

Centre Hall Couple Has 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wert Sr. of Centre Hall celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day.

The account of the ceremony which appeared in the Centre Reporter on Jan. 1, 1903, read:

"Last Thursday, Christmas Day, at 11 o'clock, a quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Rossman near Tusseyville, when their daughter, Miss Bertha, was united in marriage to John Wert. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Rearick, pastor of the Penns Valley Lutheran Charge. Miss Blanche Rossman, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Charles Geary was groomsmen.

"A beautiful wedding march was rendered by Miss Rebecca Spangler. Only the immediate families of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony. The young couple have the best wishes of their many friends."

Mr. and Mrs. Wert began housekeeping on the Spangler farm which they later purchased and lived on for 35 years. Fifteen years ago they retired from farming and moved into their home in Centre Hall where they still reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geary of Altoona and Mrs. Rebecca Spangler Wolfe of Zion, who were in the wedding party 50 years ago, were present at an open house which the Werts held at their home Christmas afternoon and evening. Other relatives and friends were present from State College, Boalsburg, Lemont, Lock Haven and Aaronsburg.

Refreshments, which included wedding cake, were served.

The Werts received many gifts and flowers. Mr. Wert, who has taught a Sunday School class of men at the Tusseyville Lutheran Church for fifty years, was presented with a gift by his class. Mrs. Wert also received a gift from the women's class, although she hasn't taught the group for a consecutive number of years.

The Werts have five children, Mrs. George Trevarrow, Verona RD; Rossman Wert, Drexel Park; Mrs. Ralph Dale, Bellefonte; Mrs. James Law, Lock Haven; and John Wert Jr., Centre Hall. Another son, Kenneth, died a number of years ago after an accident on the Wert farm.

Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. Wert were guests of honor at a dinner given by their children and families in Mill Hall. Others present at the affair were:

Mr. and Mrs. George Trevarrow, Nancy, and George Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Trevarrow, son, Michael, Tampa, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Rossman Wert, daughter, Gail, Mr. and Mrs. Dale, son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Law, sons, Jimmy and Bobby, Mrs. Kenneth Wert and daughter, Mary Ann, Mr. and Mrs. John Wert Jr. and daughter, Joan.



MR. AND MRS. WERT

New Town Is Asian Oasis

GANDHIDHAM, India (AP) — Wells reaching deep into this arid land plus the energetic work of 15,000 Hindu refugees from Pakistan are fast putting this brand new West Indian town on the map.

Gandhidham enthusiasts — the name means "Gandhi's Town" — claim this is the only Asian community with electricity and running water in every house.

The abundant water has been made possible by 16 new wells yielding 1,500,000 gallons daily. Planned by Hindu refugees from the Sind area surrounding Moslem Pakistan's capital city of Karachi, Gandhidham has enjoyed the backing of the Indian government Refugee Rehabilitation Ministry.

In two years, the population has jumped from zero to 15,000. Italian and American town planners, who have had a hand in the project, predict the figure will reach 100,000 within three years.

