

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watt

Golden wedding anniversary

MARKHAM — Feb. 11, 1918, was a very special day for Thomas Watt and Annie Reed. Fifty years later, Feb. 11, 1968, was also a very important occasion. The couple, now residents of Musselman's Lake, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

More than 150 friends, neighbors and relatives gathered at the home of their daughter, Ramona (Mrs. Dennis Murphy), Paradise Avenue, Markham, to honor two wonderful people. Mr. and Mrs. Watt enjoyed every minute of the happy gathering.

Mr. Watt, a farmer for most of his life, but now retired, was born in Novar Ontario in 1896. His wife, Annie, is a native of Newcastle, England and came to Canada as a very young girl. They met when still in their teen years and were married at Novar where they continued to reside for a time. Later, they lived at Cookstown and then in Scarborough. They purchased a piece of property at the Lake one year ago.

The couple is extremely proud of their family that includes two daughters, Ramona and Wilma (Mrs. David Tremblay) of Stouffville and three fine grandchildren, Rosemary, David and Maureen.

On T.V.

Scoutmaster George Bridges and seven members of the Stouffville Scouts and Cubs will appear on a Channel 9 television show Friday, Feb. 23, at 11:30 a.m. The filming was done at the studio, Monday. Included will be Queen Scout Gerry Egberts, Wynand Egberts, Blair Clarkson, Randy Bellamy, John Gresham, Mark Harrott, Eric Lehman, Mark Barry and John Chambers.

Gracing the dining room table was a giant 3-tiered anniversary cake, made especially for the occasion by an old friend, Mr. Arthur Richard, now 85, of Toronto. It was decorated with gold bells with a large number 50 at the top.

Assisting in serving the guests, both afternoon and evening, were Rosemary Tremblay and Barbara James.

The Tribune joins with many others in the community in wishing this fine couple many more years of health and happiness together.

From Calgary
Mr. Mervin Glover, District Manager of the Mc-Bee Company of Calgary, attended a convention in Toronto and on Saturday visited with his mother, Mrs. Jack O'Boyle, Albert Street South.

Randy Bellamy, a member of the Stouffville Boy Scouts, was presented with his Second Class Badge at a ceremony, Feb. 7.

Altona W.M.S.
The Women's Missionary Society of the Altona United Missionary Church held their February meeting with the President, Mrs. Allan Meyer in charge. The theme was "Let God Stretch Your Heart and Put a World Inside." The leader was Mrs. Mervin Brethour. A minute message was given by Mrs. Paul Meyer. A missionary review was presented by Mrs. Robert Lewis. The study course on Pioneer Missionaries was read by Mrs. Norman Neal, outlining the work of Rev. and Mrs. William Finlay.



Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fairles, Stouffville, R.R. 3, cut the cake on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. —Cadieux Studio

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fairles

Began honeymoon with cutter ride

STOUFFVILLE — On Feb. 12, 1918, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fairles left the parsonage at Lemonville following their marriage performed by Rev. Horace Payne. They travelled by horse and cutter to Schomberg Junction, took the trolley to Toronto and the train to Guelph. That was fifty years ago.

On Sunday, this well-known and highly respected couple was honored on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Neighbors, friends and relatives gathered at the home of their daughter Norma (Mrs. Gerald Brilling) for a very pleasant reunion both afternoon and evening. They have a second daughter, Betty and eight grandchildren. A son, Leland, a member of the R.A.F., was killed on active duty in Burma.

Mr. Fairles has two brothers, Watson of Stouffville, Eldon at Gorrie and two sisters, Mrs. Reta Hassard of Stouffville and Mrs. Russell Jordan of Springfield, Illinois. Mrs. Fairles has three brothers, Stanley of Detroit; Orville in Stouffville, Floyd of Toronto and one sister, Mrs. Velma MacDonald, also of Toronto.

Mrs. John Bond

Longtime Gormley resident

GORMLEY — The Gormley community lost another of its longtime residents, Feb. 6, when Mrs. John Bond passed away in the Willows Nursing Home, Aurora at the age of 83.

Born in Markham, Mrs. Bond had a heritage dating back to the first white settlers in Scarborough, David and Mary Thompson. She was their great, great granddaughter.

She is survived by 28 grandchildren and one great, great, grandchild. Still living are four sons: Alex, Toronto; Gordon, Newmarket; Ivan, Sundridge; Wallace, of Richmond Hill and three daughters; Hazel (Mrs. Cecil Brown), Collingwood; Jean (Mrs. Harold Doner), Gormley and Pearl (Mrs. Jack O'Connell) of Erin-dale.

Mrs. Bond was a member of the Gormley United Missionary Church where the funeral service was held, conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. K. Sider, assisted by Rev. Grant Sloss of Markham. Interment was in Heise Hill Cemetery.

The pall bearers were: Charles Hoover, Allan Hoover, Alvin Farmer, Clarence Doner, Ron Elliott and Roy Brillingier.

Breaks ankle

Mrs. John Armstrong, Main Street West, had the misfortune to fall on the ice, Sunday, breaking her ankle. She was admitted to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital.

Mr. Fairles was born at Bloomington, in Whitchurch Township, the son of Robert Fairles and Adeline Watson. He attended the Bloomington Public School.

Mrs. Fairles, the former Donald Martin, was born at Mount, Albert, the daughter of Joseph Martin and Josephine Smalley. While still very young, her parents moved to Lemonville and she attended school there.

What was the winter like back in 1918. It was one of the worst for snow, recalled Mr. Fairles. For one entire week, not a single train travelled the line between Toronto and Stouffville. On their wedding day it was quite mild and foggy.

For two years following their marriage, they lived on the home farm at Bloomington, then moved to their present residence on the Uxbridge-Whitchurch townline.

Through the years, both Mr. and Mrs. Fairles have been active members of the Stouffville United Church and still attend service there.

The kitchen of their cozy farm home showed visible signs of the many friendships built up over the years, in the form of dozens of beautiful anniversary cards. Some were from a distance but most from the immediate area where they have lived all their married life. "Yes, friends are wonderful," agreed Mrs. Fairles, checking through the names again. From the mail, it was obvious, they had their share.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watt, R.R. 2, Stouffville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an "open house" at Markham. —Staff Photo