# Wedding anniversary celebration for Beattys

Their family — from as far as Australia — and hundreds of friends brought 50th anniversary congratulations Saturday to Wesley and Nellie Beatty, Church Street. Their beautiful home, Moorecroft, was extended by a large marquee in the garden to accommodate the guests.

**Three children**

Daughter Eleanor is home from Carnarvon, 600 miles north of Perth, Australia, where husband Joe Sonia is now director of operations at Texada salt mines. Two girls are there with them, Angela and Trudy, with the others, Charlene, Joe and Sue Ellen, still in the States.

Gordon was here from Guelph with wife Jay and Carol Ann with husband of a week John Partridge; John with fiancee Maggie Hoare (they'll be married in August); twins Jeffrey and James, Brian, Joey, Nina and Jimmy. Gord was leaving that night on a business trip to London and Paris.

George was home from Daybreak, the residence where he lives at Richmond Hill. It was started by Jean Vanier, and George was with a group which travelled to Europe at Easter, taking part in a special parade at Canterbury on Easter Sunday with Dr. Vanier.

**Wed in Toronto**

Mr. and Mrs. Beatty met as members of a young people's group in Toronto, and were married May 28, 1924. He was with the Standard Bank in Toronto and came to Acton in 1926 as office manager at Acton Tanning Company, since amalgamated with Beardmore. He went back to Toronto to head office until head office moved here in 1930. He moved from secretary-treasurer to general manager in 1940, president in 1953 — and to retirement in 1968.

His years at Beardmore give him great satisfaction as he recalls innovations, co-operation with the union, acceptance of change and maintaining high quality through the years.

**Active**

He's been county chairman of the PCs as well as on the local executive; was Master of Walker Lodge for its 75th anniversary; was on council a term; is a director of the curling club and is one of the longest-standing members of Cutten Club; is president of the Acton branch of the Cancer Society presently, was president of the Tanners Association, is a long-time member of the National Club, was a founder and vice-president of Halton and Peel Trust and Savings; a director of Canada Trust; and has served on the United Church board.

**Arts, crafts**

Arts and crafts have meant much to Mrs. Beatty. She was a founder of Acton Arts and Crafts over 20 years ago which developed into night school and she is now with Georgetown Arts and Crafts. She is a former regent of the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. and has been on the lady curlers' executive.

Both of them recall their activities with zest. Their home was always a hospitable one and they welcomed the groups they were associated with there.

They have lived at Moorecroft for the past 28 years or so.

With gifts and cards and flowers came plaques and letters from Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Davis, Governor-General Leger and Robert Stanfield.

M.P. Terry O'Connor, M.P. George Kerr, Mayor Tom Hill, and former mayor Les Duby were among the many guests whose presence reflected the many aspects of the Beattys' busy lives.

RETIRED PRESIDENT of Beardmore, Wesley J. Beatty and Mrs. Beatty welcomed guests to their home Saturday on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

# the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

One day last week, I was doing the usual spring puttering outside and took a short walk back by the barn, sat in the grass and thought awhile.

The more I thought and the more I looked around, the older I felt. It was almost 15 years to the day since we had our first visitors to our newly acquired property. We drove up from Oakville one morning bringing Molly Cummings, school friend, and Sid Savage, friend of the family.

After Oakville, Acton countryside was heaven. We sat, ate, planned, and enjoyed the trees, stream, wildflowers, and natural unspoiled land.

Over the following years we sort of lost touch with Molly. Once she married she drifted on her own way, but Sid stayed a part of our lives, helping us build. He enjoyed the country visit enough that before long he found his own little parcel of land by Eden Mills and started into building his own house.

Not long after he was settled in, we rolled our Papa-goose in a sack and presented him to Sid. Once unwrapped, the gander walked up the back step to where Sid was sitting, eyed him for a minute, then climbed into Sid's lap and settled down. From then on it was man and his gander—Sid was followed everywhere.

One day, when starting off to work, he glanced in his rear-view mirror and saw Papa-goose flying down the road *after him, flapping as* hard as he could! Since he couldn't rise more than a few feet off the ground, he was giving himself a boost with a foot every few yards, like taking giant steps down the road. After that, leaving the house became a complicated game.

Whenever Sid came here to dinner, he was full of tales of Papa-goose, one being the day he took a look at the two female geese on their eggs and decided since he hadn't anything better to do, he'd give it a try too.

The gander found himself a duck's nest, gently cleared away the straw and settled down—or tried to. No matter which way he turned, the nest just wouldn't fit! His tail got caught up one way and hung over the edge another. There just wasn't room for his feet and he couldn't balance right, so he started throwing the straw back on top of the eggs, muttering all the time "Stupid ducks. Don't know how to build a decent nest. Stupid place to build it and they did it all wrong. Eggs are probably no good. Stupid place to put them." Mutter, mutter and more straw throwing. "Didn't want to sit on them anyway." And away he went stomping out of the barn.

You'd wonder how a person could understand so much of goose talk. Well, we had Papa-goose for a couple of years and I assure you, he made his thoughts quite clear.

If anyone sitting near him ignored the friendly goose-type noises as he watched with one blue eye and tried to start a conversation, he'd finally tell them in no uncertain terms that they were rude, unfriendly, and maybe even a little batty as well, then he'd stalk away.

As well as goose tales, there were cat-tales after we lent Sid our Cock-eyed cat to rid his barn of mice. She promptly went up into the hayloft and had a litter of kittens, one of which he kept. And that cat became the object of another line of tales.

Molly and Sid are both dead now; Papa-goose and that Cat are probably likewise. The unspoiled Acton countryside has undergone all kinds of unfortunate but necessary changes due to farming.

That's why I felt so old that day.

IT'S A secret—summer holidays soon! Pet duck tickles David Thomson's ear with the good news while family cat watches.

# Wilson-Sayers vows at Knox

In a double ring ceremony in Knox Presbyterian church, Acton, Saturday, May 11, Shirley Faye Sayers and Ronald Leslie Wilson were married. The bride, with Bell Canada is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sayers, R. R. 4, Acton and the groom, with Rockwell International at Milton, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wilson, R.R. 2, Rockwood.

Rev. A. H. McKenzie officiated at the double ring ceremony. Ted Hansen played the organ and accompanied soloists Diane and Debbie Bousfield who sang The Wedding Song and We've Only Just Begun.

The bride wore Alencon lace over organza gown with cathedral train, a juliet capulet and four-tier veil and carried white daisies, pink and yellow roses and baby's breath.

Her attendants were maid of honor Lynda Sayers; bridesmaids Lorna Sayers, Kathie De Boer and Rosemary Wilson; and the flower girls Marie Jocque and Bonnie Watson. They wore floor length gowns of patterned nylon georgette in shades of hot pink, pale pink and yellow with a little mauve, with different colors of lining.

They carried yellow daisies, pink carnations, blue statice, baby's breath and fern with three roses and streamers matching the color of the lining.

Best man was Bob Wilson *and the ushers Eric Wilson*, the twin brother of the groom; Alex Baynton and Craig Sayers. They wore black tuxedos, their ruffled shirts matching the girls' dresses. The bride was escorted by her father.

**Dinner, dance**

After dinner at Knox church, there was a dance at Acton Curling Club. The bride's mother received wearing pink with sweetheart roses and the groom's mother wore mint green with yellow roses.

The couple left on a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls, the bride leaving in a white and orange dress with orange roses and the groom in a suit with matching orange check.

The wedding cake was made by the two mothers and decorated by Mrs. George Young. Master of ceremonies Earl Sayers read a telegram from the groom's aunt and uncle in England.

Guests attended from Mississauga, Milton, Guelph, Oshawa, Clifford, Niagara Falls, Kitchener, Campbellville, Orangeville, Georgetown, Erin, Rockwood and Acton.

**Showers**

A surprise personal shower was given by Kathie De Boer and her mother Mrs. J. Lynch, April 20.

A miscellaneous shower was held by the bride's aunt Mrs. Gordon Johnston April 20 - again a surprise.

A miscellaneous shower was held by Mrs. Norman Douglas April 22. April 24 a surprise presentation was made by co-workers of Bell Canada at the home of Chris Walker.

A miscellaneous shower was given by Lynda Sayers for fellow room-mates in Kitchener at the home of her aunt Miss Gladys Sanders April 27.

A presentation was made by relatives of the bride at the home of her aunt Mrs. Ernest Pearson in Orangeville.

A trousseau tea was held Sunday, May 5, by her mother when the bride's aunts assisted by pouring tea and serving lunch.

SHIRLEY SAYERS and Leslie Wilson were married in Knox church, Acton, May 11, and are pictured with flower girls Marie Jocque and Bonnie Watson. (Photo by R. J. Jennings)

# L'Arche auxiliary meet

The regular monthly meeting of L'Arche Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Jennie Kuiken, Wed., May 22. The meeting was opened with a prayer for the retarded read by the president Mrs. Shirley Skeggs.

The main topic of discussion was the Flowers of Hope campaign. The captains of the various arens reported a very good response to the canvassers, and they hope to pass last year's total which was $1,500. The money banked and received at the time of the meeting was approximately $900, which was felt to be very promising for so early in the campaign.

It was decided to have the fall dance at the Acton Meadows Golf course this year due to the changes at the Acton Legion. They will be having the Shaynes again, on Oct. 19.

The Tinkerbell Nursery is going to the circus in Guelph, reported Mrs. Jennie Kuiken, due to the kindness of several persons who donated tickets and also Trailways for donating their bus to transport the children and volunteers free of charge.

**Picnic**

The nursery is also having a picnic in the park in Acton on June 21 at 9.30 a.m. Everyone is bringing a packed lunch. The volunteers and their children and the Tinkerbell children are looking forward to the picnic. This will be the last day of the Nursery until they start again in September.

The next meeting of L'Arche auxiliary will be at the home of Mrs. Chris Steen, on Tues., June 18 at 8 p.m. This will be the last meeting until September.

# $1,578 is total Flowers of Hope

The Flowers of Hope canvass total as of June 10 is $1,578 and donations are still being received at the bank of Montreal.

Canvassers for the Flowers of Hope for the mentally retarded, Acton:

Jessie Price, Lena Mason, Lula Sinclair, Mary Price, Net VanFleet, Grace Agnew, Mrs. Gorjup, Barbara Janet Rogers, Lois Gordon, Kitty Allen, Pat Frizzell, Doreen McIntyre, Diana Butler, Fern Shultis, Barbara Murchison, Elsie Holiday, Janice Withers, Jacky Higgins, Grace Townsley, Doris Townsley, Mrs. Mable Van Fleet, Betty Armstrong, Mary Allen.

Julie Conroy, Lil Higgins, Jane Higgins, Sandra Dawe, Verlie Hillier, Marg Dunn, Joanne Feenstra, Mrs. Sandra Marzo, Mrs. Gloria Coats, Mrs. Helwig, Marg Loutett, Mrs. E. Hofstede, Susan Kuiken, Janet Vos, Colleen Jordan, Phyllis less, Marleen Marsh, Alice Noseworthy.

Pat Garton, Julie Turner, Rosalee Dawkins, Joanne Marks, Mrs. V. Morris, Mrs. Kaninga, Hilda Goulding, Barb Jackson, Cathy McGillivary, Maylis Thomas, Mrs. T. Ancker, Julie Jordan, Marlyn MacEachren, Mrs. T. Watson, Lonnie Harkins, Susan Kuechler, Sandy Lewis, Monica Rupert, Mrs. M. Ancker.

Jennie Kuiken, Shirley Skeggs, Anne Krystein, Chris Steen, Ruby Laustsen, Gale Beerman, Margaret Ann Slingerland, Ann Vanderlaan, Winnie Kroes, Cindy Blades, Audrey Barratt, Mrs. Orkal James, Donna Neeley, Sharon Jarvis, Madelyn Jarvis, May Allan, Shirley Cook, Gen Leslie, Nora Sewell, Bea Ginger, Janice Drinkwalter, Heather Parsons.

# Last in Legion

A new executive was sworn in at the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary meeting on Thursday, June 6. It was the last meeting of the season and also the last meeting in the old Legion on Main Street.

A $500 donation was presented to the Acton Branch 197.

# Boat trips for wedding

Carol Ann Beatty, who was here Saturday for her grandparents' golden wedding anniversary, was married exactly a week before to John Patridge.

The ceremony took place on an island, in St. Peter-on-the-Rock church at Stoney Lake, with boat rides for the guests to the reception at the Stoney Lake yacht club and then to the home of the groom on another island.

Carol wore a white eyelet wedding dress with a bouquet of fresh wildflowers.

Carol is an editor with McGraw-Hill in Toronto now and John is a writer with the Financial Post.

## Free Press / Personals

Some from Acton attended the luncheon in Georgetown Tuesday when Minister of Finance John Turner was speaker. The meeting was arranged for business people.

Local Liberals took a chartered bus to Oakville Saturday for the Trudeau rally.

At the Ukrainian camp opening Sunday, Boris Shean of the high school staff had his Ukrainian dance group performing.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Flinders entertained Mrs. Flinders' mother for the weekend. Mrs. N. Strangways arrived in Acton on Friday evening and thoroughly njoyed the visit, including meeting her great grandsons for the first time.

Mrs. Louis Brownlow of Victoria, B.C. called on Mrs. A. J. Murray while visiting friends in Acton.

A number of Acton residents attended the beef barbecue held Saturday night at Centennial Park in Eramosa. Stone United church sponsored the event which drew rounds of people from district communities.

Welcome home to Mrs. Stan Norton, who has been in Toronto General Hospital.


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