

Honeymoon Trip In Cutter In 1901



Mr. and Mrs. Geo. French — 1901.



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On Jan. 30th, 1901 newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. French left their parents home, north of Gormley and embarked on a fifty mile honeymoon trip by horse and cutter to the residence of a cousin, Mr. Walter Conner of Little Britain. That was 63 years ago. This well-known and highly respected couple now live in a cozy upstairs apartment at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Roy Nigh (Alma) conc. 6, Markham Twp. They both enjoy good health. Mr. French is 88. Mrs. French is 85.

Mrs. French, seated in her favourite rocking chair, sews by the hour and her handiwork is passed on to sewing circles at Heise Hill and Oak Ridges in the form of beautiful quilts of various sizes and patterns. Mr. French had little opportunity to attend public school but taught himself to read and write. While his wife sews, he reads and neither require glasses.

Born at Sunderland Mr. French was born at Sunderland, the son of the late Wm. French and Jane Carr. He had one brother and two sisters. Mrs. French, the former Mary Ethel Sheffer was born near Gormley, the daughter of Nicholas Sheffer and Annie Conner. The two became friends when Mr. French was hired by her parents to assist on the farm. Following their marriage, conducted by Rev. Fred Elliott of Richmond Hill and a long-distance horse and cutter hon-

ymoon trip, they continued to live on the Sheffer farm until the property was sold. In 1920, they moved to New Gormley, then to Springvale in 1937 and to their present residence in 1944. Both are members of the Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Church. Mr. French has served both as a Sunday School teacher and a Deacon. They have been active in tent meeting services and on two occasions tent worship was conducted at their present home site.

Their 63rd anniversary date on Thursday of last week was highlighted by a visit from Rev. Robt. D. Guthrie, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Orillia. Mr. and Mrs. French have been constant listeners to radio broadcasts over station CFOR from the Bethel Church but had never met the Minister. In the afternoon, he dropped in unannounced and presented the couple with a beautiful basket of fruit.

On the wall of the apartment is a magnificent coloured portrait of Mr. and Mrs. French, taken 63 years ago. On another wall is a beautiful photo of a daughter, Clara Marie who passed away at the age of only 2½ years. They are extremely proud of their only other daughter, Mrs. Roy Nigh, their eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. "We have so much to be thankful for," said Mrs. French, "the Lord has been good to us."

Local And Personal Happenings

After being confined to Newmarket Hospital the past six weeks, Mrs. Lloyd Hoover returned home on Sunday.

Mr. P. A. Jerman of Toronto visited his sister, Mrs. Will Cowan, Main St. E. on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagner and Donna of R.R. 2 Blackwater were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirby, Montreal St.

Mrs. Guy Rutledge, Main St. entered York County Hospital, Newmarket for an operation. Her roommate is Mrs. Donald Hiles, Glad Park Ave.

Mr. Earl Grubin of Picton, Optometrist will be unable to keep his appointment for Feb. 10 and 11 at the James McCraith residence, 58 Main St. E. due to a fall on the ice.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood Debie and Ricky of Lindsay were visitors on Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert King, Lloyd Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Almer Fockler, Edward St. celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 1st. They were entertained in Toronto by their son Dean and Mrs. Fockler, Diane, Susanne and David of Scarborough. They attended the Ice Follies in Maple Leaf Gardens followed by dinner at the Seaway Hotel.

Mr. Elwood Foskitt, clerk of Uxbridge Township is presently convalescing at his home in Goodwood after spending some weeks in the Uxbridge Hospital.

Prof. and Mrs. E. A. Smith of Don Mills Rd. were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lemon, Rupert Ave. on Friday and on Tuesday Mr. Hume Macpherson of Lemonville was a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perry of Kirkland Lake spent a couple days with the Emmersons at Ringwood.

Mr. Tom Hargrave and John of Toronto were guests on Sunday with her sister Mrs. Stouffer and Harry, Second St.

The Isabel Rutter Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire are holding their fourth Annual Antiques Show and Sale at the Inn on the Park, Leslie and Eglinton, Toronto, on Feb. 19 and 20 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Proceeds for the I.O.D.E. Children's Centre, North York General Hospital.

Christopher Lamoreaux

Mr. Chris Lamoreaux passed away in Hospital on Sat. Feb. 1, 1964 in his 78th year. Born at Milliken, son of the late Wm. H. Lamoreaux and Hannah Risebrough, he farmed here all his life until his retirement in 1953. He took an active part in his community and for many years served as school trustee. Surviving are his wife, the former Mary E. O'Neill, a son Wm. Ross of Stouffville and three grandchildren, Carol, Betty and Jimmy. The funeral service was held from Ogdens Funeral Home, Agincourt on Tuesday, Feb. 4th with interment in Ebenezer Cemetery, Mr. Colin Anderson of Markham officiated. Pallbearers were Mr. Armond Kilneck, Mr. Colin Hood, Mr. Fred Hope, Mr. Ken Prentice, Mr. Bert Kennedy and Mr. Earl Risebrough.

Mrs. T. Closson

Mrs. Annie Closson, wife of Tredway Closson, Ellesmere Rd. Highland Creek passed away in Scarborough General Hospital on Sat. Feb. 1, 1964 in her 78th year. Besides her husband she is survived by sons Charles and Sidney and a daughter Vera (Mrs. W. Robinson) of Ancaster, Ont. also a brother Hugh McInosh of Stouffville. Funeral services were held on Wednesday from the Chapel of Ogdens Funeral Home, Agincourt with interment in St. Michael's Cemetery, West Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Emmerson of Matheson spent a few days with his mother Mrs. A. Emmerson at Ringwood.

Mr. Gordon McCowan, Marilyn and Ronnie of Toronto were visitors on Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will McCowan.

The Legion Ladies Auxiliary will hold their regular monthly euchre at the Veteran's Hall at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13th. Proceeds are for the sick visiting program.

A letter from "Sunshine" (Theodore Nielsen) states he is now making his home in Montreal. He has diabetes and has to take insulin. The doctor told him his travelling days were over if he did not get the diabetes checked at once, as he soon would be bed-ridden. Luckily, Sunshine is responding favourably to treatment. His address is c/o Mr. A. B. Bennett, T.G.A.-38th Floor, Place Ville Marie, Montreal, Quebec. He would like to hear from any of his friends.

Miss Marguerite Simons left on Friday by plane for Edmonton. She was accompanied by her 82 year old mother, Mrs. Jennie Simons, formerly of Toronto and now living with her daughter, Mrs. Denzil Raymer of North Bay. This will be the first trip to their former home since 1920. They will be visiting with Miss Marlene Calk, a former Leslieville resident, now living in Edmonton. Later they will fly west to spend a short time in Vancouver and Victoria returning by train to Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson, Michael and Jane of Brampton were visitors on Sunday with his sister Mrs. Alma Johnson, Mill St.

The directors of the Horticultural Society met on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burkholder. Plans were made to canvass for members. The annual convention meets this year on June 18 and 19 at the O.A.C. in Guelph.

Dr. J. J. Chambers and Mrs. Chambers arrived from Nova Scotia on Tuesday to spend some time visiting his son John and Mrs. Chambers and family, Commercial St. On the weekend they were all guests of Don Gilberts at Camp Borden.

Mrs. Wilson (Nellie Betz) and children of Manitoulin Island were visiting her mother, Mrs. Joe Betz, 5th line, for a few days, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burnett and family of Scarborough were visitors on Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Dawson Burnett, Church St.

Canada's largest private model train display will be shown at a tea to be held on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22 and 23 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the home of Dorothy and Morley Sproule, 85 Cliffcrest Dr., Scarborough, Ont. Proceeds will be used for heart research. Last year over 800 attended the display, a number of them being from the Stouffville area.

Mrs. Rena Miller Dies in 80th Year

Mrs. Rena Maude Miller of Stouffville, wife of the late Albert (Bert) Miller died at the Brierbush Hospital on Thursday Jan. 30, 1964 in her 80th year. She had been in hospital about 3 weeks, following a stroke. Mr. Miller predeceased her in 1958. A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brillinger she was born in Stouffville. Following her marriage they spent a number of years in Orillia and Toronto before coming back to Stouffville to make their home. She was a faithful member of the Baptist Church. Surviving is a son, Kenneth of Ottawa, 3 grandchildren, Lois, Charles and Albert Miller and 2 brothers, Percy and Harry both of Stouffville. The funeral was held on Saturday, Feb. 1st from the O'Neill Funeral Home in charge of Rev. G. Gooderham, pastor of the Baptist Church. Pallbearers were Harry Schell, Bud Sanderson, Gerald Brillinger and John Williamson. Interment was in Stouffville Cemetery.

BIRTH

HOOPER—Lorne and Josephine wish to announce the arrival of a daughter, Donna Ann on January 26, 1964 at Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville. A sister for Margaret and Cathy.

Move Closer To Having County Planning Help

York County Council is slowly moving towards providing some type of county planning assistance, having in mind those municipalities in the northern part of the county which have no planning boards. However, it was revealed at a special meeting of council this week that the cost will be considerable. Murray Jones & Associates have already presented one report which will cost the municipalities \$5,000.

Mr. Jones told the members that he estimated the cost of providing proper planning consultant help would be \$30,000 a year. Reeve Frank Williams of the church asked if this figure might not snowball shortly to \$100,000. Mr. Jones replied that his figures were accurate and a county planner with the proper staff should not cost over the \$30,000. For this money they would be able to assist any municipality with an Official Plan and Zoning.

RINGWOOD

Mrs. N. Nigh and children had lunch on Thursday with Mrs. I. Law.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob McGrove, Mr. and Mrs. Art Paisley and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steckley had Tuesday night dinner with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maynard of Brampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob M. Grove visited Miss Ada Grove on Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Overland, Claremont.

Mrs. A. Fockler, Mrs. Herb Yakeley, Mrs. Walter Vague, Mrs. Ed. Brownsberger and Mrs. Fred Steckley attended the executive meeting of Conference of Christian Churches in Toronto on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steckley, Gary and Kevin of Hamilton had Wednesday night supper with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steckley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fockler and family of Scarborough entertained his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Almer Fockler of Stouffville on their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 1st to the Ice Follies and afterward to dinner at the Seaway Hotel.

BIRTHS

BETZ — Bernard and Alice wish to announce the birth of a son, Jan. 12, 1964 at the K. W. Hospital, Kitchener, a brother for Dennis, Stephen, Allen and Shelley Ann.

CALDER — Mr. and Mrs. Alex Calder, R.R. 1, Pickering are happy to announce the birth of a son Kenneth Sharp on January 23, 1964 at Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

MCDOWELL — To Mr. and Mrs. John McDowell, a son, Thomas Howard on Jan. 25th at York County Hospital.

Prayer Books Dedicated at Anglican Service

At the Sunday Service of the Christ Church Anglican, the revised edition of the Prayer Book was used for the first time. These books were donated by the ladies of the W.A. and Evening Guild of the church as a memorial for the late Miss Elizabeth Foote, in recognition of her long and devoted service to the church. She was treasurer for 12 years and organist for 35 years from 1912-1949. She continued in Parish Work until her death having the honour of turning the first sod when the new church was started.

ENGAGEMENT

VAGUE—BENNETT
Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Bennett of Scarborough wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne, to Mr. Robert Maxwell Vague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Vague of Stouffville. The wedding to take place at Wexford Presbyterian Church, Scarborough, on March 7, 1964 at 4 p.m.

Holden, Stouffville and also called on her grandfather, Mr. Geo. Gower.

The Clarence Fockler family had supper on Sunday with the Nighs and spent the previous Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Will. Laursen and family, Toronto.

Remember the World Day of Prayer for this group of churches will be held in Vician Memorial Church, Feb. 14th at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Fockler had Sunday supper with their daughter, Mrs. J. Bullock and family, Agincourt, to help Bonnie celebrate her fifth birthday.



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