

ENTERTAIN ON 14th ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Anderson of North Mathews Avenue, Urbana, Ill., were entertained Monday evening, celebrating their fourteenth wedding anniversary, May 25, by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fletcher, son

Anderson, their daughter, was also honored, having graduated from Thornburn Junior High School, Urbana. Only a few special guests were present at the party. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fletcher, son

Nathaniel & Carrie Banks
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Celebration



Saturday, June 1, 1996
Levis Faculty Center



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ANNIVERSARY

5:00 – 6:15 Reception
Music provided by Maruwa Ensemble featuring:
Todd Rent, piano, Bryant Tatum, drums, Josh Waldon, bass

6:30 Reflections from:

Frank E. Banks

Solo presentation by Larry Banks

Mae Ola Nash and Esther Scroggins

You Are So Wonderful Solo by Jeanette Patterson

The Westside Bunch – Catherine Russell

Solo presentation by Deborah Banks

The Beardsley St. Bunch – Claude Burch

Poetic Tributes by Elaine Harmon and Gladys Pope

Reflections in Video

Response by The Banks



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"A Union with Honor"



*In Thy Father's Holy Sight
Candles lit with prayer tonight.
Faith and Courage deep within
Holy vows Well blessed again
A Union with Honor as Husband and Wife
Their souls uplifted A praying life
Blessings Bestowed Strong roots do show
A gift from God How Love can grow
Seasons soar to touch the gold
Embracing time, on life's short road
A Union with Honor for Thou to see
Here and Now for Eternity*



*In honor fiftieth anniversary
Nathaniel and Carrie Banks*



Special Thanks to Everyone who lent their loving help

a celebration of fifty years of love and honor through good times and bad, sickness and health, not enough and plenty, parenthood and grandparenthood, and love and honor, and love

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the children of

Nathaniel and Carrie Banks

request the pleasure of your company

Saturday, June 1, 1996

Levis Faculty Center

919 West Illinois St., 2nd floor

Urbana, Illinois

5 P.M. to 8 P.M.

no gifts please!

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The Banks Working As a Team

by Wardine Waddell

The two-story green house stood quietly at 302 E. Washington St. in Champaign, unaware of its visitor. But Mrs. Ida Banks knew I was coming. After knocking twice, she appeared at the door and motioned me to the dining room table. I sat down and began my 30 minutes of light questions.

There is nothing extraordinary about the quiet, demure 80-year old black woman. Yet there was something warm and striking about her modesty—her dedication to her husband and to the church—a quality deserving of praise.

Mrs. Banks, the former Ida Clements, was born in Monticello, Georgia. She married Dawson Banks, Sr. back in 1917. In 1925 they moved to Champaign. She and her husband now own and have resided at their present address for about 26 years.

For 40 years Mrs. Banks has been a member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Champaign. She has been active as a missionary for 35 years. She also belongs to the Helping Hand Club, an organization of women which raises money for the church.

Mrs. Banks' dedication to helping others, however, does not stop here. She is also a member of the War Mothers Club. The club, she says, was organized around 1943, just before World War II had ended. She says the Champaign-Urbana unit concentrates their efforts on helping veterans at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Danville. She says they give parties for the men. . . served cookies, punch, and provided gum and cigarettes.

"We would take them books to read and give them clothes. But we don't take clothes anymore," she recalled. Looking beyond her



Mr. and Mrs. Banks on their 50th anniversary



MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND BOYD
... dinner-dance for 200

Celebrate anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Boyd of 417 Washington celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in a dinner-dance at the Ramada Inn.

Hostesses for the 200 guests were Blanche Graham, Hallie Lewis, Edwina Morton, Evelyn Morris, Leona Morris, Elizabeth Norwood, Helen Redick, Rozella Smith, Ruth Summers, Marylee Thornton, Marion Webb and Rose Conolly.

A highlight of the celebration was a serenade for Mrs. Boyd by a barber shop group from the past. Members were her husband; Richard Washington of Portland, Ore., Howard Boyd, Harry Collier, Steve Morris, Hershel Anderson and Ellis Barnes. Madeline Cheek served as commentator and Mrs. Bertha Baylis was soloist.

An array of foods was served by Mrs. Helen Kedick in the bridal suite for guests and hostesses. Then followed a breakfast at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W.G.D. Henderson of 1503 Myrtle,

Ruth Foster and Raymond Boyd were wed Sept. 21, 1926. They are active in Allen Chapel AME Church, where both sing in the chancel choir.

Mrs. Boyd is retired, while Boyd works part-time at Black's Hardware.

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3/15/64 MR. AND MRS. JESSE J. BRITT

Jesse Britts To Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Britt, 414 E. Tremont, C, will observe their golden wedding anniversary at a reception from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 22, in the Fellowship Room of Mount Olive Baptist Church, 808 E. Bradley, C.

The former Vennie Johnson and Mr. Britt were married March 24, 1914, in Huntingdon, Tenn. They have resided in Champaign since shortly after their marriage. Mr. Britt is retired now but was employed for many years as a hod carrier.

The Britts have five daughters and five sons. Their daughters are Mrs. Ehmer (Minnie) Bracey, 104 N. Fourth, C; Mrs. Kathryn Humphrey, 716 Tawney Ct., C.; Mrs. James (Mildred) Wilson, 1401 W. Beslin, U; Mrs. Harold (Barbara) Holloway, Gary, Ind.; and Mrs. John (Margaret) McCaa, whose husband is stationed in Spain.

Their five sons are Marshall Britt, 409 E. Eureka, C; Jesse D. Britt, 1214 Crispus, C; Edward Britt, 1306 W. Hill, U; George Britt, who is in the U.S. Army at Warner Hill, Ga.; and David Britt, Gary, Ind. They also have 18 grandchildren and

Brownlees

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Brownlee, Champaign, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Friday at home with their family.

Mr. Brownlee and the former Annie B. Clifton were married Dec. 24, 1949, at Fulton, Miss.

They are the parents of six sons, one of whom is deceased.

Mr. Brownlee was employed by General Motors Foundry in Tilton for 33 years and by the University of Illinois for 11 years before he retired. Mrs. Brownlee has been a professional seamstress for more than 30 years.



BROWNLEES

FEATURES

ANNIVERSARIES

Butler

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Butler, 1205 N. Sixth St., C, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at home with their family.

Mr. Butler and the former Louise Gee were married Nov. 9, 1951, at the Urbana Courthouse.

They are the parents of Lois Shaver and Aronald Tyrone Gee, both of Denver; Ernestine Butler, Edwards, Miss.; David Butler, Greeley, Colo.; and Emanuel Butler, Lincoln.

They have 21 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler retired in 1989 from the University of



EARNEST AND LOUISE BUTLER

Illinois and the Champaign Unit 4 School District.

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Butts

Shelby H. and Norma J. Butts, 2107 Rainbow View Drive, U, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Holiday Inn, Urbana.

The couple were married Oct. 13, 1951, in Urbana.

They are the parents of the late Larry H. Butts; Gregory Butts, Stafford, Va.; Karen Sue Wade, Maurice Butts and Darryl Butts, all of Champaign; Brenda Butts and Teresa Sullivan, both of Urbana; Shelby H. Butts Jr., San Jose, Calif.; and Shelia M. Butts, Normal.

They have 19 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Butts is retired from the U.S. Air Force and from



SHELBY AND NORMA BUTTS

Champaign Asphalt.

Mrs. Butts retired from Provena Covenant Medical Center in Urbana.

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Golden date

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Caldwell of 1006 N. Sixth St., Champaign, will be guests of honor at a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Elsie Caldwell Milton, 1216 N. Sixth

St., Champaign. Caldwell and the former Fannie Crider were married Oct. 31, 1922. They have lived in Champaign their entire married life. They are members of Salem Baptist Church in Champaign. The Cawdwells have three grandchildren.

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GREETINGS

*Happy 11th
Anniversary*



*Bobby & Loretta
Clark*

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Thursday, February 10, 2000

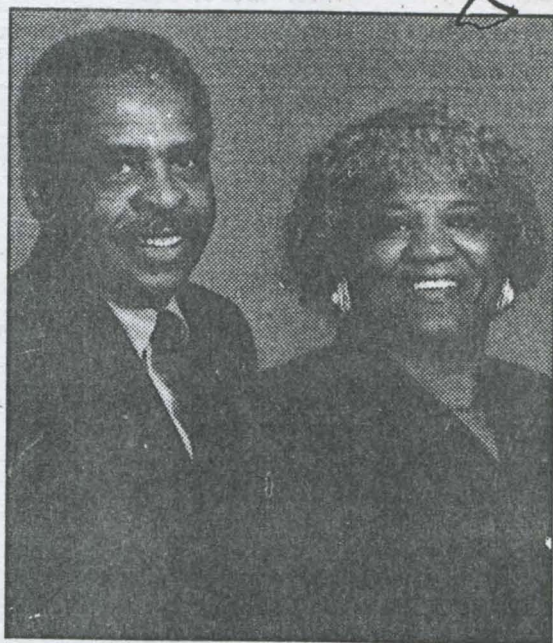
Donaldson

Willeta M. and Carlos F. Donaldson Sr., 406 Brookens Drive, U, marked their 40th wedding anniversary on Feb. 2.

The couple were married Feb. 2, 1960, at Champaign.

They are the parents of Carlos F. Donaldson Jr., Urbana; Carletta J. Donaldson, also of Urbana; and Dennis Donaldson, Champaign. They have two grandchildren.

Mr. Donaldson retired from the University of Illinois on Dec. 31, 1999, as the campus mail supervisor. Mrs. Donaldson retired from the UI in 1995 as an administrative assistant to the director of admissions and records. She now is an office assistant in the UI School



WILLETA and CARLOS DONALDSON SR.

of Social Work. She is the chairwoman of the city of Urbana Human Relations Commission.

Freemans

Frederick A. and Cora M. Freeman, Champaign, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a brunch for family and friends Dec. 22 at Jumer's Castle Lodge, Urbana.

The event was hosted by the couple's children.

Mr. Freeman and the former Cora Banks were married Dec. 23, 1946, at Champaign.

They are the parents of Karen Freeman, Chicago; David Freeman, Huntsville, Ala.; and Wendy Higgins, Champaign. They have one grandchild.



FREEMANS

LIVING

Couples celebrate 70, 73 years of marriage

By RUTH GERLACH
News-Gazette Staff Writer

It was a momentous weekend at the Care Centre of Champaign.

On Aug. 26, Russell and Malinda Wood, who have resided at the nursing home since May, marked their 70th wedding anniversary. Then, on Aug. 27, their neighbors at the home, J.C. and Bettie Gardner, celebrated their 73rd anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood were married Aug. 26, 1930, at the parsonage of the Evangelical Reformed Church in Broadlands. Mr. Wood was 21 years old and his wife, the former Malinda Toppe, was 23. They celebrated their anniversary Aug. 6 at the Sidney United Church with their family and friends.

They have a daughter, Shirley Rohl of Sidney, and a son, Jimmie Wood of rural Sidney. They also have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wood were born in Indiana — she in Crothersville and he in Holland. When she was about 7, Mrs. Wood's family moved to the Sidney area, where her father



News-Gazette photo by Robin Scholz

Malinda, left, and Russell Wood and Bettie and J.C. Gardner sit at the Care Centre of Champaign on Tuesday. The Woods celebrated their 70th

farmed.

Mr. Wood came to the Sidney area when he was 16 to shuck corn. He worked for eight years as a farm laborer, earning, as he said, "forty bucks a month,"

plus room and board. He then rented farms, first at Ridge Farm for three years and then between Sidney and Longview for 41 years.

The couple retired from

wedding anniversary Aug. 26, and the Gardners celebrated their 73rd anniversary Aug. 27. Both couples reside at the Care Centre.

farming in 1976 and moved to Sidney.

Mrs. Wood credits their parents with having a lot to do with their establishing a stable marriage.

"They thought it was a terrible thing to get a divorce," she said.

The Woods admit they have had their share of spats over the years. However, Mr. Wood said, "We made up before we went to bed every night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner were married Aug. 27, 1927, in Edwards, Miss. He was 23 and his wife, the former Bettie Stevens, was a bit younger. They had met at their church in Edwards. Several members of their family came to the Care Centre of Champaign to celebrate the anniversary with them.

Their son is deceased. They have 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Gardner worked on oil pipelines for 22 years and ended up in Champaign. In Champaign, he owned the Blue Moon Restaurant on the former Popular Street. Mrs. Gardner also worked at the restaurant.

Mr. Gardner said the secret of getting along with his wife for so many years is that, whenever he went somewhere, he told her where he was going and whom he would be with.



◀ **Golden Gala:** Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm E. Green celebrated five decades of love with family and friends in the ballroom at the Illini Union on the campus of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Lucia Green retired from the University of Illinois Urbana at the Illini Union. Her husband of 50 blessed years retired from the University of Illinois at Urbana as a financial aid administrator. The Greens have four children, nine grandchildren, one step-granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

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Greens

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm E. Green, Champaign, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception and dance at the Illini Union, Urbana.

The event will be hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Mr. Green and the former Lucia M. Pyles were married Aug. 8, 1947, at Champaign.

They are the parents of Shari-lynn Wallace, Bloomington; Rhonda Kornegay and Micky Green, both of Champaign; and Cathy Williams, Springfield.

Mr. Green retired as a financial aid administrator at the University of Illinois. Mrs. Green retired as the personnel director at the Illini Union.



GREENS

MALCOLM & LUCIA GREEN

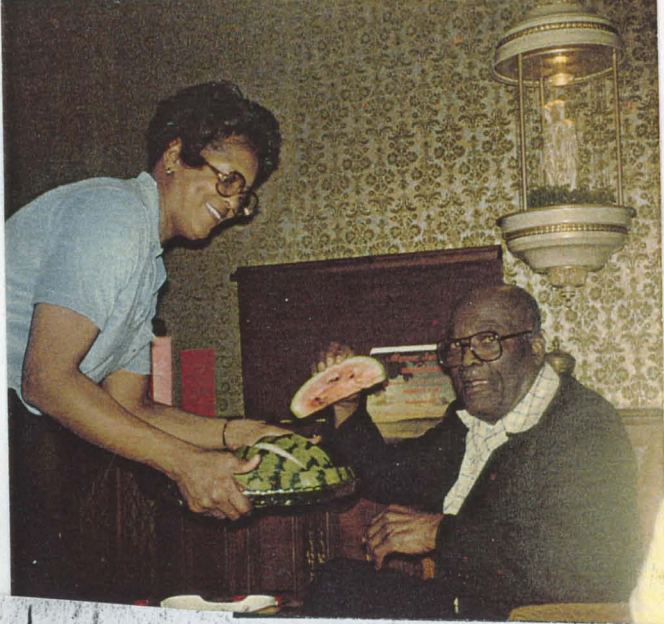


HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY MOM & DAD!!

Love, Sherry, Rhonda, Cathy & Micky

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Hendrickses

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Frank and Ruth Hendricks, 1908 Joanne Lane, Champaign, will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary at a family dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks were married March 27, 1937, in Cham-

Mr. Hendricks operated Hendricks Body Shop from 1941 until his retirement in 1978. Mrs. Hendricks is retired from the Housing Division at the University of Illinois.



Hensleys

Mary Ellen and Ralph Thomas Hensley, 1103 N. Busey Ave., U, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a gathering of their immediate family.

The couple were married Sept. 25, 1949, at Urbana.

They are the parents of Marilyn Myles, Chicago; Ralph T. Hensley Jr., Champaign; Rachel Hensley, Bloomington; and Sharon Lee and David Hensley, both of Champaign.

They have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Hensley is employed with the National Council of Teachers of English, Urbana. Mr. Hensley retired from Ralph Hensley's Body Shop, Urbana.



HENSLEYS

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Hursey 11/23/00
George and Laura Hursey,
102 W. Church St., U, marked
their 50th wedding anniversary
Nov. 19.
Mr. and Mrs. Hursey were
married Nov. 19, 1950, at the
Union Baptist Church in Dan-
ville.
They have six children and
seven grandchildren.
The Hurseys will celebrate
their anniversary by traveling.

Receiving The Congratulations Of Friends

JONES, Clifford
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The above is a picture taken by Clifford Jones in one of Champaign's most outstanding social affairs of the season, on Sunday, April 11 from 3 til 8 p. m., their home, 1106 North Fifth Street, when Mr. and Mrs. George Ray celebrated the 12th anniversary of their wedding. According to Mr. Dallas Cameron, assisted by Mrs. Doris McHaney, who kept the register and received the guests, 118 persons paid their respects to the occasion, for the

couple is among the city's best citizens, prominent in church and fraternal circles.

The setting was all of patriotic design, decorations, services and everything. Color scheme: pink, white and blue. The table center was a cut bouquet of spring folwers in silver and cut glass with a silk and linen lace table cloth. Presents received were numerous and beautiful, as well as useful. Out-of-town guests were: Rev. Mrs. Mary Jones,

sister of Mr. Ray, from Paducah, Ky., Mrs. Hattie Thomas Cobbs, a sister of Mrs. Ray, and a friend, Mrs. Maggie Shells, of Centralia.

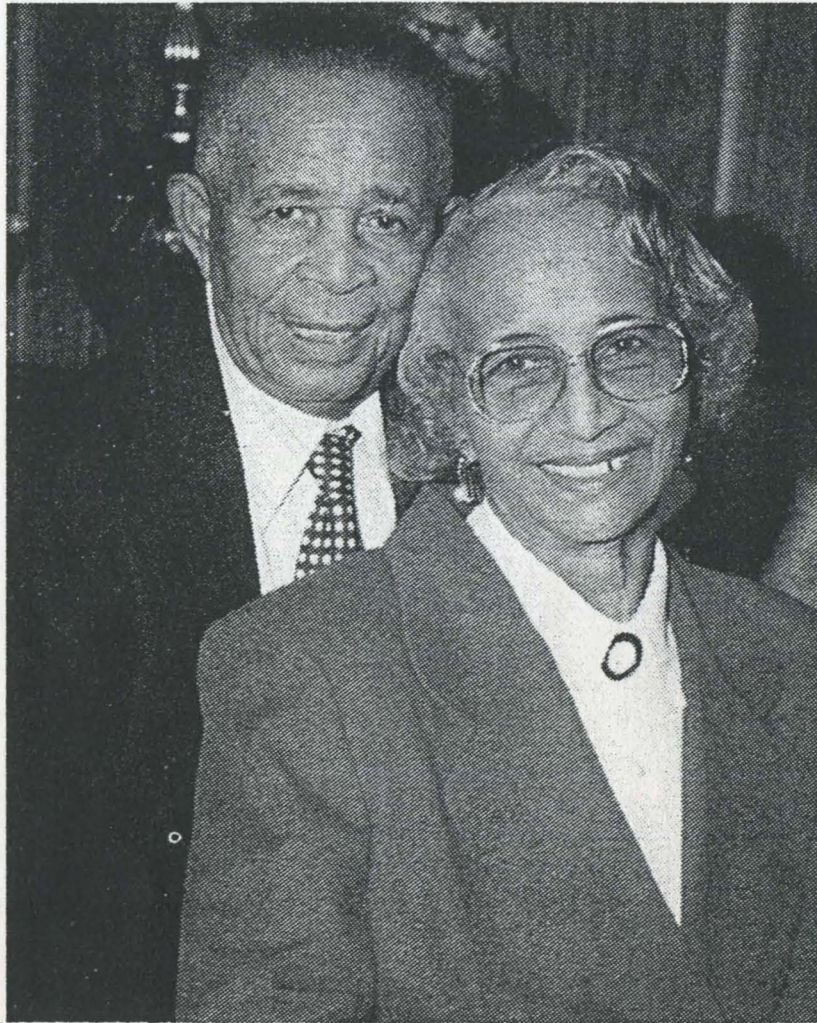
Hostesses were: Mesdames Gertrude Owens, Louise Smith, Al Rivers, Lizzie Foxwell, Carrie Nelson, Ora Edwards, Eddie B. Williams, Gertrude Harris, Doris McHaney, Edna Diffay, Iva Saunders, Roxie Steele, Lovie Anderson, Corine Lutter, Dallas Cameron, Minnie McDuff, and Annie Williams.

They Were 'Plenty Happy'



Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Hutchins (above), of 933 1-2 N. Oak St., appeared 'plenty happy' at the 5th anniversary of their wedding date last Friday night. Those present for what proved to be one of the finest little socials of the season were: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Overstreet, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hodeman, Mr. and Mrs. Collate Roey, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Day, Mr. s. Eddie White, Mr. and Mrs. Wini-slaughter, Mr. Howard Boyd, Mrs. ins, Mr. Arthur D. Taylor.
o salad, hot rolls, etc. The Hutchins

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◀ **Sixty-Five Sensational Years:** Mr. and Mrs. George Kindle celebrated 65 years of marriage with family and friends at the Ridgeway Center in Champaign, IL. Freddie Mae Kindle is a former homemaker. Her mate for more than six decades retired after more than 30 years of service at the Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, IL. The Kindles are the parents of six children. They have seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY



*Rev. Robert L. Lillard, A. B.
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PASTOR AND WIFE IN 25th ANNIVERSARY

This notable and still youthful minister, the pastor of Salem Baptist church, Champaign, with his youthful wife, has recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of a wedding date, and truthfully their activities and looks say "No, they have not lived that long".

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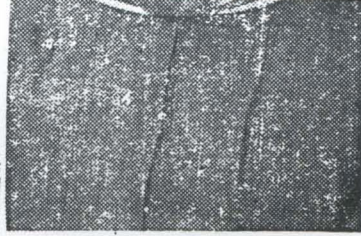
He took his grade school training at the Dunbar School in E. St. Louis, Ill. and his high school work at Lincoln High in the same city. Then he attended Western College at Kansas City, Mo. Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. and the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tenn, where he recently graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Theology.

He has pastored at St James Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo. 1930 - 1942; Calvary Baptist Church, Fulton Mo. 1943 - 46 and at Mt. Lebanon, Columbia, Tenn. in 1947, from which place he came to this city at the beginning of this year. He pastors Salem, one of Champaign's oldest churches.

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Part time instructor at the American Baptist Theological Seminary, of which he is a graduate; and has associated and helped in many other social, civic and religious movements.

Mrs. Lillard, his fine little wife received her education at the Garrison, East St. Louis school and Western College, Kansas City, Mo.

She is an outstanding singer, plays exceedingly well and is an all round promoter of church

musical activities, having studied music with some of the nations outstanding instructors in music.

Lipscomb

Frank and Iola Lipscomb, 3334 Ridgewood Drive, C, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary at a family barbecue on May 29.

The couple were married May 29, 1955, at Champaign.

They are the parents of Tammy Lipscomb, Champaign; Tim Lipscomb, Smyrna, Ga.; and Kathy Lipscomb and Jeffery Lipscomb, both of Champaign. They have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Lipscomb was the head chef for more than 30 years at Katsinas Restaurant in Champaign. He retired from Kraft Inc. in 1998 after working there for 20 years. Mrs. Lipscomb retired from the University of Il-



IOLA and FRANK LIPSCOMB

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ANNIVERSARIES**Masons**

Howard and Juanita Mason, 1209 N. Sixth St., C, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, May 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason will renew their vows at 2 p.m. at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Champaign. A reception in the church fellowship hall will follow. The event will be hosted

by the couple's daughter and son-in-law, Rosalind L. and James C. Minor of Champaign.

Mr. Mason and the former Juanita Campbell were married May 18, 1946, at the AOH Church of God, Champaign.

Mr. Mason retired from Hill Ford in 1988. Mrs. Mason retired from Carle Foundation Hospital in 1993.

**MASONS**



Photo by Olan Mills

MR. AND MRS. ALBERT MCKINLEY

McKinleys To Be Wed 60 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McKinley, 401 E. Tremont, C, residents of the community for 42 years, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 28.

The couple was married Dec. 28, 1904, in Liberty, Miss., and came to Champaign in September, 1922. They have resided here since that time.

Mr. McKinley now is retired. He formerly was employed by the Illinois Central Railroad and the University of Illinois.

Five of the couple's children are still living. They are Louisa McClendon, 506 E. Eureka, C.; Bernice Chambers, 605 E. Columbia, C; James Albert, 710 Tawney, C; Joseph, who is in California; and Samuel, Chicago. They have four grandchildren.

Most of the family will be here to help mark the anniversary.

LOCAL

ANNIVERSARIES

McMillion

Willie and Zelda McMillion, 1408 W. Eads St., U, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Ryan's Steak House, Champaign.

The event will be hosted by their children.

Mr. and Mrs. McMillion were married Jan. 13, 1961, in Urbana.

They are the parents of Larenso McMillion, Linda McMillion and Brenda McDonald, all of Urbana; Randy McMillion of Alabama; and Larry McMillion, Rantoul. They have seven grandchildren.

Mr. McMillion retired March 15, 2000, from Bumper to Bumper. Mrs. McMillion is em-



WILLIE and ZELDA McMILLION
employed at the University of Illinois.



Mr. and Mrs. Cecil D. Nelson

Nelsons married 50 years

Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil D. Nelson Sr., 1002 N. 5th St., joined them in celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 4 at an open house. The event took place at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Suggs, 2105 Robert Dr.

On Oct. 1, the Allen Rivers Jr., and their family were hosts for a small group of relatives and friends for a champagne toast for the couple.

The Nelsons are longtime residents of this area. Mrs. Nelson is the former Carrie Earnest, granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Earnest. She attended Homer Grade School and Champaign public schools.

Mr. Nelson's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Nelson, Champaign, who for many years operated a grocery store on North Hickory St., at the site of the Champaign Post Office. Mr. Nelson was born in Urbana and attended Urbana public schools.

The couple exchanged vows Oct. 1, 1919 in the Frank Earnest home, 407 E. Park St., Champaign, before a small group of friends and relatives. The couple has six children, Cecil D., Jr., Bloomington, Minn.; Earnest, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Emmett J., (Eleanor) Conrad, Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. Fred (Estelle) Merrifield, 1403 W. Berlin St.; Mrs. Allen (Eunice) Rivers Jr., 109 W. Stanage St., and Mrs. Eugene (Hester) Suggs, 2105 Robert Dr. They also have 16 grandchildren and four great-

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Mrs. Howard (Katie) Gray, 408 E. Columbia St., who was Mrs. Nelson's maid of honor, was a special guest at the reception.

It's Their 20th Anniversary



Rev. and Mrs. King Nesbitt celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary Thursday evening, February 24, in their home, 910 North Fourth Street. The beautiful flowers which decorated the table were given the couple by Mr. George Dillavou and Mr. George Ferry of the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, who, with Miss Mary Jane Ward and Elizabeth Lyman of the Delta Gamma Sorority, were among the guests. Mrs. Belle Caldwell of Gary, Ind., a sister-in-law of Mrs. Nesbitt, and Mrs. Roy Hanson and son, James Richard, Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Browning of East St. Louis, Ill. were also present at this unique affair.

The guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Nesbitt, after

which they were escorted into the beautiful dining room by Mrs. Willa Mae Pickens, where they were served punch, ice cream, cake and coffee. Rev. and Mrs. Nesbitt were well remembered as the many lovely gifts evidenced. About 75 persons were present. Hostesses for the evening included Mrs. Pearl Millner, Mrs. Evelyn Gatlin, Mrs. Pearl Wells, Mrs. Hattie Isby, Mrs. Lovie Anderson, Mrs. Lorraine Dixon, Mrs. Josie Miles, Mrs. W. Pickens and Mrs. Nesbitt.

Mrs. Nesbitt was very charming in a blue formal with gold trimming, with a shoulder corsage of red roses and sweet peas. The entire affair was one of outstanding beauty.

Patterson

A.C. and Irene Patterson, 622 Heath Drive, Rantoul, will mark their 55th wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 11.

They were married Aug. 11, 1946, at McComb, Miss.

They are the parents of Lawrence Paterson, Leroy Patterson and Lonnie Patterson, all of Chicago; Larry Patterson, Peoria; and Lester Peterson, Louis Patterson, Lorraine Jenkins, Lawanda Chaney and Leona Walker, all of Rantoul.

They have 27 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Patterson retired in 1975 as a truck driver.



IRENE AND A.C. PATTERSON

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Benjamin Edward Payne in 50th Army to Sarv



Benjamin Edward Payne, son of William and Anna Payne, was born in Leaveworth, Kansas, Dec. 25, 1867, and one of eleven children, all of whom have psased to the Great Geyond. Mother being the last to pass Jan. 30, 1935, in Champaign, Ill.

George & Bernice Pope

*60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, August 6, 2000*



Thank you for sharing this day with us!

George Russell & Anthony Pope

invite you to celebrate the

60th Anniversary

of their parents

George & R. Bernice Pope

Sunday August 6, 2000

Urbana Civic Center

108 Water Street

Urbana, Illinois 61820

2pm-5pm

Thursday, July 26, 1990

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POPES

counselor at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul.

Thank You

"For from the very first, He made man and woman to be joined together permanently in marriage; therefore a man is to leave his father and mother, and he and his wife are united so that they are no longer two, but one. And no one may separate what God has joined."

Mark 10:6-9

*George & Bernice Pope
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Welcome

Prayer

Tributes

Remarks

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much
for helping us celebrate our
golden wedding anniversary.
The table service is almost
too beautiful to use. 😊
God bless you both.

Love,
George & Bernice

50th

Wedding Anniversary Celebration



George and Bernice Pope

1940

August 5, 1990

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REV. C. W. SAUNDERS

The above picture shows the principal of the 25th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Saunders which was held in their home, 407 Bradley Avenue Champaign, Illinois, Saturday night September 27. The home was prettily decorated with roses, snapdragons and other flowers of the season. Silver of all descriptions including silver dollars, were among the lovely gifts received from the many friends. The out-of-town guests included two sisters of Mrs. Saunders and a nephew, Rev. Mrs. Estelle, Mrs. H. Isom and Mr. Simmons all of Washington, Indiana.



MRS. C. W. SAUNDERS

Mrs. Warren Cooper received the door along with Mrs. H. Anderson and Mrs. Willie Mae Hopkins who were attendants to guest room and dining room. Mrs. Louise Gray, Ruth Hendricks, Virginia Gatelin, Ester Jane Smith, Bertha Foree, Eddie B. Williams, Mary Grace Jordan, Velma Dixon Erma Foulks and Harriett Chander, Blanche Jamerson. Mrs. Saunders was attired in a white gown. Attendants to Rev. Saunders, son Warren and Howard Foree in foral attire. Many forals in black, blue and white. Ice cream and punch

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News-Gazette Photo by Joe McNamara

MR. AND MRS. YANCIE S. SMITH

**Y. S. Smiths
Honored On
Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Yancie S. Smith, 901 N. Poplar, C, were honored Thursday night at a surprise party celebrating their golden wedding anniversary in the University Elks Club, 59 Chester, C.

Hosts were members of Elks Lodge 619 and Victory Temple 530. The couple's children and lodge members were present for the event.

Mr. Smith and the former Tishan Edwards were both born in Wesson, Miss. He came to Illinois in 1915, and she came in 1917. They were married Feb. 27, 1917, in Paxton.

The couple resided in Gibson City until 1922 and then moved to Champaign. They have resided at their present address for 27 years. Mr. Smith was employed by the Illinois Central Railroad for 45 years before retiring in January, 1961.

Both are members of St. Luke's CME Church, Champaign, University Elks Lodge 619 and Victory Temple 530. Mr. Smith is a member of the Lone Star Lodge 18, AF & AM. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Mother Board of her church and of World War II Mothers, Unit 41.

Their children are Earl E. Smith, 1302 Crispus, C; Mrs. Hoy (Margaret) Minor, 1202 Crispus, C; Miss Imogene Smith, at home; Mrs. Thelma Pealer, 110 E. Park, C; and Mrs. Mrytha Fultz, South Bend, Ind. The couple has nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

*In recognition of 50 years of
marriage*

*Eugene and Hester Suggs
and their children,
Barbara, Danny, & Ramona
invite you to their
50th Anniversary Party*

*Friday, June 19, 1998
6:30pm - 11:00pm
7:00pm - Dinner*

*The Chancellor Hotel and
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1501 South Neil Street
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HEARTS



Hester and Gene Suggs – after 45 years of marriage and as youngsters in love.

ana in 1963) in a single game.

Downey's decision to come to the UI, however, is surprisingly romantic. He wanted to be close to home — and specifically near his 5-foot-1 3/4-inch high school sweetheart, Joellyn Rand.

"I never seriously considered going very far away from home and she was the primary reason," said Downey, who is now a financial planner in Champaign. "It wasn't that I was forever wanting to come to Illinois. It was just that it was a good school within my (distance) range. My choices were cut down between Northwestern, Illinois, Iowa and Bradley.

"And so my decision to come here was based on the fact that Jo was still back in Canton," he said. "And it worked out OK."

THE FIRST TIME Dave and Jo, who is two years younger, remember seeing each other, he was in high school and she was in junior high. She lived on one end of town and he lived on the other. They passed



each other walking to their respective schools.

"We sort of noticed each other, I think," said Jo. "At least I noticed him — this very

tall, imposing person going by. Actually, he paid me no attention. He sort of said 'Hi.' "

As they got to know one another, she began talking

Sweethearts

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THIS JUNE 30, they'll be celebrating 30 years of marriage. They have three children: Jay, 28, Jill, 26, and Jennifer, 24; one grandson, John David; and another grandchild due in May.

Jo never had a doubt that the tall high school kid who listened to her troubles over Coca-Cola and potato chips was the one.

"I'm not so sure that Dave knew for sure, but I knew," she said. "And I kept pursuing. I guess I knew that he was the one because if I would be with anyone else, it just wouldn't work."

Dave said he's lived his life intuitively.

"Most of my life has evolved. . . . I have kind of gone with the flow, and the flow was Jo taking care of things and making sure that we were together."

And he's grateful she did. Grateful their paths to school happened to cross.

"I think our relationship has always been very good, but it's better now than it's ever been," said Dave. "I can't imagine a better life than what we've had."

Hester Nelson's parents and Gene Suggs' parents were friends. They belonged to the same social clubs and the same church and often visited in each other's homes.

"Our parents knew each other since before we were born, so I guess we just sort of grew up together," said Hester.

He went to Marquette Elementary School and she went to the old Gregory School, both in Champaign. They attended junior high and high school together. Hester was a class ahead of Gene.

Hester said they were good friends, who were always togeth-

er, along with a group of six or eight other kids. They didn't begin to think of each other as girl-friend-boyfriend until they were in high school. Their first date was to a vice-versa dance; Hester asked Gene.

During their junior and senior years in high school, they dated steadily. Both families approved.

"I was kind of like a third son in her family," Gene said. "She had two older brothers, but her parents thought of me as another son."

"They always approved of him," Hester agreed. "To my brothers, he was always a good guy. That Gene — now there's a good, clean-cut All-American kid!"

PART OF THE REASON her family liked him so much was because they were interested in athletics. And he was an all-around athlete. He was captain of the high school football team, and he played basketball, ran track and played baseball. He went to ISU on a scholarship, playing football.

Hester, who studied at the UI, vividly recalls meeting the 10 o'clock bus from Normal on Friday nights, when Gene came home for the weekends. When she could, she'd take the bus to Normal to see him play football.

After a year at ISU, Gene returned to Champaign and got into the plastering business. He played basketball for an independent league that traveled all over central Illinois and also played Eastern Illinois League baseball.

Gene gave Hester an engagement ring at Christmas 1947. They were married on June 20, 1948.

She was within a year of graduating from the UI, but eventually was able to return to get her degree. She's now principal at Washington Elementary School in

Champaign; Gene is a professional photographer.

Their wedding was big. It was held at the Bethel AME Church in

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Champaign, the same one they attend now. Some 250 people were invited.

"And of course my sister made my wedding dress, and the bridesmaids were friends of mine from town and friends from college," said Hester. "And my brother went out and picked flowers from all the neighbors' yards, and so he did the floral kind of thing, and in the middle of the wedding ceremony the bugs started to come off the flowers. . . . You know, you remember those kinds of things. And the reception was at my parents'."

THE COUPLE HAVE three children — Barbara Mason of Chicago, Danny Suggs of Minneapolis and Ramona Winrow of Dallas — and two grandsons.

They'll be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary in June. Hester said it's not been difficult making their marriage work. In fact, it was easy.

"He's easy to live with, easy to get along with," she said. "He's the calming kind of influence in our family."

She learned soon after they were married that he wasn't going to argue with her.

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She laughed. "So how can you work against something like that, you know?"

Their ability to laugh has been one of the strengths of their marriage, they said. So was their commitment to always eat dinner together, no matter how busy the family was.

And Hester said they've always been interested in each other's projects. She's carried lights and lenses for him when he shot weddings; she drove the truck for the plastering business; he's always been willing to help with school projects.

"And I do little things for him that make him happy, and he does little things for me," she said.

IF THERE HAVE been ups and downs, they don't know when.

"I can't really think of some downs," said Hester.

"No," said Gene. "It's always been steady."

The reason for that is easy. It goes back to their history. Gene and Hester Suggs are best friends. "She's my right hand," Gene said.

"We know that we can depend on each other," said Hester.

And ultimately, Gene says, it's simply because — "we're still in love."

Menu

Tossed Green Salad
Baked Chicken
Baked Potato with Sour Cream & Chives
Green Beans Almondine
Rolls & Butter
Sherbert

A Celebration of 50 Years of Marriage

Reception
6:30 - 7:30pm

Welcome
Danny Suggs, Master of Ceremonies

Invocation
Rev. Frederick A. Mason

Dinner

Program
Remarks
Barbara Suggs Mason
Eleanor Nelson Conrad, Maid of Honor
V. Terry Cullers

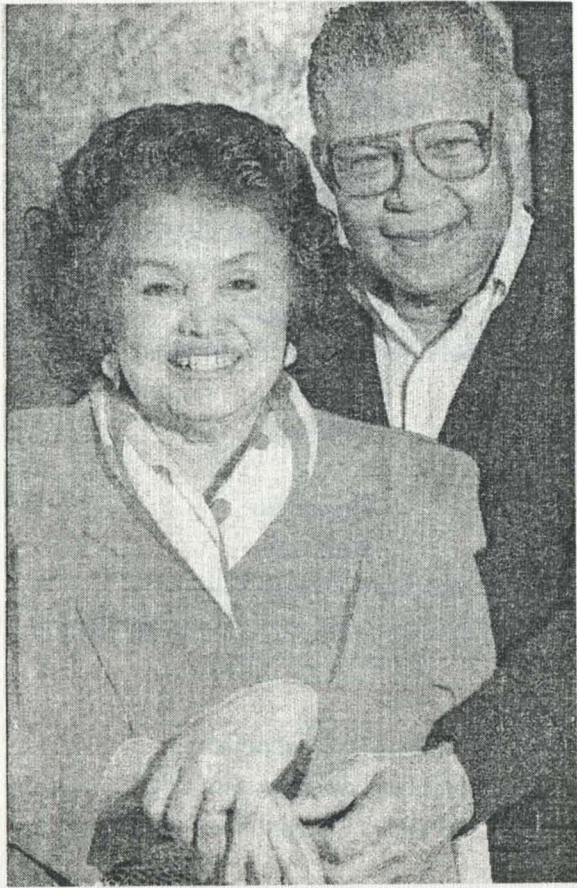
Musical Selection
"I Believe in You and Me"
Ramona Suggs Winrow

Toast to Hester & Gene
Vincent T. Cullers, Groomsman

Remarks
Hester & Gene Suggs

Acknowledgements
Danny Suggs

**Our guests are cordially invited to continue our
celebration with dancing and socializing.**



On Sunday, June 20, 1998 at 4:30 pm Raymond Eugene Suggs and Hester Barbara Nelson were united in holy matrimony at Bethel A M E Church in Champaign, Il.

Today Gene, Hester and their children wish to thank their family and friends for being present to celebrate with them 50 golden years of marriage.



The 50th Wedding Anniversary
Celebration
of
Eugene & Hester Suggs
Friday, June 19, 1998
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Champaign, IL

IN LOVE

WHEN YOU FALL IN LOVE, REALLY IN LOVE!
IT BECOMES PART OF YOU AND EVERYTHING YOU
DO.

THROUGHOUT THE DAY, YOU CATCH YOURSELF
THINKING ABOUT THE ONE YOU LOVE, AND
SUDDENLY, THE MOST ROUTINE THINGS BECOME
SPECIAL MOMENTS TO SHARE LATER, AND THE MOST
DIFFICULT TIME BECOME LESS TROUBLESOME,
BECAUSE YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO WILL SHARE
THOSE AS WELL, SUPPORTING YOU WITH A GENTLE
SMILE, A WARM EMBRACE, AND THE WORKS YOU
NEED TO HEAR THE MOST "I LOVE YOU".

BY
MS. WANDA THOMAS

PROCESSIONAL.....MR. & MRS. RICHARD SMITH
CHILDREN
GRAND CHILDREN
GOD CHILDREN

MUSIC.....HERE AND NOW

PRAYER.....PASTOR MARK MCCONNEL

OPENNING REMARKS &
WELCOME.....EVELYN WELCH

PRESENTATION OF FLOWERS.....ILLIA MCCLAIN

DUET-"WE GIVE YOU YOUR FLOWERS" JULIA CARROL
FRANK CARROL

TOASTMASTER.....REV. CRAIG SMITH

DINNER

SOLO.....BRITNAY THOMAS

READING.....WANDA THOMAS
MYCLE TAYLOR

PRESENTATION.....ANTWINE FREEMON

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.....FAMILY & FRIENDS

SPECIAL GIFT.....GRANDCHILDREN &
GOD CHILDREN

REMARKS.....MR. & MRS. RICHARD SMITH

SPECIAL THANKS

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR COMING OUT AND HELPING WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THIS WONDERFUL OCCASION. WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT AND LOVE FOR THESE TWO WONDERFUL PEOPLE. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU.

Goddaughters + Son

EVELYN WELCH
WANDA THOMAS
ANTWINE FREEMAN

FLOWERS BY:

ETHEL RANDLE
615 S. WESTERN
676-1700

CAKE & CORSAGES:

CORA MCCULLUM
2117 W. MOSS
676-1720

DINNER BY:

BIG JOHN'S
719 KUMP BLVD.
674-4158

VIDEO TAPED BY:

CHARLES WALLS
PEORIA, IL

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!

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RESPONSIBLE
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AND THE TWO BECAME ONE

JANUARY 18, 1948

LOCAL

ANNIVERSARIES

***Thomas**

Nancy and Herdie L. Thomas Sr., 1110 N. Champaign St., C, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a banquet on Saturday.

The couple were married June 17, 1950, at Champaign.

They are the parents of Herdie L. Thomas Jr., Urbana; Fred C. Thomas, Leonard L. Thomas, Kelly L. Thomas, Melvinna Bowdry and Carolyn Thomas, all of Champaign; and Ronald L. Thomas, Danville. They have 29 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Thomas retired from the Champaign Unit 4 schools in 1988. Mrs. Thomas retired from



NANCY and HERDIE THOMAS SR.
Provena Covenant Medical Center, Urbana, in 1987.

ca. 1952



WED 50 YEARS. Mr. and Mrs. Woody Thomas of 714 North Hickory street, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently at a quiet dinner in their home with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Thomas, of Champaign. They were married May 20, 1902, in the same residence which was the home of Mrs. Thomas' parents, Washington and Margaret Taylor. Their attendants were Mr. Thomas' late sister, Mrs. Eva Remay and her husband, Sidney.



Woodward Thomas 89, Does Job He Knows Well

Day Away From the Stove

Woodward Thomas, Longtime Cook, Now

Woodward Thomas, Route 2, Urbana, celebrated his 89th birthday Thursday by not doing something he has done nearly every day of his adult life—cook.

A cook for more than 30 years on the University of Illinois campus, Mr. Thomas now lives with his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Thomas.

Mr. Thomas, who has been re-

tired for about 20 years, cook at the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity house for 27 years and cooked for many years at houses on campus.

He still hears from a former Illini who was a dishwasher at ZBT in the 20's, Lou Gordon, who became an All-American football player. Gordon now works as a meat packer in Chicago.

According to his son, Mr. Thomas remains active in his retirement days and still likes to keep his hand in at the stove. He cooks at least once a week at home, and his favorite dishes are chili and lemon pie.

He was married for 59 years to the former Alice Taylor of Champaign, and he holds a 50-year pin from the Masonic lodge. His wife died in 1961.

Friends held a party for Woodward Thomas Thursday night, and only other relatives, a niece and two cousins from Chicago, came to visit him Saturday.

Wards

Daniel and Beatrice Ward, 1410 N. Romine St., U, were honored for their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner in their home for family members and friends on April 17.

The couple were married April 17, 1943, at Rolling Fork, Miss.

They are the parents of Shirley Brown, Willie Ward, Marian Ward, Trudy Ward and Jerry Ward, all of Urbana; Mary Robinson, Robert Ward and Hayward Ward, all of Champaign; and the late Barbara Ward. They have 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

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WARDS



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... dinner-dance for 200

Celebrate anniversary

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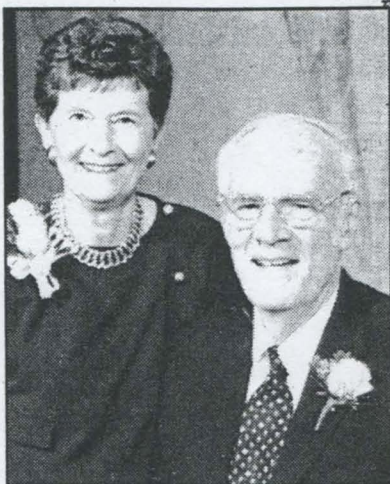
Greens

Fred and Carolyn Green, 1806 Pleasant St., U, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a family celebration at a later date.

The couple were married Dec. 23, 1949, in Chicago.

They are the parents of Louie Green, Fred Green Jr. and Jim Green, all of Champaign.

Mr. Green retired in 1998 as an appellate court judge after 42 years in the judiciary. He now is of council at Follmer & Moore Law Offices, Urbana. Mrs. Green is a homemaker.



GREENS

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Maggios

Anthony and Margaret Maggio, 1191 County Road 900 E., C, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Maggio's Restaurant, 105 N. Market S., C.

The event will be hosted by the couple's sons.

The couple were married May 31, 1943, in Florida.

They are the parents of John A. Maggio, Michael A. Maggio and Carl G. Maggio, all of Champaign. They have six grandchildren.

Mr. Maggio was a commercial gardener and owned Maggio Gardens. He retired from doing soybean research for the U.S. government. Mrs. Maggio worked for Illinois Bell Telephone during World War II and retired as the



MAGGIOS

office manager for White Line Laundry in Champaign.

*Long-time Family Friends
PTA Co-Worker - 1948-58*

ANNIVERSARY

Manuel

Rosella and Burl Manuel, Tolono, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at 6 p.m. April 1 at St. Patrick Parish Hall, Tolono.

Their friends are invited to attend. They request no gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel were married March 30, 1940, at St. Rose of Lima Church, Montrose.

They are the parents of Mike Manuel, Botkins, Ohio; Linda Rasmussen, Ogden; Jerry Manuel, Champaign; the late Janet Manuel; and Mark Manuel and Becky Hand, both of Tolono. They have 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Manuel retired from the University of Illinois in 1978. The couple lived in Champaign



ROSELLA and BURL MANUEL

until 1987, when they moved to Tolono.

Thursday, February 6, 1997

ANNIVERSARIES

Vaughts

Dolores and John Vaught, 1402 N. Broadway Ave., U, will be marking their 60th wedding anniversary today.

Mr. Vaught and the former Dolores Kingery were married Feb. 6, 1937, at Mattoon.

They are the parents of Manny Vaught and Candy Trinkle, both of Champaign; David Vaught and Diane Metz, both of St. Joseph; and Dawn Burkholder, San Ramon, Calif. They have 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Vaught worked for the Illinois Central Railroad for 30 years and owned Twin City Brake Service for 15 years.



VAUGHTS

This

Friday, Oct. 27, 1972 — Delivered on R.F.D. Routes Oct. 28

The Courier
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* is a stylized asterisk symbol.



Golden date

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Caldwell of 1006 N. Sixth St., Champaign, will be guests of honor at a reception celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Elese Caldwell Milton, 1216 N. Sixth

St., Champaign. Caldwell and the former Fannie Crider were married Oct. 31, 1922. They have lived in Champaign their entire married life. They are members of Salem Baptist Church in Champaign. The Cawdwells have three grandchildren.

Hensleys

Mary Ellen and Ralph Thomas Hensley, 1103 N. Busey Ave., U, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a gathering of their immediate family.

The couple were married Sept. 25, 1949, at Urbana.

They are the parents of Marilyn Myles, Chicago; Ralph T. Hensley Jr., Champaign; Rachel Hensley, Bloomington; and Sharon Lee and David Hensley, both of Champaign.

They have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Hensley is employed with the National Council of Teachers of English, Urbana. Mr. Hensley retired from Ralph Hensley's Body Shop, Urbana.



HENSLEYS

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3/15/64 MR. AND MRS. JESSE J. BRITT

Jesse Britts To Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Britt, 414 E. Tremont, C, will observe their golden wedding anniversary at a reception from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 22, in the Fellowship Room of Mount Olive Baptist Church, 808 E. Bradley, C.

The former Vennie Johnson and Mr. Britt were married March 24, 1914, in Huntingdon, Tenn. They have resided in Champaign since shortly after their marriage. Mr. Britt is retired now but was employed for many years as a hod carrier.

The Britts have five daughters and five sons. Their daughters are Mrs. Ehmer (Minnie) Bracey, 104 N. Fourth, C; Mrs. Kathryn Humphrey, 716 Tawney Ct., C.; Mrs. James (Mildred) Wilson, 1401 W. Beslin, U; Mrs. Harold (Barbara) Holloway, Gary, Ind.; and Mrs. John (Margaret) McCaa, whose husband is stationed in Spain.

Their five sons are Marshall Britt, 409 E. Eureka, C; Jesse D. Britt, 1214 Crispus, C; Edward Britt, 1306 W. Hill, U; George Britt, who is in the U.S. Army at Warner Hill, Ga.; and David Britt, Gary, Ind. They also have 18 grandchildren and

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POPES

counselor at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul.

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RETIREMENT

Collins

Lillie Collins, site director of the Champaign County Head Start Program at Rantoul, has retired after 28 years with the program.

Collins was hired as a supervisory teacher for the Head Start program at Rantoul in August 1969.



COLLINS

She will be honored at a retirement celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Rantoul Civic Center.



News-Gazette Photo by Tony Burba

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS MACLIN
... more time now for their attractive home

Beta Cooks Retire After 40 Years

By DALE MEAD

News-Gazette Staff Writer

Members of Beta Theta Pi fraternity took the cooks out to dinner Saturday night.

The fraternity held a banquet at Town and Country restaurant, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maclin, 112 W. Ells, C, who are retiring after 40 years of service at the house.

Alumni were invited to return for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Maclin continually get letters from alumni, along with pictures of their families.

At the dinner the fraternity cancelled the balance of a long term loan as a retirement gift.

The couple had the day off Saturday, with free time at home to talk about their work, their "boys," and themselves.

They recalled that the fraternity showed its gratitude in 1950, too, by giving them a new car and gas money in recognition of 25 years of service.

No other Beta Theta Pi chapter in the nation has had a cook for so long.

But as Mrs. Maclin — the students use her first name, Carrie, puts it, "A fraternity must have quality to get one cook back year after year."

The Maclins have no chil-

my family."

Maclin said that he and his wife were working for the B. F. Harris family when the fraternity asked them to work in 1925. They had been with the Harris' since 1919, right after Maclin returned from action in World War I.

"They're wonderful boys," she said. But she has noticed some changes as they come and go. "This generation is more restless, is harder to please, and demands more fun.

"The world is at loose ends, and they feel it and don't know what to do with themselves. Sometimes they take it out on the first thing near them."

"But inside they're still wonderful boys."

Maclin recalled one of their favorites, who now is at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., whom they consider "one of the best orthopedic surgeons in the world." They remembered when he got the trophy for the best freshman academic average.

Maclin noted that the valedictorian of the senior class that year was also a Beta.

"That was a good year for them," he said.

Mrs. Maclin pointed out

and have seen a third generation.

When the couple leaves the fraternity, they will leave some traditions behind.

In 1929, Mrs. Maclin roasted a small pig for Christmas and set it before the students with an apple in its mouth. Now the roast pig dinner is a four-course affair.

In 1921, the Maclins bought several lots and developed them. In 1935 they built their own house on Ellis Street and paid cash for it.

They have considered retirement before this, but each time they decided to work for another year.

"It's a sad thing to feel like we're giving it up," Mrs. Maclin said. "It doesn't seem like 40 years. But I'm tired. And they won't forget us.

"Besides, when you work at the same job for forty years, you get in a rut. The boys will enjoy a change. The new cook likes to bake pies. . ."

Sgt. Rivers Will Retire

Sgt. Allen A. Rivers, named to the Champaign Police Department in 1935 as its first Negro policeman in recent years, revealed Wednesday that he will retire Aug. 1.

The veteran officer, known widely as "Al," became eligible for retirement in 1955 when he completed his 20th year of service.



7/6 Sgt. Allen A. Rivers 60

However, as he said at that time, he "wanted to stay on for a while."

City Manager Robert H. Oldland Wednesday received Sgt. Rivers' resignation and a statement that he is applying for his retirement pension effective Aug. 1. Oldland said he had not yet named an officer to fill the vacancy.

Sgt. Rivers' immediate plans involve nothing more definite than "getting some painting done around the house. The garden is in good condition, and that won't take much time."

He may, however, "look for another job" after a short vacation.

Rivers served most of his 25 years on the force as a patrolman. In late 1958 he was promoted to acting sergeant under Chief Mark O'Neill, and the following year received full sergeant status, which he will hold in retirement.

R. A. Stipes Jr. was secretary of the fire and police commission when the officer received his probationary appointment in 1935. He was high man on the eligible list established by examination. James D. Flynn was mayor, and Roy Argo was chief of police.

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WILLIAM YANCEY SMITH
... ready to rest after 44 years 61.

SMITH RETIRES; TRACK WALKER 44 YEARS

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That day, saw the termination of 44 years of service with the Illinois Central, as a track walker.

He now plans to take life easy, and if he "walks the tracks" now, it will be only a short cut to where he might be going.

To afford him a few luxuries for this holiday season, he was presented with a purse Friday night, as he took on the role of retired employe.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their closest friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Williams, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn L. Bailey, 204 Brookwood Drive, Friday night, when Mr. Smith was presented with the purse, a gift from fellow employes. Bailey, section foreman for the Illinois Central, and Mr. Smith's former

"boss," made the presentation, and extended best wishes to the couple, for a continuing happy life together.

Smith was born March 14, 1896 in Mississippi and spent his early life there. He came to Champaign in 1923 from Gibson City. He is a member of University Lodge, 619, BPOE, and of Masonic orders. He attends St. Luke's CME Church. He and his wife, Tish Anne, have four children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Their children are Margaret Minor, 1202 Crispus Dr.; Earl Smith, 1302 Crispus Dr.; Imogene Smith, and Thelma Pealer, both of 901 N. Poplar.

Dear Mrs. Suggs,

We gather here today with many mixed emotions. We are excited for you as you embark on a new adventure, a new dimension of life, yet we will miss your daily presence here at B. T. Washington. We will miss your caring and compassion - seeing you sit with an ill child until their parent arrives, seeing you out on the play ground roundin' em all up with your bullhorn. We take comfort in that we have your foundation of the past 21 years to build from - and like someone said the other day "She's done her time". We wish you joy and peace, health, happiness and love. We are so lucky you passed our way!

Our Thanks To:

Andy's Limos
Champaign Nat. Bank
Dallas & Co.
Grandys
Jumer's Restaurant
Kinko's
Kirby Foods
Monical's Pizza
Trophy Time
Webergs

Mr. & Mrs. Lou Henson
Mr. Earl Miller
Mr. James Gaston
Pianist:
Jo Ann Devilbiss
Jazz Musicians:
Josh Beck
Bill Savage

And a special Thank You to everyone else who made this day special!

MRS. HESTER SUGGS

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION



SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1993

Recipe for a "Hester Suggs"

One-half cup of friendship
Add a cup of thoughtfulness
Cream together a generous cup
of enthusiasm
With a pinch of powdered tenderness
Very lightly beaten
In a bowl of loyalty
With a cup of faith,
One cup of hope,
And a cup of charity.
Be sure to add a spoonful each
Of gaiety that sings
And also the ability to laugh
At the little things:
Moisten with the sudden tears
Of heartfelt sympathy
Bake in a good-natured pan
And serve repeatedly -
Topped with a generous
portion of love,
One overflowing cup of
Appreciation
Flavored with a dash of
Wonderful memories.

PROGRAM

Opening musical selection
Ollie Watts Davis

Welcome

"This Is Your Life"

Master of Ceremonies - Danny Suggs
Guests: Gene Suggs
Husband of 45 years!

Barbara Mason - Daughter
Chicago, Illinois

Danny Suggs - Son
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Ramona Winrow - Daughter
Dallas, Texas

Surprise Guests!

Judy Zachary - Life-long friend
Marrietta, Georgia

Florence Aye - First Principal
Champaign, Illinois

Andy Kmetz taped message - friend
Champaign, Illinois

Terry Townsend - past student
Champaign, Illinois

Mary Dickinson
B. T. Washington Teacher

Musical Selection
Barbara Mason

Presentation of Gifts

Thoughts From Mrs. Suggs

Musical Selection
Ramona Winrow

Retirements



WISES

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Mr. and Mrs. Marshall L. Wise of Champaign, owners of Wises Cleaners, are retiring May 31.

They have been in business for 32 years.

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