

# Golden Wedding at Gelert

On Monday, October 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. John Milburn of Gelert, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding when upwards to half a hundred relatives and friends gathered at their home to offer congratulations and rejoice with this popular couple on this very happy occasion.

Mr. Milburn was born in Peterboro in 1855, and came to Snowdon Township with his parents in 1861. On October 2nd, 1883 he married Miss Betty Hoyle, who was born at Engleton, England, in 1864, but came to Snowdon with her parents when a girl of seven years. This happy marriage was blessed with three sons and one daughter, namely: Robert deceased in 1918, Charles of Zealandia, Sask, Alice (Mrs. E. H. Peacock) and Richard of Gelert.

During the dinner hour the following address was read by E. E. McElwain on behalf of all present:

To Mr. and Mrs. Milburn—We, a few of your many friends, have gathered here to-day to extend to you our heartiest congratulations on this fiftieth anniversary of your wedding. We congratulate you. Firstly, for the happy manner in which you have fought the old battle of life together. Few, very few, couples have kept the sanctity of the home and marriage vows as you have. Your love and trust in each other have kept your Eden unspoiled by any discordant influence. To be genuine pals for half a century, keeping wedded life sweet and wholesome is an incentive and inspiration to us all.

Secondly,—For your ability to make friends, for you have them, not a few, but scores and scores of them. To be candid we are telling you right now that your friends are one hundred per cent of those whom you know.

Thirdly — For your neighborliness. Neighbors such as you are a real treasure

to any community. You have been always ready to help in every good cause, and no friends who came to you in need but received of your kindly assistance.

Fourthly— For the success of your everyday honest toil. You have witnessed this community grow from camps and shacks and small clearings to one of comfortable homes and surroundings and no better example of this than the one you carved out for yourselves, your own congenial fireside. The name John Milburn, is synonymous with honesty and integrity in business and in work and we rejoice with you that it has brought its happy reward. In books we have read of an "Honest John" and "Charming Betty" but it has been our fortune to know them in real life and we are happy today to voice our appreciation while you are yet in our midst.

Fifthly— For the esteem and confidence your friends place in you by electing Mr. Milburn to our Municipal Board for many, many years. In this Mrs. Milburn shares, for is not woman man's helpmeet, anchorage and inspiration.

Fifty years ago today two hands clasped and pledged love and loyalty. As you now travel along in the eventide of life may those same hands retain their human warmth and friendship for many years to come and may the same Beneficent Providence continue to bless and keep you is the sincere wish and prayer of your many friends.

Although moved by this expression of appreciation from their friends present, Mr. Milburn made a very appropriate and kindly reply, after which Mr. Bryan Sharples in a short address recalled some events of the days gone by, now cherished memories and known only to those of that grand old pioneer generation.

On Monday evening old and young gathered again at this spacious and congenial home to close the celebration with an old tyme dance after which all departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Milburn many more happy wedding anniversaries.

Mr. & Mrs. John Milburn  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Minden Echo, 1933  
Courtesy of Grenville Schrader