

Joe and Lulu's diamond day

By JIM THOMAS
RINGWOOD — Over the years, many names have been unofficially attached to the hamlet of Ringwood. None has stuck.

No one, however, not even residents of long-standing would object to the family moniker of Fockler becoming permanent.

For no couple deserves the recognition more than Joseph and Lulu Fockler. They've been a part of the community more than 50 years.

They celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary Aug. 4.

Mr. Fockler, Joe to his friends, was born at Ballantrae, son of Hugh and Melinda Fockler. Mrs. Fockler, the former Lulu Preston, calls Pine Orchard 'home'. She's the daughter of Harry and Bertha Preston.

Joe and Lulu have lived their entire married life in the area.

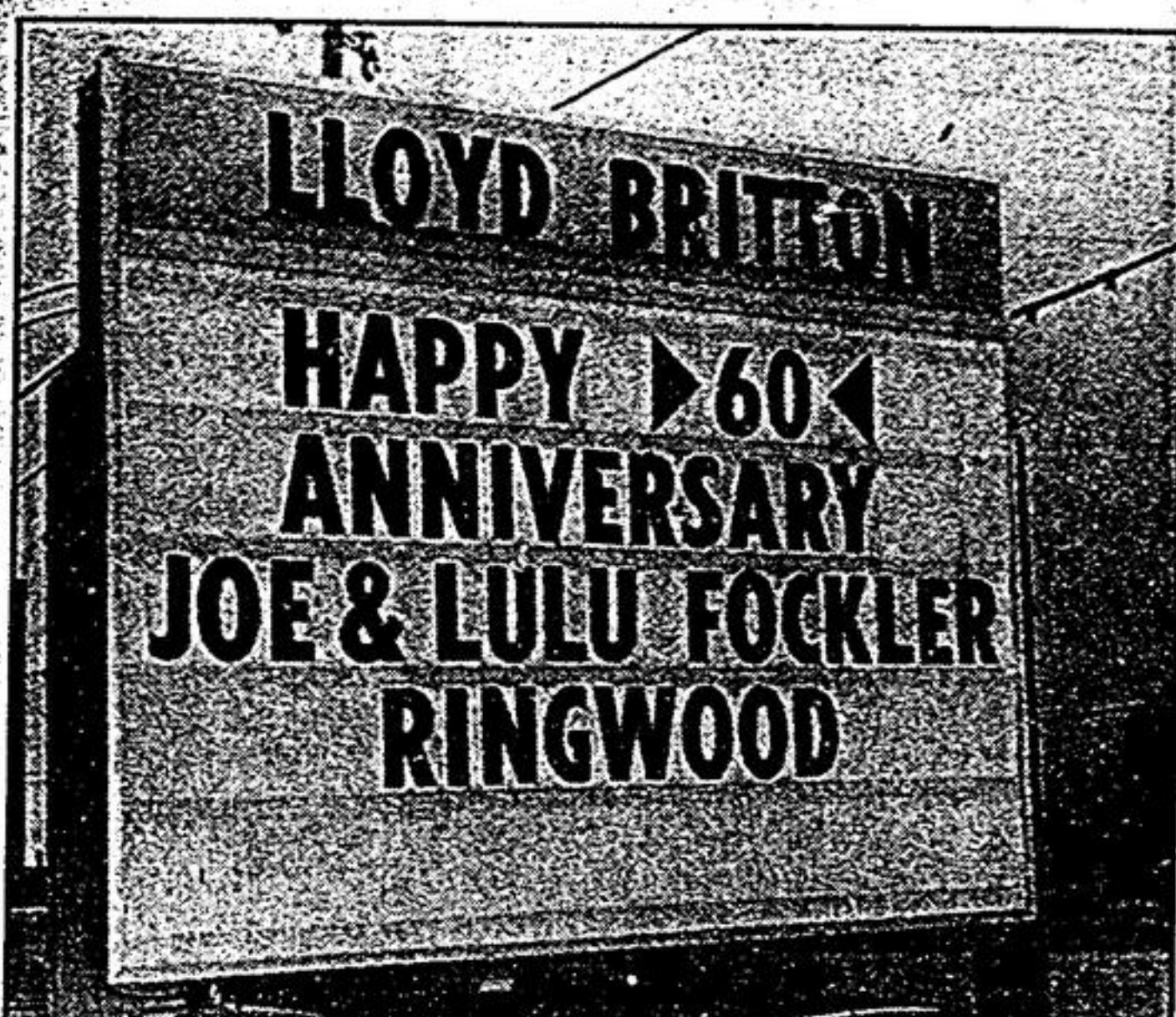
Mr. Fockler was employed as a farm hand for a time before joining the staff of the Toronto and York Roads Commission where he remained 28 years.

Still fresh in his memory are the years spent at Ringwood Farms owned and operated by George Rodanz.

"He's a fine man," Mrs. Fockler says affectionately. Mr. and Mrs. Rodanz expressed personal congratulations Friday and presented the honored couple with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

"When we were putting an addition on our house, George would send farm help over to give us a hand," Lulu recalls.

Joe was an enthusiastic worker when the Ringwood Christian Church was relocated on a per-



This Lloyd Britton sign tells the world of Joe and Lulu Fockler's happy event, Thursday — their 60th wedding anniversary.

manent basement. Both he and the late Bert Silverthorn contributed many volunteer hours to the project.

Mr. Fockler has also served as an usher and trustee within the congregation.

Lulu, a lovely looking lady with personality to match, defies the actuality of her 78 years. A cheery warmth has won her a wide circle of friends. She was an employee on the staff of the Ringwood Store through several owners.

She still drives the couple's 1974 Plymouth.

Extended honeymoons weren't the order of the day back in 1928. Following their marriage at

Newmarket, they travelled 'all the way' to Sutton. In contrast, they enjoyed a trip to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan in 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Fockler are proud of their family — a daughter Hazel (Bullock) of Pickering; two sons Clarence and Bruce of Ringwood; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A daughter Helen (Nigh) is deceased.

Mr. Fockler has two sisters, Elsie Brown of Stouffville and Gertie Mehaffey of Ballantrae.

Mrs. Fockler has two brothers, Clarence Preston of Kinmount; Harvey Preston of Pine Orchard and one sister, Eva Cook of R.R. 1, Newmarket.

A family gathering, taking the form of an outdoor barbecue, was enjoyed Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fockler were the recipients of many beautiful flowers, cards and messages of congratulations including an engraved plaque from the mayor and council, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.



Mr. and Mrs. Fockler hosted friends, Thursday and family members, Sunday. They were married in Aurora, Aug. 28, 1928 and left on a honeymoon to Sutton. They have two sons, one daughter, 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. One daughter is deceased. —Jim Thomas

Thanks expressed for hospitality

Dear Editor:

As a town (Stouffville) resident, I'm unfamiliar with social activities related to the country.

For me, extra-curricular events include an evening at Greens; a game of slow-pitch ball or a round of golf at John Evelyn's.

Regardless, I accepted a friend's invitation and attended a recent get-together at the farm of Marvin and Bev Reesor and Don and Joyce Miller, McCowan Road.

Watch lost

A senior's Quartz watch with a leather strap, was lost Friday in Stouffville, somewhere between the IGA and Parkview Village.

Anyone finding it is asked to call 640-7384.

It was called a Twilight Meeting of the York Region Holstein Association.

All I know about cattle and related four-legged beasts, you could put in your eye. Still, I had the time of my life.

Everyone was friendly, (even shook my hand despite the fact, I was a stranger to most), invited me to partake of a 'mountain' of food and all I could drink.

What impressed me most was the atmosphere of friendliness generated by not only the hosts but everyone present. If this is an example of country living, then I hope my daughter is lucky enough to marry a farmer. Sincerely,

Kenneth Marshall, Stouffville

Sandi Brown Movie starlet

It's been an exciting summer for 19-year-old Sandra 'Sandi' Brown of Amherst, Nova Scotia and formerly of Claremont. Sandi, a university student, spent part of her summer vacation in Shediac, New Brunswick, acting in a major role for Cineplex Movie Productions, starring TV soap opera heart-throb Lorenzo Lamas.

Several from across Canada auditioned for the role of Sissy in the film 'Snake Eater'. Sandi was successful.

She's the daughter of Terry and Dorothy Brown of Amherst, Nova Scotia and the granddaughter of Muriel Brown, Elm Road, Stouffville and Bill and Edith Sanders of Beaverton.

Sandi attended Claremont Public School and Amherst High School. She moved with her parents and brother Ted to Amherst six years ago.

The film is expected to be released in 1989.

Wed 25 years

By EVELYN MILSTED
GORMLEY — Several from the Heise Hill area attended the 25th wedding anniversary 'open house' held in honor of Rev. and Mrs. James Cober at Kitchener, Saturday. Rev. Cober is a former pastor of Heise Hill Church.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thom on the arrival of a darling daughter July 27.

Hazel Hill of Toronto visited with former Gormley friends Sunday.

Martha Wideman attended a family picnic Saturday at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wideman and family, Belleville.

Eldon Brillinger has moved into the house recently vacated by Velma and Jean Brillinger.

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