



MARRIED 50 YEARS—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Potter of South Gouldsboro are shown above as they observed their Golden Wedding anniversary at their home Wednesday.

South Gouldsboro Couple Observes Golden Wedding

SOUTH GOULDSBORO, March 6—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen L. Potter held Open House at their residence Wednesday afternoon and evening in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary which occurred Sunday.

Their daughter, Mrs. Thelma Bunker, presented them a wedding cake and a large bouquet of yellow jonquils, which were used as a centerpiece on the refreshment table. Catherine Potter had charge of the guest book. Bernice Potter, Flora Little, of South Gouldsboro, and Mary Stanley of Birch Harbor, assisted in the serving of the wedding cake. Cards, gifts and many telephone calls helped to make the day a happy one for Mr. and Mrs. Potter.

The Potters were married March 1, 1903 by the Rev. Byron Russell of the Sullivan Harbor Church of Our Father.

Born in Brighton, N. S., Mr. Potter came to Maine with his parents, when six years old. He resided as a boy at the old Noyes Homestead then located on what is now the Sorrento golf course. Memory of days before his marriage brought to mind long working days in hay fields in East Sullivan, horse and buggy rides on mud-rutted roads to dances in the locality.

He met his wife in South Gouldsboro where he and Mrs. Potter's father, Zina Scofield, along with other men were building a sardine factory.

"Those were our happy days," Mr. Potter offered smiling. "I recall taking Ida and another couple to a dance in East Sullivan, hampered all the way by a balky horse."

Mrs. Potter, the former Ida Scofield, was born on Grand Manan Island, one of a family of six children. The Scofields soon moved to Lubec, eventually settling in South Gouldsboro.

BEGAN FISHING

Mr. Potter started lobster fishing as soon as they were married. The catches were smaller than they are now, and lobsters sold for 5c to 8c a piece. I remember bringing eggs home for 13c per dozen, butter for 25c a pound, and milk for 5c per quart. I always seemed to make a good living, no matter the prices. Days I went haying I earned at most \$1.50 per day."

For six years Mr. Potter was captain on the yacht, "Pirate," sailing for Stephen Kingsley of Bar Harbor. Both Mr. and Mrs. Potter have had employment each year at the sardine factory.

The Potters raised four children two sons, Everett and George, a daughter, Mrs. Fritz Bunker and another daughter, Beatrice Evelyn died at the age of 18 after an illness of several years. They have 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and all live nearby.

"In order to get along and be happily married, you have to give up a whole lot to the other one," Mr. Potter says. And along this line, Mrs. Potter offered, "I always let Steve have his own way, but it's strange, last evening we were talking about our life together, and he told me the same thing, that he'd always let me have my own way."

Family guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Everett Potter, Robert, Everett, Jr., Cheryl, and Jerome Potter; Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Bunker, South Gouldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bunker and son, Danny of Bangor; Mr. and Mrs. George Potter, Lorene and Belinda Pelkey, Terry and David Potter.

Other guests attending included the Rev. Lewis Kreuzer, Bar Harbor; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. William Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Tracy, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Little, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Noyes, Mrs. Mary Noyes, Mrs. Sadie Woodworth, Edwin Boyd of Gouldsboro; Mrs. Jacqueline Magnon, Bangor; Mrs. Jessie Myrick, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Church, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stanley, Birch Harbor.