

Mr., Mrs. Harry Bailey married for 60 years

At a time when too many couples are reaching frantically for release after only a very short span of marriage, two very dear Rockwood citizens continue their life style as one brimming with love and respect; cherishing their hours spent together during the 60 years of their nuptial tie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey of Main Street, Rockwood, were married at Limehouse on date of Thursday, February 8, 1912, with

Presbyterian minister, Rev. R.F. Cameron officiating.

As a young westerner from Manitoba, Harry Bailey had moved to Toronto with his family in 1902 and then spent a great part of his boyhood living with an uncle in Rockwood in a house once situated beside the home of the late Edgar Harris on the crest of the Valley Road Hill. He talks about many happy adventures with Edgar and other oldtime

playfriends during his stay in the village.

Florence (Wheeler) Bailey was a Limehouse girl and, after their marriage, the couple went to Toronto where they lived for three years before taking up residence in their own home in Georgetown in 1915. Fifty-four years later, when looking for a smaller house, more adaptable to their needs, they found one in Rockwood and are now quietly contributing to the friendliness and congeniality of this village.

A retired electrician, Mr. Bailey, and his wife, have lived extremely active years. Mr. Bailey was an avid gardener in Georgetown and his wife, is a veteran member of the Rebecca Lodge.

Icing message

Last Thursday afternoon a mammoth cake was presented to the happy couple at the meeting of the Sunshine Club on which was inscribed in gay icing decor "60th Anniversary Congratulations".

During the past week they received numerous congratulatory cards, letters and phone calls from their many friends extending best wishes for such a wonderful lifetime achievement.

Reception here

On Saturday afternoon from 2 to 3:30 p.m., members of the Rebecca Lodge in Georgetown catered to a reception and Open House to which guests came from Brantford, Dunnville, Toronto, Bramalea, Georgetown, and Rockwood to honor them. The lodge hall was gaily decorated with bouquets of mums, roses, carnations, and a variety of other seasonal flowers, again reflecting the esteem and popularity of the Baileys.

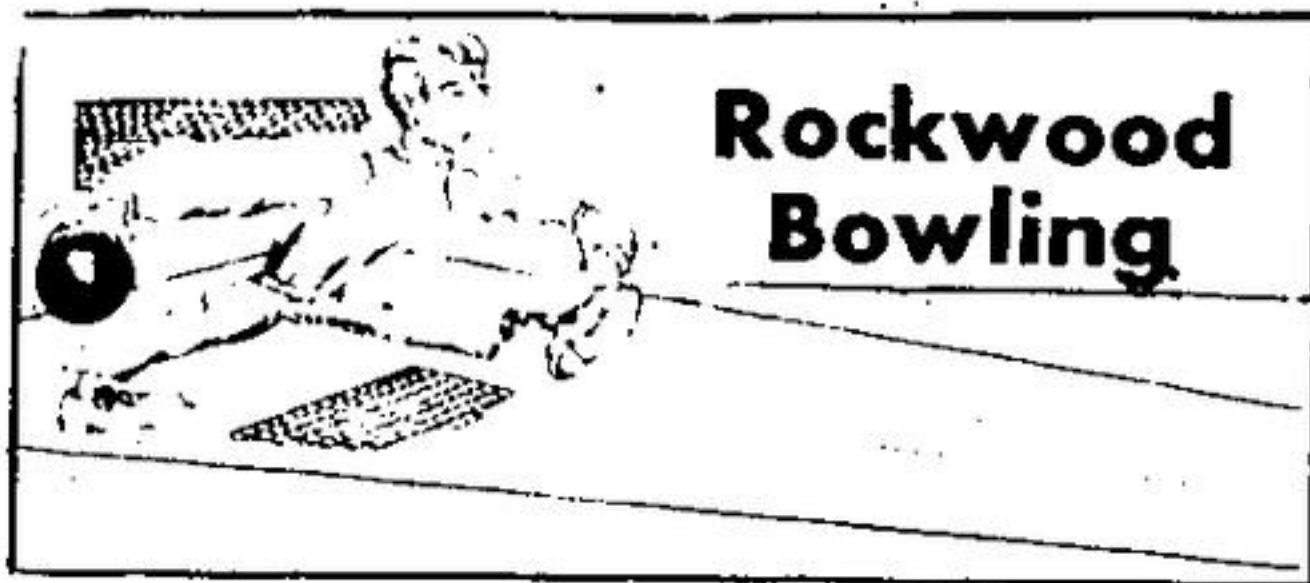
"It's been a wonderful lifetime" say the charming couple who enjoy people and cordially encourage visitors to drop in any time. Situated on the top of the Main Street hill just next door to the old Westervane hotel, the Baileys are pleased with their Rockwood location with its rustic backyard viewing. Harry Bailey has recall of many changes in the village from when he was a boy but, since their move here in 1969, they are happy to have arrived and look forward to many more good years.



60 YEARS married are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey of Main St., Rockwood. They were wed in Limehouse in 1912 and lived in Toronto and Georgetown before settling here.—(Photo by Lorraine)



MRS. WILLIAM EARLY of Eden Mills is the youthful Sunshine Club member who keeps everything rolling with her good humor and special piano playing abilities. As a birthday lady of the day, Mrs. Early was called to the piano to play while everyone sang to her own accompaniment of "Happy Birthday to you." She shared her wishes with Miss Colena Nickell who was also celebrating on the same day.—(Photo by Lorraine)



The Strattons team is doing it again and already they are in top position with 98 points, 8 ahead of the No. 2 Ospringe Ramblers with 86. No. 3 team is the Guelphites 75 pts.; No. 4 Neighbours 73; No. 5 is tied by Newcomers and Gooyer Bros. 69 pts. each; No. 6 Pacers 68; No. 7 Misfits 68; No. 8 Norton's Bluebirds 65; No. 9 Carney's 62; 10th place is tied by Four Corners and Lucky Clovers 58 each; 11 Alley Cats 49 pts.; No. 12 belongs to the Optimists with 35 pts.

Norton's Bluebirds struck hard last Tuesday night and took 7 points from the Optimists, the cellar team in this year's league. Fred Nightingale showed a 279 single game and Irene LaVole bowled in a 689 triple with games showing 220, 242, and 227. Team mate Ivy Ritchie brought in two single scores of 224 and 226. Harold Theaker for the Optimists made a 205 single, Orma Ferguson a 178 and Ward Bruce a 150 single.

Ramblers best

It was a 5 to 2 score for the Ospringe Ramblers against the Carney's Plumbing and Heating team as George Lang brought in a 230 and 239 set of singles, Bob Auld a 290, Peggy Ellis a 259 and Bob Ellis a 217 single game for the victors. Bob Lilley of the Carney's group came up with a 253 and 216 set of singles, Gord Burnett a 245, May Swackhammer a 234 single game and John Carney a 234.

Four Corners outshuffled the Newcomers with their final tally reading 5 to 2. Nellie Stokman showed great form with a 295 single game, Nett Wright bowled up a 220 and Jack Parkinson a 204 single game. For the Newcomers Martin Dupuis showed top performance with his 280 single game, John Loof brought in a 192 and Peter Bosch 186.

The Strattons 5 to 2 was a lambaste for the winners as Dunc Kingsbury brought in an 813 triple with 281, 326 and 206 scores;

Free Press Rockwood

Reginald Rudd dies Feb. 7 in 86th year

A one-time Rockwood resident, G. Reginald Rudd passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital on Monday, February 7 in his 86th year. The funeral and committal service was conducted at the Wall Chapel of the Lee and Constance Funeral Home on February 9.

Born at Arkell in 1886 he spent his early years helping his father Wm. Jas. Rudd on his farm near Eden Mills specializing in Devon cattle raising.

A bricklayer by trade he helped in the construction of many important district buildings in Guelph and the surrounding area including some homes in Rockwood, the last of which was the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Root, which he completed before his partial retirement.

From 1917 until 1921 he took up farming in the Eden Mills area and lived in Rockwood from 1922 until 1927. He later moved into Fergus and then into Guelph.

Helped others

An active member of the Paisley Memorial United Church he devoted a great deal of his time to helping the sick. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was also an avid sports fan and athlete, playing carpet ball on the team which won the Schofield Cup in 1912 and 1913. He was a prominent road racer and an active member of the Royal City Running Club.

Reg Rudd is survived by his wife, the former Martha Jane Marshall whom he married in 1912, three daughters, Mrs. F. (Elnora) Findlay of Napanee, Mrs. A. (Helen) Findlay of Roxboro, Quebec; Mrs. R. (Lola) Calvert of Brampton, and a son, Willard of Belleville.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren and two sisters,

Mrs. E. Hart and Mrs. B. Palmier of Guelph.
Rev. A.W. Osborne of Paisley Memorial United Church conducted the service and burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

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Reeve's duties told to club

Reeve Warren Parkinson was the speaker of the day at last Thursday's meeting of the Rockwood Sunshine Club and gave the members an interesting talk on his job as Reeve.

Touching on his own family farm he told how the new Conservation project will affect his way of life and, during his address gave a resume of his early interest in township politics and what made him decide to run for Reeve. Drainage inspecting, dog catching, the Rockwood-Eramosa fire department, nothing was left unmentioned, and, at the conclusion of his talk, there were few present who were not mentally reassessing the positions and difficulties faced by those working in public office.

A. Norton thanked the Reeve for his account and said that he was impressed by the amount of work and planning involved in running a township.

then read a poem The Song of the Grumbling Hayseed which had been written by Mrs. William Early, the club's favorite pianist, and printed in the March 1945 bulletin of the Rockwood Community Club.

Mr. McCutcheon then stirred the members with his rendition of The Mansion over the Hilltop and everyone applauded.

A games time of euchre, crokinole, and checkers then took up some time of the afternoon after which lunch was served with Mrs. Mary Scott of Main Street convening a mammoth cake with "60th Wedding Anniversary" was then presented to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey of Main Street and Mrs. Wm. Early played as everyone sang merrily the tune of Happy Birthday to Miss Colena Nickell and Mrs. Early herself. A visitor from Georgetown was impressed by the friendliness of the Rockwood Club.

On program

Mrs. Florence Trousdale then gave a reading from an Eramosa News Bulletin of 25 years ago and

Spencer Wilson heads '72 fair

The annual meeting of Georgetown Agricultural Society was held the 1972 fair exceeded all previous events in attendance, entries and weather.

President Spencer Wilson was elected to head the board again for another year. The dates for the 1972 fair are Sept. 29 and 30.

The ladies' division elected Mrs. George Burt as president.

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Help! trustees ask architects

Rockwood village trustees have appealed to the Ontario Association of Architects for help in obtaining some remedial measures for the new Rockwood post office. Following is the text of the letter which was dispatched February 11.

Ontario Association of Architects,
50 Park Road,
Toronto, Ontario.

conditions prevailing in the neighbourhood. The building is situated in a first class residential area. We were promised a set of plans as soon as they were available. We received no plans and as no application was made for a permit, no plans were presented to the Township Council. No one in the municipality had any knowledge of what they were getting until the roof was on.

We had been informed at the time of the purchase of the property that we would have a building similar in design to the new Post Office in Erin, Ont. and therefore up to this point we were not worried.

We have since been informed by an official of the D.P.W. that this type of building was being erected with the intention of it being dismantled in 20 years.

This is a live Community and

everything we build and all our plans are for a life term. We do not plan on dismantling our buildings and our hopes on 20 years or any other span of time and we do not see why any Beauocrat, in any Department, of any Government should force upon us the idea of 'Death in our Midst'.

Our purpose in writing this letter to you is actually an appeal to your August body to see if you can help us in obtaining some remedial measures before the building is completed.

We hope we are not imposing upon you with this request, but we do need any help that may be available.

Please find enclosed two items that appeared in the Acton Free Press this week.

Yours truly,
Chairman-Don Hillis
Secretary - Chas F. O'Brien

Gentlemen:

We have a new Post Office presently under construction in our Village. We are not at all satisfied with the appearance of the said building. The school children refer to it as an implement shed and the older people call it a poor example of a summer cottage.

The architects responsible for this monstrosity have not, in our opinion, taken into consideration any of the environmental

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Comin's and Goin's

Look what's here! A brand new Councilman's daughter, Trudy Marie checked in at the Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus last Tuesday, February 8, weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. Bill and Trudy Adsett are happy, brothers David and Kirk are delicious, and Eramosa citizens are delighted at the safe arrival of the first Council baby for '72.

Standing room only was the report of the Trail Riders' film spectacle last Saturday night when friends, riders and non riders, arrived to view the Competitive Trail rides of the Rockwood Club members, chuck wagon racing, harness racing films courtesy of library, and coffee and donuts. The evening lasted from 8 until almost 11 o'clock, casual but fun, with everyone from family gatherings to individuals enjoying themselves. Next outing for the Trail Riders is a dance slated for March 11 with Jack Reeves' Orchestra from Milton playing at the Acton Golf Club. Right now tickets are only for club members

until March 11, after that they'll be up for grabs at \$4 per couple.

St. John's Church is hopeful that more and more people will attend their bi-weekly euchre game on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at the Parish Hall. It'll be fun and games for everyone so be at the Parish Hall for eight with prizes and refreshments and fellowship an added treat.

Arrangements have been made for the World Day of Prayer services to be held in Rockwood on March 3 at the United Church. One of Centennial School Choirs under the direction of Mrs. Roberta Hoy will participate and ladies are requested to remember the date as an important must on their yearly calendar.

Ainley Croft is looking great and recuperating at great gun speed in the Guelph General. Drop in and see him if you're about; he's enjoying visitors but will be home soon.

Busy week Centennial School

By Ann Smit

We had a busy week. On Tuesday the grade eight girls went to Hespeler Woollen Mills. Here we saw the fascinating way the threads were mechanically woven into material.

On Wednesday the students were off because of a teachers conference.

On Thursday Constable Riley came and explained the hazards and laws of snowmobiling.

Then on Friday we had our Valentines Dance. It was a great success and everyone had a good time. The primary children had their Valentines parties instead of a dance and these parties were held on Monday, Feb. 14.

By the time you read this we will have had a basket ball game against Robert Little School. The results of the game will be in next week's column.

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