



Minister who tied knot at Ruddell 50th anniv.

Not many couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary are able to have the minister who married them back again for the anniversary celebration, but Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Joseph Ruddell of Ashgrove did just that.

The Rev. Earl Brearley, a young United Church minister at the Ashgrove congregation when he performed the marriage ceremony for Mr. Ruddell and Elizabeth Floella (Floss) Howden on Sept. 27, 1922, was a guest of honor at their golden anniversary open house held Wednesday at Hillcrest Church, Hornby. Mr. Brearley lives in Burlington and retired from the ministry five years ago, but he was happy to come back and speak at the Ruddells' special day.

Dinner, open house

He wasn't the only one who shared their special day with the couple—over 200 other guests came to extend best wishes too. A family dinner was held at Hillcrest, then an open house followed and the Ruddells were busy shaking hands, accepting congratulations and reminiscing about old times all evening long.

Mrs. Ruddell was born and raised on the Howden farm in Esquesing and was a member of Hornby United Church before her marriage. She was organist at that church for many years, and later presided over the organ at the Ashgrove Church for 20 years. She was 29 when they were married, Mr. Ruddell was 39. Always active in the community, she has been an active church worker most of her life and has held membership in the Women's Institute (first at Hornby, later at Ashgrove) for over 50 years.

Holstein herd

Her husband, born and raised on the farm just south of Ashgrove on Seventh Line where they still live today, has also been active in the church. He has served on the church's cemetery board and was a trustee until recently. He served on the S.S. 3 school board and later on School Area Board No. One in Esquesing. In 1935 he established the "Portadown" purebred Holstein herd, one of the first purebred Holstein herds in Halton, and retained an interest in it until it was dispersed in 1968. His son Howson has in the meantime taken over the operation of the family farm. The

herd was named after the town in Ireland where his ancestors lived before coming to Canada in 1840.

When Ashgrove and Hornby churches united a few years ago to form the new Hillcrest Church, they transferred there and are still regular attenders. Rev. Lynne Adams, the present minister, was a head table guest at the anniversary.

The Ruddells have two children, Betty (Mrs. Ward Brownridge) and son Howson. Another daughter Joy (Mrs. Hartley Anderson) died in a plane accident 15 years ago. There are also nine grandchildren in their family.

Trip west

For their honeymoon trip in 1922 the Ruddells travelled to Buffalo and Mrs. Ruddell remembers the weather was incredibly warm for the end of September—something like the weather has been this past week. On their 25th anniversary they

took a 6,000 mile trip west to Banff.

The Hillcrest UCW catered for the anniversary dinner and open house. Guests were present from Galt, Caledonia, Toronto, Dundas and Stayner as well as from all over Halton County.

The happy couple received hundreds of congratulatory cards, plus many floral tributes and gifts. They received letters from MP Rud Whiting, Premier William Davis, and MPP Jim Snow plus a certificate from Prime Minister Trudeau. Mr. Snow also dropped in at the open house to present a provincial scroll.

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The three Halton-Wentworth riding candidates Norm McGuinness of the Liberal party, Bill Kempling of the Conservatives and Dickson Bailey of the NDP will be on hand to speak and answer questions.

IT'S NOT OFTEN the officiating minister is on hand for a 50th wedding anniversary but the Rev. Earl Brearley of Burlington was present Wednesday when Mr. and Mrs.

Arthur Ruddell of Ashgrove celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Brearley looks on at right as the Ruddells cut their anniversary cake. (Photo by R. Downs)

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"Bev Red" was the fictitious name used on ticket No. PXA 80382, drawn on a horse named Anak Malaysia in the race at Newmarket, England.

This Week

October 6th - Film Show at 7:00 p.m. "Rudolph Valentino Night" Son of the Sheik.

October 7th - Saturday Boy's & Girls' film show at 2:30 p.m. "An Elephant called Slowly"

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