

J.J. Kennedys honored on golden anniversary



Residents of Nassagaweya and Milton all their lives, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kennedy of 208 Martin St. Milton marked a happy golden wedding anniversary with an open house and family dinner.

Mrs. Kennedy was the correspondent from No. 7 school district for the Acton Free Press from 1940 to 1950.

They were "at home" to close to 200 friends, relatives and neighbors at Ligny Hall Sunday, April 8, then went to Mohawk Inn at Campbellville for a surprise family dinner celebration with 11 members of their family. They were showered with gifts, cards and flowers and received letters of congratulations from MP Terry O'Connor and federal opposition leader Robert Stanfield.

Nassagaweya residents
The Kennedys were both born and lived in Nassagaweya Township until 1949 when they moved into Milton. His family descended from the Bella who settled in Nassagaweya in the 1840s and

Mrs. Kennedy was a Wilson, related to the Soper and Smith connections who were also early township settlers.

Both attended S.S. 7 School on the Fifth Line and they were married by the Rev. J. T. Strachan at the Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church on April 10, 1923. Their attendants were Miss Maggie Irving and Miss Alice Kennedy.

They lived at several places in the township before moving to Milton. Since 1960 they have lived with their daughters Marie and Pearl on Martin St.

Mr. Kennedy is an avid fisherman and conservationist and nearly every day in the spring and summer months you'll find him fishing at the mill pond on Martin St. His wife calls him "a Jack of all trades" as he has worked at many things during his life. He quit school at the age of 14 to work in Sayers' mill in Nassagaweya and stayed there several years, cutting lumber all winter and sawing it up at the mill in the summer months.

Butcher trade

He has also worked for the township's roads crew, plastered, painted, worked in the Wool Combing mill at Acton, threshed and spent some time as a deputy game warden. He worked for a butcher for a few years, then entered the trade on his own and after moving to Milton worked for a while at Randell and Morley's butcher shop.

They raised their family during the depression when work was scarce, and he can recall cutting wood for \$1 a cord. "It took all day to cut a cord of wood, and that wasn't any eight hour day," he recalls. "If it rained, you had to keep cutting, because you couldn't afford to lose that dollar."

He also recalls playing the violin for country dances for many years. The group he played with broke up in 1931.

Mrs. Kennedy was caretaker of S.S. 7 school for several years and later took up dressmaking. She spent 22 years as a clerk at

the Selrite store and retired from that job last December. She is active in the Mountain Union Women's Institute and the Coronation Group of Knox Church in town. She was active several years ago in the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded and served as education committee chairman for three years, around the time the group's Sunshine School first opened.

Surprise dinner

The couple have three daughters, Marguerite (Mrs. Edgar Howden), Marie and Pearl, at home. There are four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Their daughters arranged the open house and surprise anniversary dinner.

The Scotch Block W. I. catered for Sunday's open house and five friends and relatives poured tea for the visitors. They included friends Mrs. David Henderson of Moffat and Mrs. Stan Robinson of R.R. 1 Campbellville, his sister Mrs. Olive Massey of Milton, her

sister Mrs. Nell Martin of Campbellville and his sister-in-law Mrs. Wilfred Kennedy of R.R. 2 Rockwood. "It was a most enjoyable day," summed up Mrs. Kennedy.

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MARRIED 60 YEARS Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kennedy of Milton were honored at Open House at Ligny school and a surprise family dinner at the Mohawk Inn. They spent most of their lives in Nassagaweya township before moving to Milton in 1949.

Free Press Personals

Miss Joanne Landsborough home from Gravenhurst for Easter weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Landsborough and Ralph visited in Petrolia and Sarnia on Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Moore and Ronnie, Ricky Rocher and Lisa and Randy McIntyre spent the Easter weekend in Powassan and brought back Mrs. Hodgins (Mrs. Moore's mother) to stay in the Acton area for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Robb and David of Fergus were holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Doug Price. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swayne of Niagara visited with them on Sunday.

Mr. Charles Cutts is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Mrs. Dwight Haven came from Comber to attend the Citizen of the Year dinner honoring her nephew, and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Henny visited at the home of his cousin Mac Sprowl last week before returning to Western Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Barber, R.R. 1, Acton, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ellis, Sargent St., Georgetown, went on one of Aunt Bea's bus tours to the Grand Ole Opry at Nashville, Tennessee this week, and enjoyed it very much.

Mrs. Mary Osbourne attended the wedding of her granddaughter Sandy St. Denis to Stefan Kandralski in Sudbury April 13. She also visited with her daughter Marie Bellamy and family in Aurora for two weeks.

Three families who are returning to the Maritimes are making the move by bus. They had intended to move their 7,000 pounds of good by van line but instead purchased a school bus. There will be 12 children and six adults with their possessions making the trip to Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. The families of Tom Van Milligen of Acton, Andy Vroom and Kees Houweling of Georgetown will be pulling up roots here and moving east. The bus will take two trips for the move.

Bev Brunelle was home with the family for her winter break from Perth-Huron School of Nursing, Stratford. Also visiting Mrs. Sam Brunelle were her sister Mrs. Olga Carter from Neenah, Wisconsin and on Easter Sunday her other sister Mrs. Mary Swanick from Downsview arrived with daughter Janet and Alex Lutz who are students at the University of Western Ontario. Miss Karen Chipeska accompanied them to celebrate Easter.

Mr. Elton Cole observed his 85th birthday this week and his daughter, Mrs. D. Mason, held Open House for him.

David Cookley, who's "seeing the world" for a year, is now on his way by train to India. He had been working in Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lawson and baby Peter visited Easter week-end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Lino Marzo and Mrs. Beryl Wright of Eden Mills. Baby Peter was baptised Easter Sunday at Eden Mills Presbyterian Church.

Easter visitors with Dr. and Mrs. Frank Oakes were daughters Frances and Les Gaulton and children of Grimsby, Carolyn and Ernie Gregory, Hamilton, and son George and Eleanor Oakes and family of Etobicoke.

Mrs. Mary Graham and sister Mrs. Annie Sockett attended the funeral at Niagara Falls N.Y. of their grand-nephew Kevin, son of Mr. John (Jackie) McCaw. Death was due to a motor accident.

Decoration Day

A meeting is being held tonight (Wednesday) to make plans for Decoration Day this year.



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