were made for election and new members.

Citizenship

paper at I.O.D.E.

The Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. met Tuesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Ann Mowat.

An informative paper on citizenship was read by Mrs. E. Lidka which resulted in the roll call being answered by members telling of what they had done toward being good citizens.

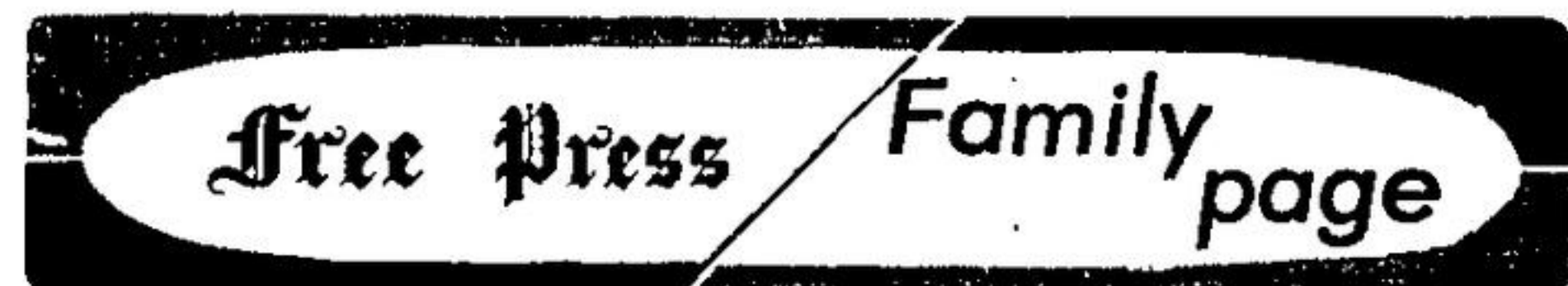
It was decided to have the annual executive meeting at the home of Mrs. Lidka the afternoon of January 20.

A friendly luncheon was enjoyed by members at the close of the meeting.

Mayor speaker

Mr. Les Duby, mayor of Acton, visited the high school last week. He spoke to the grade 12 geography classes on municipal governments and its functions. The mayor was asked questions about roads, parking, recreation facilities, annexation and regional government. Many students asked about specific problems and proposals of projects around town.

This session was very informative.



A.C.W. Centennial plans

The annual pot luck supper began the 1972 Centennial Year activities for St. Alban's ACW on Wednesday evening, January 5. Members and guests brought a delicious variety of foods.

Following the supper, a short business meeting was held, during which a reception following a marriage in October was discussed, as well as the centennial projects and receptions following each past rector's visits.

The first of these will take place Sunday, January 9, when Rev. Brillinger will be the guest. He was pastor of the parish from 1934-37.

Several former rectors have been invited to take part in celebrations this year, among them Rev. Sawyer, the oldest living minister, who will be here for St. Alban's Day Sunday, in June. The Bishop will visit twice this year as well.

Same executive

For this special year, the executive will remain the same as last year, due to the activities

Personals

Happy birthday wishes to Mrs. R.M. MacDonald, who celebrates her 92nd birthday on Thursday.

Mr. Robert Bittorf returned from Marathon, Ont. for a few days over New Years to visit his family and grandparents. He is working at a paper mill there.

John Last returned Saturday after spending two weeks at Port Couillard, B.C., with Mr. and Mrs. Art Jones and family. The Jones lived in Acton before moving out west last August.

Friends are glad to hear Mr. George Simpson who has been so poorly since before Christmas is now able to be home after several tests.

which have been arranged and planned. They are: President Penny Bristow, 1st vice Lois Turkost, second vice Alice Wilkinson, recording sec. Alice Duby, treasurer Joan Pratt, correspondence secretary Mabel Denny, flowers and gifts Louise Lindsay, press reporter, June Hunter, Family Life, Gail Dawson, supply secretary Mabel Denny, Alma Swetman, Living

Message, Betty Creasey, group convener Lorna Clarke, Kitchen conveners Millie Rowles, Mae Fountain.

Following the business, an enjoyable round of court whist was played, the winners being: 1st-Marie Hargrave, Doris Cooke, second-Irene Holmes, Millie Rowles low-Evelyn Ball, Betty Creasey. Coffee rounded out the evening.

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