

Notes for ROBERT WILLIAM DAVIDSON:

Couple Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Robert William Davidson, popular Westmeath twsp residents who reside on their farm, Beachburg, R.R.#1, observed their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday afternoon and evening when they were 'at home' to friends and relatives. A number of congratulatory messages, include telephone calls, cards and gifts were recieved by the celebrants, among the messages was one from Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, Ottawa; and Bob Gorie, Portneif, Que. Born at the homestead on the Zion Line, Mr Davidson is the son of the late James Davidson and his wife Eleanor Hill. After receiving his education in S. S. #10 Westmeath, he was married to the former Miss Clara Johnston, daughter of the late James Johnston and his wife Elizabeth Gordon of Beachburg on June 24th 1908. The late Reverend E. G. Robb of the Presbyterian Church performed the ceremony on the lawn at the brides home Beachburg. Witnesses were the former Miss Roxy Retty, Westmeath now Mrs R. Robertson of Pine falls, Man. as bridesmaid and Findley Beauprie, Beachburg who resides in Maitland, N.S.. Neither were able to attend the celebration. The couple resided on Zine Line for a few years before taking up residence on the farm. They retired 5 years ago. Mr Davidson's brother Walter, of Beachburg, attended while a second brother, Percy of Pembroke was unable to attend. His sisters Mrs George (Elizabeth) Eady, Pembroke and Mrs George (Grace) Dunlop, Beachburg were present. Mrs Davidson Brothers and sisters present were Harry and Earl Johnston of Beachburg and Allan Johnston of Sudbury; Mrs Herman (Myrtle) Werle, Beachburg, Mrs E. V. (Dorothy) McNeil, Toronto. Unable to attend were Mrs Dan (Alice) Miller, Haileybury, and Mrs Elliot (Minetta) Cohen of Wainwright, Alberta. Their marriage has been blessed by two sons, Delbert Davidson of Kirkland Lake and H.R. Davidson who was drowned in Northern Ontario, and one daughter Mrs Harry O'Brien of Pembroke. There are five grandchildren, Miss Carol Davidson Kirkland Lake; Marsha; Mardi; Masters Terry and Kevin O'Brien Pembroke. The Golden Anniversary was a double happy occasion with the nineteenth anniversary of the marriage their eldest son Delbert and the former Miss Patricia Cannon at Kirkland on June 24 1939. The double anniversary was celebrated with an anniversary dinner held in the Copeland Hotel, Pembroke on Sunday with members of the immediate family attending. Many friends and relatives called during the at "Home" which was held during the afternoon and evening of June 24th. Mrs Davidson received her Guests in a misty blue nylon figured sheer fashioned with draped neckline and fastened with rhinestone clips. She wore white accessories and a shoulder corsage of yellow roses held by a golden bow. The tea table was decorated with a special candelabra and floral arrangement depicting the " 50th" anniversary. Yellow & white with Golden leaves complimented the white candle arrangement. The three tiered anniversary cake decorated with a tiny golden basket enhanced the decorations. Mr & Mrs Davidson are members of St. Andrews United Chuch Beachburg. Mrs Davidson was a Red Cross worker during W. W. 11, Belonged to the Beachburg Women's institute and Women's association. Mr Davidson belongs to Enterprize Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 516 of Beachburg. Pouring tea during the afternoon were Mrs William Wilson and Mrs Stephen McClellan, Beachburg, and in the evening Mrs Herman Werle, Mrs Earl Johnston, Beachburg, Mrs Garnet Dougherty Pembroke and Mrs Lennox Dougherty, Westmeath. Those assisting were; Mrs Ernest Gelert, Mrs Dave Purdie, Mrs Glen Crowe, Mrs Guy McClelland, Sudbury, Mrs E. V. McNeill, Toronto; Mrs Edward Spensley Bethany, Mrs Alex Bell Deep River; Mrs Orlin Werle, Mrs Lloyd Hawthorne, Mrs Ernest Davidson, Beachburg; and Mrs Kenneth Collins Westmeath; Mr & Mrs Davidson enjoy good health and engage in the activities of their home. He is in his 78th year and she was 72 on April 5th. The celebrants accompanied their son and daughter in law, Kirkland Lake, Mr. and Mrs Delbert Davidson for the next two weeks.