

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Sometimes the fine characteristics of a community assert themselves to engage wholeheartedly into the celebration of a particular event in its history. Such occasion presented itself in the golden anniversary of the wedding of Kate McCreight Smith and James M. Smith of Winnsboro. The groom is our fellow townsman James M. Smith, elder and clerk of Zion Presbyterian Church and Kate McCreight Smith a direct descendant of the Revolutionary patriot, Col. William McCreight. Mr. and Mrs. Smith now reside in the oldest house in Winnsboro, constructed by Mrs. Smith's ancestor, Col. McCreight. It is located on Vanderhost Street, one block west of Congress Street. It was built in 1775. It has been in the family for five successive generations and it is now owned and occupied by the couple. The architectural design is that of an English country house. There are twelve rooms, six on the basement floor; four on the second story and two attic rooms. Entrance is effected into the basement rooms of the first floor by front and rear doors. Along the front of the second story, facing Vanderhost Street is a piazza stretching the full length of the house. Up to this piazza you climb sixteen steps to doors leading into the rooms and hall of the second story. Six tall slender cedars line the parallel street in front.

The old home was a scene of festive charm and beauty Tuesday, September 22nd, when friends and relatives poured in to congratulate and bring gifts of love and affection to the honored couple. The porch and outside windows were in yellow and buff autumn flowers, commemorating the golden anniversary. The hall was decorated with marigolds and yellow daisies. The windows of the east side reception room were draped in yellow shades and hangings. On the center table, was a golden cake made in Charleston and presented to the couple by an ardent admirer and dear friend and attendant.

The old mantel attracted attention; ornate with hand carved lines and holding yellow daisies in vases a hundred and fifty-five years old. There was an antique Duncan-Fife table in the corner of the room and a cabinet or secretary that has been in the family since the foundation of the Republic. The glass front is so arranged as to show

13 panels, just the number of Colonies in the American Union at that time.

Of human interest is an oil painting of Catherine Austen, grandmother of Mrs. Smith, hanging on the wall and underneath it the picture of a child, Betty Gene Smith, the grand daughter of Mrs. Smith—five generations from grand mother to grand daughter.

The candies, mints punch and cookies entered into the color scheme of the house for indeed, the happy faces of the couple, their heads together, made pictures of silver in a frame of gold.

The guests were greeted at the front steps by Miss Alice Doty, and presented to the receiving line, in semi-circular formation on the wide verandah, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, their four children and the husbands of two daughters. At the front door, Miss Nan Neil greeted the guests, and Mrs. T. H. Ketchin received at the dining room door. In the dining room, Mrs. Murr Hall, of Sumter, was hostess. Sae was assisted in serving by Mrs. M. M. Stewart, Mrs. H. G. Wylie, Miss Isabel Hoy, Miss Ida Wylie and Mrs. William Neal. The attractive golden register, artistically designed with the initials K. L. McC.—J. S. M. with the date 1886—1936 was presided over by Mrs. Harris McDonald, and more than one hundred and twenty five guests registered between the hours of four and six.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. William A. Harrison, Miss Bessie Harrison and Mrs. M. E. Q. Scott of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Richardson, Mrs. E. M. Hall and Mr. James L. Smith of Sumter; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Ginn and two children of Varnville; Miss Gene Smith of Charlotte.

The many gifts, gold and its equivalent, presented this admirable and enviable couple, bespoke the love and esteem in which they are held.

The News and Herald, to which Mr. Smith has been a valuable contributor of interesting articles, offers to him and Mrs. Kate McCreight Smith heart felt congratulations for their long life of wedded companionship and usefulness to our community, and may future years attend them with the same gracious good will of their neighbors and friends as was attested at the celebration of their Golden Wedding on Tuesday the 22nd of September.



MR. AND MRS. FITZ HUGH DOVE, SR.

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary 1944

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Richardson of Fairfield county will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on January 18th. They were married and both have lived in Fairfield County all of their lives. Mr. Richardson is 70 years old and Mrs. Richardson is 69. She was before her marriage Nannie Rebecca Vaughn. Her parents were of Irish descent, having come to this country directly from the County Antrem.

There are four children and seven grandchildren. The children are Mrs. Bertha McCarley of Simpson, S. C., Mr. John T. Richardson of Raleigh, N. C., Mr. Otis H. Richardson of Simpson

S. C. and Mrs. James W. Taylor of Columbia, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson will celebrate their anniversary quietly at their home at Simpson where they have lived for the past forty years.

50th Wedding Anniversary Is Observed on Nov. 3rd 1957 By the H. F. Caughmans

In a setting of unusual charm and simplicity, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Caughman, Sr., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on November 3 from 4 to 6 p.m., at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. M. Rawlinson and Mr. Rawlinson in the Mitford-Stover section of Fairfield County.

Mr. and Mrs. Caughman, together with their four children: Henry F. Caughman, Jr., Mrs. J. M. Rawlinson, Mrs. Gilbert S. Hogan, and Denley Charles Caughman, graciously received approximately 100 friends and relatives in the attractively decorated living room. On the mantle was an arrangement of pyracantha in a brass planter and matching brass candlesticks holding gold tapers. The fireplace displayed the brilliant colors of fall—autumn leaves.

Mrs. D. C. Caughman invited the guests into the dining room where, on a lovely appointed table, there was a wedding cake, a floral arrangement, and delicious refreshments of sandwiches, individually iced cakes, and mints—all in a color scheme appropriate to the occasion. Mrs. Henry Caughman assisted in serving and Mrs. Harry McCormick presided at the punch bowl. Good-byes, with wishes for many happy returns, were said to Mr. and Mrs. Caughman.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Caughman's grandchildren: Denley, Carol, Henry Fred, III, and Joyce Caughman; Scotty and Fred Hogan; and Joanne Rawlinson. Little Sue Hogan was unable to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitz Hugh Dove, Sr., celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary December 11, 1957, with only the immediate family present. Mrs. Dove wore a black silk crepe dress and her corsage was of gold carnations and Mr. Dove's boutonniere was a gold carnation.

The living room was decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and a four-branched candelabra holding four gold tapers interspersed with gilded flowers and fruit.

Refreshments were served from the dining table covered with a white cut-work table cloth. At one end was a three tiered wedding cake ornamented with golden wedding bells and topped with the golden numeral fifty. The silver service resided at the other end of the table where coffee and tea were served. A beautiful and unique arrangement of gold pom poms and gold tapers in a four-branched candelabra centered the buffet in the dining room. This arrangement was a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Dove from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brice.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick Note 50th Anniversary

Great Falls—Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCormick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCormick on Saturday, December 20, 1952.

The home was beautifully decorated with arrangements of gilded magnolia leaves, berries, pine burrs and candles. The living room mantle was donned with an arrangement of carnations in a gold container. Centering the dining room table was a massive arrangement of gold chrysanthemums and snap dragons, with a silver service on each end. Lighted tapers in gold bells completed the table decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Lowry of Great Falls greeted the guests into the solarium where the register was kept by Mr. and Mrs. James McIntosh of Columbia. Inviting the guests into the living room was Mrs. Von P. Byrum of Great Falls. Here, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keistler introduced the guests to the receiving line which included Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCormick, Sr., and the following children, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCormick, Jr., and daughter, Lee of Savannah, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCormick of Great Falls, Mr. and Mrs. George McCormick and children, Kirby, Dale and Sam, III, of Charlotte, and Strother Ford, brother of Mrs. McCormick, of Great Falls.

The guests were invited into the dining room by Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Perry of Lancaster, where Mrs. R. B. McDonald, sister of Mrs. McCormick, of Blackstock, and Mrs. Sarah Davis of Clinton, poured coffee. Assisting in the dining room were Miss Sarah Williams, Mrs. Jan T. Slattery, Mrs. E. W. Barnett, Jr., Mrs. Tom Raines, Mrs. Dwayne King and Mrs. Claude Anderson, all of Great Falls, and pinning the golden bells favors on each guest were Misses Patsy and Martha Nichols and Miss Audrey Anderson, also of Great Falls. Richard Featherston of Savannah, Ga., and Mrs. Howard Culp of Chester invited the guests into the gift room where Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Francis of Charlotte presided. Mr. Featherston was the only member of the wedding party of 50 years ago present for the occasion. R. B. McDonald of Blackstock and Mrs. Leila Nichols of Great Falls bade the guests good-bye. About 200 guests called during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick were married December 31, 1902, at her home, "Oak View," in Gladden's Grove near the Mitford Community in Fairfield county.

Mrs. McCormick is the former Miss Fannie Ford, daughter of the late Florence Culp and Charles Strother Ford. Mr. McCormick is the son of the late Elizabeth Hall and Samuel McCormick, all of that section of Fairfield county.

Assisting the couple in celebrating this occasion were their children and grandchildren: Mr. and Mrs. Fitz Dove, Jr., Andrea, Fitz, III, Martha and Charles; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dove, Paul, Jr., and Jeannie; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Banks (Viola Dove), Jimmy and Helen; Miss Roberta Dove and Mrs. Fred Thomas (Helen Dove).

The out-of-town relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lorrick, Mrs. Evelyn Green, Miss Bernice Green, Mrs. M. C. Allen, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Allen, Jr., and Mac, III, and Dr. Herbert R. Dove of Columbia; Mrs. Curtis Rye of North, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Flenniken and Mr. and Mrs. David P. Flenniken of Chester; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hinrichs, Mrs. C. W. Dove of Ridgeway; Mr. W. B. Dove, Jr., Charleston. The only guests were Rev. and Mrs. Frank Shannon and Mrs. A. C. Timms.