

50th anniversary

Belters enjoying retirement here



ANNIE AND JAMES HOEY of Cambellville share a joyous golden wedding anniversary.

Elsie and Frank Belter of Milton were feted at a "supper and shindig" as one guest put it, last Friday night to honor their golden wedding anniversary.

About 50 persons attended the roast beef dinner at Legion Hall, and Mayor Anne MacArthur was present to extend Milton's congratulations to the couple.

The Belters live in a cosy house which backs onto the Sixteen Mile Creek at 133 Commercial St. They moved here six years ago after spending their working lives in Montreal.

A son, Albert, and his wife Linda live with their four children on Millside Dr. He is a tool and die maker at P. L. Robertson Co.

A daughter, Mrs. Elsie Cook, also has four children and lives in Montreal. She is completing arrangements for a celebration next weekend in that city at which the Belters

will be guests of honor.

Frank Belter was formerly employed as night foreman at the huge Texaco Canada Ltd. refinery in Montreal East where he worked for 45 years.

Elsie Belter worked as a housewife except for the period during the war when she was an inspector on a detonator cap assembly line at a munitions plant south of Montreal.

They were married on May 2, 1925, in Mary Queen of the World Cathedral in Montreal, a historic structure located downtown which is the seat of the Roman Catholic Archbishop.

Happy in Milton

Elsie was born with a Wiltshire maiden name in Bristol, England, while Frank grew up in Mayo, Que., on the Ottawa River.

Both of them love Milton, and after six years Frank still marvels at the way residents greet each other while strolling along Main St.

Elsie, who says "the people are just lovely", tells the story of her daughter-in-law arriving in Milton after living in Oakville.

After going out on errands on her first day here, Elsie said the daughter-in-law returned home and said "Grandma—what's wrong with people up here? All of them are saying 'hi' and 'how are you this morning'."

The Belters are great travellers, and five years ago on a three-month-long tour of the British Isles Frank learned how to stop seasickness.

Magical cure

The couple was in Wales to see the investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales, and planned to sail from Wales across the Irish Sea to start the Irish leg of their journey.

Frank was worried about the voyage because he usually gets seasick in a row boat, but a cousin in Bristol told him of a magical cure.

She advised him to take some brown wrapping paper, cut out a section about eight inches square, and place it on his stomach under his clothes and he would be fine.

"I didn't believe it," said Frank, who was checking his watch regularly and saying "it's gonna come any minute" to himself.

He now thinks seasickness is "all in your mind."

Beetle love

Frank drove Volkswagen

beetles for 20 years, and in 1960 the couple and a woman friend drove a bug all the way to Mexico on a vacation.

And last fall, Elsie and Frank drove 8,000 miles on a tour through the Western States and returned via British Columbia. Elsie has relatives out there, and some of the guests at their party were from Los Angeles and Vancouver.

Frank was asked whether he and Elsie planned to stick closer to home from now on.

"Well, we're hoping to go to England this fall to attend a wedding," was the reply.



ELSIE AND FRANK BELTER of Milton celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with 50 friends at Legion Hall Friday.

Show models

Model airplane enthusiasts will be showing off their prize aircraft to the public May 16-17 when the Mississauga Model Flying Club holds its annual display.

The event, to be held at Square One Mall on Highway 10, is billed by organizers as the largest display of model aircraft in Canada.

More than 300 models will be featured, and some indoor models will actually be flown.

—There aren't many showers in April, maybe the weatherman saved them up for May.

—North Halton Music Festival is being staged today (Wednesday) in Acton. Several local schools are competing for trophies.

Billboard of family photos greets Hoeyes on anniversary

by Gerry Flaherty

James Hoey of Campbellville was beaming Sunday morning despite the rainy and cloudy weather which threatened to dampen festivities surrounding the golden wedding anniversary of him and his wife Annie.

He has had heart trouble, but Sunday he was smiling and telling everyone it was the best day health-wise he has had in a long while.

Wife Annie agreed, and the couple was driven by their son Wilson to the Oakville Holiday Inn where they enjoyed a turkey dinner attended by 80 guests.

Later in the afternoon, they played host to between 300 and 400 visitors at an open house in the same hotel.

Sister visits

Some guests came from as far away as Vancouver, including James' sister who is now Mrs. Minnie McBratney.

A feature of the event was a large billboard containing photographs of family members which was made by some of their children and trucked over to the hotel.

James Hoey, and wife Annie whose maiden name is Smyth, were both raised in County Antrim, a maritime county of Northern Ireland which includes Belfast.

James sailed to Canada in 1922 and Annie followed three years later. They were married here in 1925.

James said the steamship voyage between Glasgow and Montreal was "a great time with dancing every night—you hated to leave the ship."

Saw icebergs

But the voyage was delayed by "awful icebergs," he noted.

Annie and James lived for most of their lives on a 50-acre farm located on Trafalgar Road between Drumquinn and Hornby. While Annie cared for the six children and helped with running the farm, James was building a construction and contracting firm which employed 40

persons at one point.

James said that in 1925 he owned the first two gravel trucks in the former Trafalgar township. He recalled that he bought each Ford truck chassis for \$800 and then mounted wooden gravel boxes on them. Each truck could carry a yard and one-half of gravel.

He said his company built "gas stations, stores, post offices—everything, and over 100 houses."

Made blocks

It also operated a gravel pit in Georgetown "where we made our own cement blocks" and a lumber yard at Hornby "where we had the lumber shipped in from B.C."

The company was one of the contractors building the Queen Elizabeth Way, and James said its job was to pour the finished concrete for the five-mile stretch from Bronte Bridge to Freeman Corner.

He later sold the company in sections when his heart trouble began, and worked as a sewer inspector for the

Town of Oakville for 10 years.

They moved to the Guelph Line below Campbellville six years ago.

The couple have six children, four girls and a boy, 22 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The daughters are Mrs. Mary Milford of Oakville, Mrs. Betty Hughes of Burlington, Mrs. Caroline Patterson of R.R. 1, Acton and Mrs. Beverley Holloway of R.R. 3, Milton.

The two sons are Wilson and John who both live with their families in Oakville.

Pigeon racer

James also has a reputation throughout Halton as a racing pigeon owner, and possesses many trophies including a large one he won in 1965 in a 400-mile challenge sponsored by the Oakville Racing Pigeon Club.

As James explained it, each owner trained his own pigeons and the contesting pigeons were put aboard an eastbound train at Oakville. He said a popular spot for releasing the pigeons was Ste.

Agathe, Que. a resort in the Laurentian Mountains 50 miles north of Montreal.

The first pigeon back from Ste. Agathe was the winner, he said, and the average time for the flight was about nine hours.

James said the longest race one of his pigeons ever won was 525 miles, but that "a good pigeon" could return home from even up to 1,000 miles.

In another adventure, James in 1959 supervised the shipment of 105 Holstein cattle by boxcar and ship from Halton to Venezuela. The cattle were owned by Tom Hays of No. 5 Highway. James is a hockey fan, and he's been watching the Stanley Cup playoffs on a new color set provided by the children. But he's a little grumpy about the subject.

"After the Leafs were knocked out, it's just not the same."

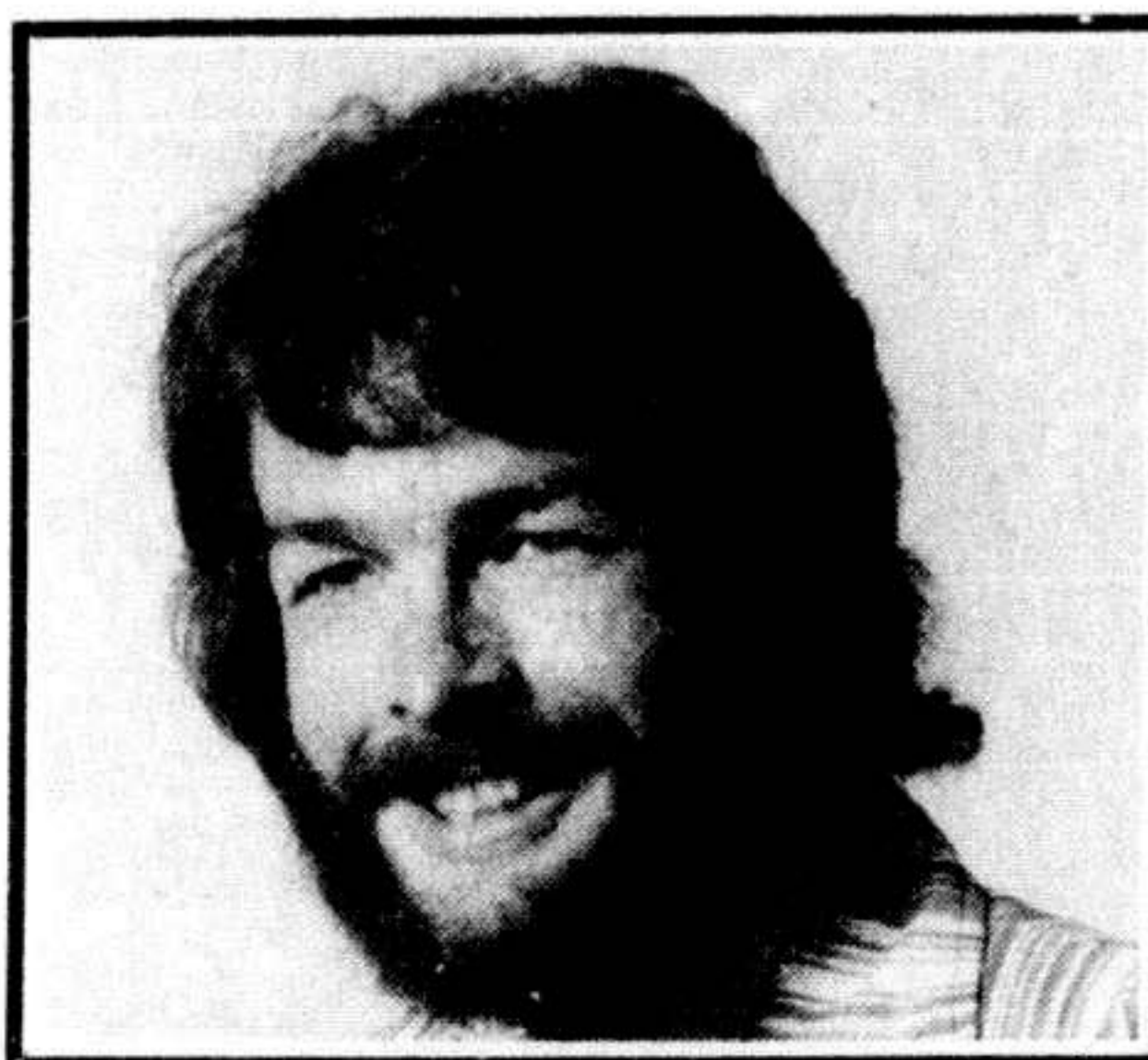
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the family is widely recognized as the most important unit in our society and the foundation upon which the structure of our society rests

AND WHEREAS the quality of community life begins with the family home

AND WHEREAS families are continually seeking more effective ways to combat elements in society which work against family harmony

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that, having taken the premises into Our Royal consideration, We, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of Our Province of Ontario, Do, by this Our Royal PROCLAMATION hereby Name

THE MONTH OF MAY, 1975 AS FAMILY UNITY MONTH IN ONTARIO and encourage all families in the Province to strengthen their homes and to set aside special times to do meaningful things together as a family.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of Ontario to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS

THE HONOURABLE PAULINE M. MCGIBBON,
An Officer of the Order of Canada
Doctor of Laws, Doctor of University (Ottawa)
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF OUR PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

at Our City of Toronto in Our said Province this fourteenth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five and in the twenty-fourth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND

WILLIAM G. DAVIS
PREMIER OF ONTARIO