

Howard Couple and Family at Golden Wedding Celebration



Shown above are: (seated) Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Pletcher; (standing, left to right) Mrs. Galer Confer, Mrs. Francis Grove, Mrs. Edgar Masden, Lester O. Pletcher, Mrs. Melvin Winslow and Mrs. Clyde Tice.

Anniversary Wedding A Community Affair

An event of much interest to the community of Howard took place on October 14, when Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Pletcher of that place celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

A brief account of the event appeared in the Centre Democrat two weeks ago, but is more fully reviewed in this issue.

The I. O. O. F. Hall was the scene of the celebration and was beautifully decorated for the occasion. At high noon, standing before an altar of ferns and autumn flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Pletcher renewed their marriage vows. The Rev. R. L. Freas, of the Evangelical church, performed the ceremony. At their first marriage of fifty years ago, the Rev. J. G. M. Swengel, now deceased, read the vows. He was the pastor of this charge. Miss Arlene Pletcher, a granddaughter, played the traditional wedding music and Mrs. Freas played "I Love You Truly." The beautiful ring ceremony was used.

The couples attendants were: Mrs. Rose Schenck, an aunt of Mrs. Pletcher, and T. A. Pletcher, a brother of Mr. Pletcher. Both had been present at the first ceremony which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Thompson on October 14, 1894.

Mrs. Pletcher's gown was of silk jersey, flowered in old rose and green on white. She carried a white sash with a corsage of yellow roses from which hung gold colored ribbon. She also wore a corsage of yellow rose buds. Mr. Pletcher wore a light blue suit with a yellow rosebud in the lapel of his coat.

Immediately following the ceremony a sumptuous dinner consisting of roast turkey and all the trimmings was served by the ladies of the Howard Grange.

Following the dinner a program of special vocal music, in which the sixty-four guests present took part, was rendered. Selections used were: Silver Threads, Among the Gold, Home Sweet Home, Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet, and Best Be The Tie That Binds. Special instrumental numbers were given by Misses Regis Moore and Geraldine Rupert. A reading was given by LeRoy Winslow, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Pletcher. Short talks were made by Lester Pletcher and Winfield Thompson, and remarks and prayer by the Rev. R. L. Freas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pletcher are the parents of six children, one boy and five girls. They are as follows: Lester Pletcher, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Melvin Winslow, Blanchard; Mrs. Edna Masden, Beech Creek; Mrs. Gaylord Confer, McElhattan; Mrs. Francis Grove, Tyrone; and Mrs. Clyde Tice, of Howard. There are also 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Pletcher have lived all their lives in this community. Mr. Pletcher followed the lumbering business at the time of their marriage but later took up farming, retiring only a few years ago. They now live in Howard. Mr. Pletcher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Thompson celebrated their golden wedding at the Pletcher home on the farm twenty years ago. Both died about six years later.

Mrs. Pletcher has been active in the P. O. of A. for many years and Mr. Pletcher in the I. O. O. F.

Special guests for the celebration were Scott Holter, of Blanchard, and William B. Haines, of Howard, both former school teachers of the bride. Mr. Holter was also celebrating his 78th birthday anniversary that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Pletcher were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts. They wish to thank all those who helped to make this such a happy event in their lives. Their many friends join in wishing them many more happy years together.

Both Mr. Pletcher, 73, and Mrs. Pletcher, 69, are enjoying good health and are able to be up and about the community.

Those present at this gathering were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tice and daughter Arlene and son, Lloyd, Thomas Pletcher and daughter, Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pletcher, Mr. and

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Mrs. Lewis Pletcher and Charles Pletcher, of Howard; Mr. and Mrs. Blair Pletcher, Miss Grenna Pletcher, Lot Neff, W. B. Haines, Mrs. Elizabeth Leitch, Mrs. Rose Schenck, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Schenck, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Poorman, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Freas, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Confer, McElhattan; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wienkman and daughter, Leslie, of Lock Haven; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Masden and sons, LeRoy and Russell and daughter, Dorothy, Jane Rupert, Beech Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Winslow and son, LeRoy; Mrs. Alvin Winslow, Mr. W. S. Holter, Blanchard; Mrs. Charles Gordon, State College; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Grove and son, Marlin, of Tyrone; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pletcher and daughter, Louise, and Mrs. Dale Rhodes and daughter, Stephania, of Pottery Mills; Mr. and Mrs. James Williams and son, Glenn, of Curwensville; Mrs. Harold Sipes and daughter, Dorothy, Clarence; Mrs. James McCloskey, of Hubersburg.

Two From County Killed in Action

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Sgt. Robert, now in England; Pfc. James, in training at Camp Gordon, Ga.; and Mrs. Bessie Shoemaker, at home.

Cpl. Nesbitt Wounded in Action

The telegram received by Mrs. Russell Nesbitt of State College on Saturday announced that her son, Cpl. Nesbitt, was wounded in action in Germany on October 15, and that as soon as word of his condition was received she would be notified.

Cpl. Nesbitt, or "Jack" as he is known to his friends, had been in Belgium since October 1, because in a letter received by Mrs. Nesbitt and written on October 7 he said he was "at a replacement depot in Belgium and that everything was sort of quiet there at that time."

Jack, who had completed his third semester in civil engineering at the College, left with the reserves on May 26, 1943, to report to the induction center at Fort George Meade, Md. He was sent to a replacement center, Fort Wheeler, Ga., for basic training.

He was selected for ASTP training but when the general program was cut and all the boys in that particular cycle were eliminated, he was sent to a non-commissioned officers school from which he received a corporal rating and became an instructor at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Cpl. Nesbitt received overseas orders and left as a replacement about September 6, arriving in England. Immediately the group of replacements was sent into France and sent across France in a GI boxcar which, according to the State College corporal, stopped at every town.

Pvt. Howard Slightly Wounded

Pvt. Norman E. Howard was slightly wounded in action in Germany on October 9, the telegram addressed to his mother, who died early last month, revealed. His father, Joseph L. Howard, resides on North Thomas street, Bellefonte. The young Bellefonte private's mother, the former Alice Rose Meyer, daughter of Mrs. Maude Meyer of Coleville, died at the age of 43 after a long illness, leaving seven sons and four daughters.

Wounded Second Time

Cpl. Robert D. Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Butler Hamilton, of Houserville, was slightly injured for the second time in France on October 14, according to a telegram received from the War Department. Cpl. Hamilton, who suffered his first injury in France on September 19, returned to his unit after being in a hospital in England for a week. In a letter to his parents written on October 6, the Houserville Corporal said that his arm was still a little sore but other than that was feeling okay.

Stationed with the 9th Division, Cpl. Hamilton went into France for the first time on D-Day. He entered the service on October 28, 1942, and went overseas about the last part of March, 1944. Prior to entering the service, he was employed at CHF's Milkshake store in State College.

Sergeant Wounded by Sabre

Staff Sergeant Barrett Merrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Merrill, of Phillipsburg, has been wounded in action in the South Pacific.

Barrett, a veteran of the First Marine Division, was wounded on Pelilleu while taking part in his fourth invasion. He suffered his wound in a Jap attack when a Jap sabre glanced off his helmet and struck his shoulder. This occurred on October 9.

He was evacuated to New Caledonia, where he is still hospitalized but getting along nicely. He hopes to soon be able to rejoin his outfit and has written home that he may still get home in time for Christmas.

Barrett has been overseas since May, 1942. He first saw action in the invasion of Guadalcanal and was there from August to December of that year. He was later with the forces which invaded Tulagi, and Cape Gloucester, New Britain, before taking part in the Pelilleu campaign.

Pvt. Summers Injured

Pvt. Richard M. Summers, 22, Lemont, was slightly wounded in action in France on October 11, his wife, the former Veronica Pike of Lemont, learned in a letter from her husband received Friday. On Sunday Mrs. Summers received a telegram from the U. S. War Department containing similar information and also that she would be advised as reports of his condition were received.

In the letter written to his wife on October 16, Pvt. Summers said that he had been injured, not seriously, and was now in a hospital in France.

The Lemont private entered the service on November 2, 1943, and was sent to Fort Belvoir, Va., for his basic training. Following more training at Camp Reynolds, he was sent overseas on May 1 of this year. He first went into Italy and in the early part of September went into France where he is serving with the engineers.

Pvt. Summers attended the Bellefonte schools and was employed for some time at Niagara Falls, N. Y., and at the time of his induction by the Scotia Mining Company. He is the son of George Summers of Bellefonte and he has a brother, Pfc. Harry Summers, who is stationed with the paratroopers in England.

Mrs. Summers and her son, George, one and one-half years old, are living with her parents in Lemont.

Pvt. Roush Slightly Wounded

Pvt. Roush was called for service October 4, 1943, and after 17 weeks of basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., was sent overseas March 28 of this year, landing in Africa. May 24 he went into Italy and took part in the fall of Rome. After a month's rest period near Rome, he went back to the front lines on July 15 and into combat again in August.

In a recent letter to his parents he told of following the Gothic Line with his outfit, and walking over mountains 3000 feet high. He is a Browning automatic rifleman in the infantry. He is a graduate of the 1943 class of the Bellefonte High School.

Pf. Moyer Receives Second Wound

Pfc. Russell Moyer of Bellefonte, has been slightly wounded for the second time in the European War Theatre. It was announced in a War Department telegram received last week by his wife, the former Sara Holderman, who lives with her husband's mother, Mrs. William Moyer, of Blanchard street, Bellefonte.

The message which disclosed that he was wounded in action in Germany, October 11, stated she would be notified as reports of his condition are received. A telegram received by Mrs. Moyer July 21 told of the Bellefonte soldier, 22, being wounded June 22 while taking part in the invasion of France, where he had been since D-Day.

At that time he was shot in the foot and spent three months in a base hospital in England. He returned to his outfit in France, September 25, and within a short time ago he went into Germany.

Pfc. Moyer was called for service in April 1943, and took infantry training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and Fort Meade, Md., before being sent overseas last April. He has two brothers also in service. They are Pfc.

DeForest, also in Germany, and Lt. Budd, now stationed at Dayton, O.

Pfc. Noll Ill in Hospital

In a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. David Noll of Pleasant Gap last week, they learned that their son, Pfc. Noll, has been seriously ill in a hospital in the South Pacific war theatre.

The Pleasant Gap infantryman told his parents in a letter that he was removed from the combat zone the first week in August and has been in a hospital since that time. He was not permitted to reveal the nature of his illness or where he is stationed. The letter read in part: "I am now able to get out of bed and am just taking my first steps."

Pfc. Noll was called for service October 4, 1943, and after 17 weeks of training at Camp Blanding, Fla., spent a seven-day furlough with his parents, February 23 of this year. He was sent to Fort Ord, Cal., and on April 15 landed in New Guinea. Some time ago he sent his mother some Japanese money from the island of Guam. He has a brother, Pfc. Harry Thomas Noll, now stationed at Buckley Field, Denver, Colo.

Sgt. Henry E. Miller Missing

Sgt. Henry E. Miller, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Miller, of Nittany, has been missing in action over Germany since October 11, according to a telegram received Friday by his parents from the War Department. The Centre county Sergeant was a top turret gunner on a Flying Fortress.

On October 19, before the parents knew their son was missing, they received a first letter from the War Department stating that their son had been located October 11 and was in good health but he was at an undisclosed location. It gave them his new address. On Tuesday of last week they received the first telegram from the War Department stating that their son was missing in action over Germany and Friday's follow-up letter stated that he was still missing and they would be advised if further reports are received.

EDW. O. STRUBLES WEDDED 55 YEARS

Well Known Railroad Worker and Wife Mark Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin O. Struble of North Thomas street, Bellefonte, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Young of West Lamb street, Bellefonte, Tuesday. The following were present:

Rev. and Mrs. Harry C. Stenger, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Young and children, Jean, Ralph, George Jr. and Nancy Ellen, and Mr. and Mrs. Struble, all of Bellefonte, and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Struble of Laramie, Wyo.

Edwin O. Struble, son of the late Jared and Fannie S. Alkey Struble, of near Jacksonville, and Mary Ellen Noll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Noll of Madisonburg, were married October 21, 1889, at the home of Mr. Struble's mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shultz in the house at the Curtin crossroads now occupied by the Andrew Simco family. Rev. Mr. Sarvis, then pastor of the Pleasant Gap Methodist church, officiated. All their married life had been spent in Bellefonte.

Shortly after their marriage they went to housekeeping in the former Morgan property near the Union cemetery. Mr. Struble was employed as a clerk for a few years at the H. Y. Sitzer book store until he began work in the PRR freight warehouse. Upon the death of David Barlett, Sr., he was made warehouse foreman, which position he held until retiring January 1, 1935, after 43 years service.

About 30 years ago they purchased the house on North Thomas street from the late Francis Speer which they have occupied ever since. They are the parents of the following children: Leland, of Laramie, Wyo.; Ralph, of Bellwood; Willis, of Defiance, Ohio; and Mrs. George Young of Bellefonte. They have 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Struble was reared by her grandparents in Centre Hall because her mother, whose maiden name was Harkins, died before she was four years of age. Mr. Struble is the last of five children and his wife the last of seven.

The honored guests were presented with gifts and a gift of flowers were sent by the following: Mr. and Mrs. William Lynch and Mrs. Sadie Lynch, all of Laramie, Wyo. They received many congratulatory messages during the day and the following called at the Young home to offer congratulations during the evening:

Mr. and Mrs. James Kerschner, Mrs. David Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Longwell, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Koski, Mrs. William Smith and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Thompson, all of Bellefonte, and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Brewer, of Axemann.

Misses's Leading Port

Casablanca, the chief western station of a railroad running through the three countries of French North Africa, Casablanca is also Morocco's leading port and largest city. Its 350-acre harbor handles more than half of the country's exports and 70 per cent of the imports. Since France took possession 25 years ago, the port has received some \$65,000,000 worth of harbor improvements, and the tonnage of shipments has increased more than 15 times. Of its 257,000 population, nearly a third are European. The name means "White House."

Daughter Born

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clinefelter of East Linn street, are the parents of a daughter born at the Centre County Hospital, Tuesday morning. The Clinefelters are the parents of three children now, the other two being a daughter, Caroline and a son, Jerry. The new arrival has been named Mary Lind.

There are always two sides to any question but no law requires an individual to know more than one side.

GOOD MARKET BOON TO THINNING WOODLOT

Because a good market prevails for different kinds of timber culls, farmers of Centre county will find spare time this fall a good opportunity for thinning their woodlots, they are reminded by County Agent R. C. Blaney.

The demand for fuelwood alone offers an attractive inducement for culling and improving the timber stand. In other instances, rough timber can be removed to the benefit of the remaining stand. The rough timber can be utilized for mine props, pulpwood and other purposes.

In culling timber stands, a good practice is to eliminate sick or diseased trees first. Then the short and brushy and crooked specimen can be removed. Where the stand is too dense some healthy young trees may need to be removed.

But, farmers were advised against removing promising trees unnecessarily for fuelwood or other uses despite present favorable prices. Save these for future growth and for more valuable timber products.

Stands planted from seedlings will present a different problem in culling than the woodlands which grew up naturally. Original plantings of 10,000 seedlings per acre should be reduced gradually during the first 50 years to 200 to 300 trees and to perhaps 100 by the time the trees are 75 to 100 years.

Don't be a borrower of your neighbor's paper.

USE OTHER SEASONINGS WHEN BUTTER SCARCE

With the present shortage of butter, it is necessary to use it sparingly to make it go as far as possible, reminds Miss Helen S. Butler, home economics extension representative of Centre county. Homemakers will not be able to use butter so generously for seasoning foods or in spreading sandwiches.

Bacon fat and some meat drippings may be used instead of butter to spread bread, but it must not be watery so it soaks into the bread. Another good spread for sandwiches is cream cheese—no butter is needed with it.

Seasonings such as mustard will give an unusual flavor to vegetables. For a mustard sauce to use on cooked greens, broccoli, or canned snap beans, melt two tablespoons of butter or other fat, add two tablespoons of prepared mustard, and one tablespoon of chopped onion. Stir well and pour over the vegetable.

Peanut butter is good for either a spread or filling for sandwiches and doesn't require butter. Mayonnaise may be used instead of butter to spread bread, but it must not be watery so it soaks into the bread. Another good spread for sandwiches is cream cheese—no butter is needed with it.

American firms, making cartel arrangements with Nazi firms, were not necessarily unpatriotic, even if they did not represent American initiative.

Advertisement for State Theatre featuring 'Boss of Boomtown' and 'Going My Way'.

Large advertisement for Plaza Theatre featuring 'Going My Way' and 'The Canterville Ghost'.