

Celebrate Golden Wedding Tuesday

(By Louise Hastings)
 Back in the days when farmers rode into the town of "Pietz Hill" by way of the horse, tied their steeds to the hitching posts, and bought butter for ten cents a pound at the corner grocery at Woodward and Maple, the buildings were all built of wood. The village carpenters and painters were in great demand. The names of Faint and Staley were known far and wide as the wielders of the paint brush.

Such incidents as these happened, of course, way back in 1878 when Harvey Staley was almost a newly-wed fresh from Canada. Time flew and so did the paint. Virtually hundreds of stores and houses in the village were decorated by the young man; and he is still practicing his trade in spite of the fact that the world's greatest highway lined with stone structures now stretches through Birmingham.

On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Staley celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in their home on Brown Street to which they came 47 years ago. As happy and radiant as though it were the year 1876, the "bride and groom" greeted their guests who came from far and near to celebrate. Twenty-two gathered around the wedding cake. The out-of-town relatives were Mrs. Bessy Curtis of Fort Lupton, Colorado; Mrs. Alice McNutt of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Staley from Toledo and their son, Harvey, from Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Eunice Munger of Clyde, Michigan; Mrs. Mae Forrest of New Orleans, Louisiana; Mrs. Sarah Zimmerman and her son, Wilson, of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Ben La Croix of Grand Tracey, of Boyne City, Michigan. Relatives from the village who helped to talk in the "golden days" were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Munger, of Worth street and Mr. and Mrs. Major Jones of Brownell street.

Obituary

Mrs. Eva O'Neal.
 After a lingering illness Mrs. Eva O'Neal passed away at her East Maple avenue residence on Thursday, September 3. She was 68 years of age.

All her life Mrs. O'Neal had lived in the residence on Maple avenue, where she was born and where she died. She was the daughter of George Blaklee and was prominent, especially in her earlier days, in the life of the village. Besides her husband, Edward A. O'Neal, of the O'Neal Harness Shop, she is survived by one brother and one sister—Harbrother, Arthur Blaklee, resident at Kennedy, New York, and her sister, Mrs. D. M. Johnson, on East Maple avenue. She leaves no children.

On Saturday afternoon, September 5, funeral services were held from the O'Neal residence on East Maple avenue with Rev. Charles McCurdy of St. James' Episcopal church officiating. Burial took place in Roseland Park Cemetery.

John Donaldson.

John Donaldson, a well known resident of Troy Township, died at his home on Palmer street in Pontiac on Saturday, September 5.

Seventy years ago he was born on the farm in Troy Township and lived there for many years. He followed his occupation of farming until his retirement to his residence at Pontiac.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Ellen Donaldson, five children survive him. Two sons, Bennett and Wallace, live in Pontiac and the third son, Wilbur, resides at Romeo, Michigan. One daughter Mrs. Anna Farrington, lives in Brooklyn, New York, and the other, Mrs. Grace Coon, makes her home in Detroit.

Funeral services were held from the Pontiac residence on Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock. Dr. Henderson of Detroit, Rev. Nesbitt of Birmingham and Dr. Peterson of Pontiac officiated at the services. Burial took place in Perry Mount Park Cemetery at Pontiac.

Doris Rae Stumpf.

Doris Rae Stumpf, three months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stumpf, died at the home of her parents on Dorchester Road on Saturday, September 5. No brother or sisters survive the child. Funeral services were held from the home at three o'clock on Tuesday and burial was in Oak View cemetery at Royal Oak.

CHURCHES

Methodist Church
 9:45 a. m., Bible School. Summer is past, be in your place next Sunday, 11:00, Morning worship. Theme: "A Perfect Saviour." 6:30 p. m., Epworth League. Bring your friend. 7:30, Evening Service. Theme: "Seeing the Invisible."

Monday evening a pot luck supper at 7 o'clock at the Church. Important work in the interest of our Sunday school. Every member of the Board should be present.

Wednesday evening mid-week service of prayer and praise.

Sunday, Sept. 27, is set for Rally Day in our Sunday School. Rev. David Reed of Albion, a real genius in inspiring the young, will be present.

Thursday, Sept. 17, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will hold its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Lynd on Fernside avenue at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle
 Oddfellows' Hall on Pierce Street
 Sunday morning worship at 10:30
 "Seeking First the Kingdom"
 or "First Things First." Sunday School at 11:45. Junior Youth League Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:45. "The Only Problem."
 "There is but one problem, the cause of all problems, and there is but one cure for all problems." Come and hear this timely sermon.

FOUR DAYS REMAIN TO SUBMIT PARK NAMES

Four days remain for those who desire to compete for the five dollar prize for a name for the village-owned piece of park land on Southfield avenue. Names will be accepted at the Eccentric office up to Tuesday night, September 15, at six o'clock. The winner will be announced in the issue of September 18. The contest is open to any resident of Birmingham.

Bridge Luncheon.
 Mrs. Guy Laughlin of Bird avenue planned Tuesday at a bridge luncheon in honor of Mrs. Arthur Smith of St. Louis.

WHY? IS

The Village of Birmingham asking the Taxpayers to give them \$99,700 for Water Extension--\$68,200 land, well and new equipment; \$31,500 for a 300,000 gal. elevated storage tank.

Do You Know That--

1. Birmingham has 350 acres more land than in 1924?
2. Birmingham has 600 to 700 more water consumers than in 1924?
3. That no relief from Detroit, Pontiac, Lake Huron, or elsewhere can be obtained except at exorbitant cost?
4. That if it weren't for the ONE NEW DEEP well now in operation there would be a complete water famine NOW?
5. The water level has receded far below the suction limit of the old steam driven pumps?
6. A storage supply gives 300,000 gallons, at least, when electric pumps are cut-off?
7. That on Friday, July 31, an electrical storm cut off the current for 1 1/2 hours? It might have been 12 or 24. No water could be pumped during that interval.
8. That Birmingham isn't flat and many people on higher land had no water in their bath rooms at times this summer?
9. In 1922, wells were producing about 250 gallons per minute? Now they are giving 600 gallons per minute--still 200 gallons less than the maximum demand at present?
10. Michigan Inspection Bureau which advises fire underwriters as to risks will not give Birmingham a better rating until this water shortage is remedied?
11. Merchants with water cooled refrigeration cannot operate under this low pressure?
12. This is the fourth time in 4 years that the elevated tank has been before the people. A MAJORITY HAS ALWAYS VOTED IN ITS FAVOR, but it takes 60% to carry?
13. Detroit would not give us water under any conditions unless we first installed an elevated storage tank?
14. A certain number of people vote NO on everything, they are built that way. The "Yes" vote MUST overcome this.
15. We don't want water rates raised in order to make these improvements.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER

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WHY?

Elect a Commission to solve your problems if you tie their hands by refusing to back their policies?

VOTE YES
 VOTE YES

WHY?

Hire an expert to manage the job if you don't trust his best judgment?

On Both Bond Issues

Thursday, September 17

POLLS OPEN AT 8 O'CLOCK--CLOSE AT 9 O'CLOCK