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Golden Wedding Event Recalls Career of Dr. W. P. Fletcher

Before Joining United Church of Canada Dr. Fletcher rendered great service in Christian Church Work Throughout the Conference

One-time president of the Con gregational Christian Church Conference and well known to Stouffville audience, Dr. W. Fletcher and his wife are being warmly remembered by their friends in Oshawa where they now reside, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

and undiminished devotion to duty livestock around Big River, Sask., are bringing a rich reward to the 75 miles northwest of Prince Reverend Mr. Fletcher, B.A., D.D., Albert. now in semi-retirement, who with Cunning One-and-a-Half Step has Mrs. Fletcher, his constant help- the whole district on edge. Farmmeet and companion, observed his ers' wives are jittery. Parents are fiftieth wedding anniversary last accompanying small children to week. Dr. Fletcher has been school and farmers talk of switchpreaching, for 53, years, and ing to turkey farming and getting throughout their 50 years together, rid of sheep. Mrs. Fletcher has been an ever- Since he was first seen here ready deputy, able to fill a pulpit, about nine months ago, One-and-ainstruct a class, or bring up a Half Step has killed a score of family of four boys, and a girl, sheep, a dozen lambs, three calves while he journeyed far afield in and several dogs. pursuance of his duty.

century mark together, and it meat that he has not killed himself. would be fitting to quote from the Many farmers have fired at the Book of Leviticus: "And ye shall wolf but, they say, "he just can't hallow the fiftieth year; a jubilee be hit." He sometimes trots by the shall that fiftieth year be unto nearby Bodmin post office in broad

according to Dr. Fletcher with the fact that even when fired at from comforting assurance of a job well fact that even when fired at from close range, the wolf is not woundmy wife was born and the same ed or doesn't seem to get hurt. county in which I was born."

Mrs. Fletcher was the former Miss Gertrude Gadsby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gadsby, who came from Manchester, England, "Old Bill," the Marabou stork Dale School near Oshawa which is years and was a legendary figure

being the fourth generation of his over the weekend. family to be Canadian born. His Because the normal life span of a house is still standing and has been of the oldest storks in the world. converted into apartments. "Bill was known as the adjutant

ed in 1896. I worked hard, and took devilment for the troops." all....sorts of .. jobs and summer Twenty-four hours after "Old Street United Church."

surface again as he added, "The like fashion." electric, railway and I came together. That's torn up, but I'm The town of Orillia is looking are forming a provisional board of for the newly weds, Mr. and Mrs.

reminiscing about the old families those citizens who make money Every unit that appoints a provis- Malcolm Ramer's. that he knew, mentioning among out of the expansion. others the Henrys, the Licks and the Guys. He stayed in Oshawa till They spent nine years there, min- and the United States he has istering to the congregations of always made contact with Masonic apart, and many miles they travell- more lodges than the average and cutter, and it was here that now re-affiliated -with Temple Mrs. Fletcher often deputized for Lodge.

her-husband. on Lake Simcoe, where they stayed had the privilege of University until 1918 when Dr., Fletcher was education. The eldest son is asked to undertake Sunday school Llewellyn, a graduate of McMaster work, and during the seven years and Yale, who is at present profeshe travelled through every pro- sor of English at the High School, vince and 34 of the 48 United Ocean Falls, B.C. At one time he States. He estimated that he had taught at Keiro University, Japan. visited 260 townships in Ontario. He flew to Oshawa for the family Life, Fire, Auto

The Mutual Life of Canada was established in 1869 and has always ed the degree of Doctor of Divinity that can bring his son thousands of newly named Centre Street United it."

> shortly the grim years of the Queen's. Percy is living in Oshawa, yearned to be in a country charge Regina. once more. In 1931 they moved to Their only daughter, Pearl, is Odessa; from 1939 to 1944 they Mrs. D. F. Aylesworth of Bath, to 1946 in Bowmanville.

and completed the circle of his work, particularly among the Phone 8642 travels by coming back to Oshawa, Navajo Indians. She has married nis wife's home town.

of the Masonic Order, for nearly lands on which their home is built. fifty years. He joined the order in They have 12 grandchildren, and Drayton and has transferred his the family gathering last week membership with every move he brought the greatest happiness to has made. He has been past-master this well-loved couple who are still in two different lodges and in one extremely active in church work

VANDORF

(Thursday, March 9) Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Powell are holidaying down in Birmingham,

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Alabama. Mr. Jim Sleeth is in hospital again for an operation. The final

one, we hope. Mr. and Mrs. Rolia Scott and boys were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Carr on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Pattenden were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Morley on Saturday evening. Miss Ruth Oliver, Miss Sylvia

Smith, Toronto Bible College, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James Oliver.

THREE-LEGGED WOLF KEEPS LIVESTOCK OWNERS JITTERY

'A giant three-legged timber wolf Unwavering faith in his calling is raising Old Ned with farmers'

Bait or ruses are of no avail in Now they have reached the half- luring him to traps. He won't touch

l daylight. Their moving about is done and Veteran trapper B. Bradley has they are happy to be settled often shot at One-and-a-Half Step. according to Dr. Fletcher with the He says he is bewildered by the

FFTY-YEAR-OLD STORK PASSES, WAS RIVERDALE ZOO ADJUTANT

in 1870 and settled in Cedar Dale. who has been strutting around his Mrs. Fletcher was a pupil at Cedar enclosure at Riverdale zoo for 45 now Cedar Dale United Church. | in more ways than one to the Dr. Fletcher is justly proud of soldiers of two world wars, died

parents were Mr. and Mrs. William stork is 25 years and Bill more H. Fletcher of Scott Township and than doubled that since his arrival How is this to be attained? By no riders." We farmers would do he related that his grandfather here in 1905 at the age of six, Dr. parity prices. built the first brick house in Bow- A. J. Campbell, curator of the zoo, manville before 1812. He made the says as well as being the oldest times should bear a fair and equal bricks on his own farm, and the resident at Riverdale Bill was one relation to all other commodity

Dr. Fletcher attended New- of the zoo," said Dr. Campbell, have parity prices? By giving finmarket High School and from an explaining the bird's military back- ancial support to farm commodity early age he saw himself as a ground. "Right up to the end he groups and the Ontario and held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. preaching sermons to his sisters. reminded many a soldier on leave ture.

I came to Oshawa on July 1 of the house gave birth to a male baby him "Young Bill." He, too, struts Federation Unit has adopted the hostess. His sense of humor came to the around his cage in true adjutant- assessment plan of financing.

A large number enjoyed a misurface again as he added, "The like fashion."

Whitchurch Township has cellaneous shower at the home of

forward to paying a 60 mill tax directors. A constitution is being Gordon Padley. Oshawa was then a community rate this year. The town with its drawn up. Whitchurch has The Young People of the United

1899 when he went to Toronto to as being the first affiliated member establish a Christian Church there. of Temple Lodge, Oshawa, being In 1902, Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher the first melabor to join after the were called to Drayton, near charter for the new lodge had been Guelph in Wellington County. drawn up. In his travels in Canada two churches that were 23 miles brethren and has probably visited ed by horse and buggy or horse member. After being away, he is

They have a family of four sons The next move was to Keswick and a daughter all of whom have

Church. -23 The next son is the Rev. William What a change was there from G. Fletcher, a graduate of Victoria the rural community he had known College and Union Theological 30 years before. Oshawa had be College, New York, who is at come industrialized and the popu- present minister of Wooler United lation had grown from a settled Church. The younger sons, Percy 5,000 to a floating 25,000. Followed and George are both graduates of depression, and the Fletchers and George recently moved to

were in Marmora, and from 1944 near Napanee. She too, is a graduate of Victoria, and has done a In that year Dr. Fletcher retired, considerable amount of missionary into a United Loyalist family, Dr. Fletcher has been a member holding ancient deeds, to crown

lodge, master twice. He is recorded and the good of the community.

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The suggestions given have been found effective in forming other units. The success or failure of our . farm movement depends on the support given by each farm family. you wish to finance your organized group. Tell your council men about it. Labor has a slogan "all workers, well to copy this slogan.

BLOOMINGTON

(Thursday, March 9)

The Ladies' Aid meeting was minister. He laughingly recalled was dignified and conceited. He Dominion Federations of Agricul- Jos. Winterstein with Mrs. E. Davis, president, in the chair. A "My mother fostered the idea," of an overbearing adjutant back on The objective of the township program in charge of Mrs. E. he said, "and although in humble the parade ground at camp. At units of federation is to have in Spence and Mrs. E. Lemon includcircumstances my parents con- times he would stop swaggering each school section in York County ed a reading by Mrs. E. Baker, solo trived to send me to Queen's and appear to be deep in thought at least one organized farm group. by Miss A. Fockler and a talk by University, from which I graduat- as though thinking up some To consolidate all township farm Mr. Gould of Stouffville Christian groups into one working unit. The Church and concluded by a Bible financial support to come from an contest. A number of pairs of charges and was ordained in 1895. Bill" died, Lizzie in the monkey assessment of not less than one pyjamas having been made by the dollar on each farm or unit product members will be sent to a home for same year, as pastor of the Oshawa Guinea; baboon. "Already," says ing farm produce or by member missionaries' children in Colling-Christian Church, now Centre Dr. Campbell, "we have christened ship fees. The Markham Township wood. Lunch was served by the

appointed provisional officers and Mr. E. Barnes and Mrs. D. Burnett

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of, 5,000 population, and Dr. 12,000 growing population finds it received \$50.00 expense money Missionary Church held a tobaggon from York County Federation. Party and social evening at Mr.

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