

Thursday, January 10, 1935

WILSON—WILEDEN

Simplicity marked the marriage, Tuesday, January 1st, of Miss Helen Barbara Wilson and Max Carl Wileden, son of Dr. L. A. Wileden and Mrs. Wileden of Mason, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wilson. The ceremony took place at 1 o'clock when Miss Barbara Wilcox of Hastings played the familiar strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. The service was performed by the Rev. H. R. Kinney, pastor of the Methodist church, in the presence of the two families.

Vows were spoken before a trellis entwined with fir boughs dotted with blue lights over which was suspended a canopy of blue and white, with a lighted blue star shining in the background. On each side was a large candelabra fitted with five blue tapers and overhead were two wedding bells.

The bride, who was given by her father, wore her mother's wedding gown of white brocaded satin fashioned on simple lines, puffed sleeves and a large lace collar. She also wore her mother's veil, long gloves, and white satin slippers. She carried an old fashioned bouquet of white bebe mums, baby's breath and roses. Her only attendant was Miss Margaret Thompson, who wore a dress of blue crepe and carried a bouquet of salmon colored roses.

Robert Wileden, brother of the groom, acted as best man. Following the ceremony, a three course wedding dinner was served with blue and white appointments. A crystal bowl of blue and white flowers was in the center with blue tapers on each side. The attendants at the dinner were Miss Mary McLaughlin, Miss Barbara Wilcox, and Mrs. Kate Lozo, friends of the bride.

Mrs. Wileden is a graduate of Vermontville high school, and has attended Olivet College and the State Normal at Ypsilanti. Mr. Wileden graduated from Mason high school with the class of 1933. They are now residing in Mason.

Thursday, January 17, 1935

Mr. and Mrs. John Rezendes (Doreen Kelley) of Redlands, Calif. write friends that they are moving into their new home at 1613 Laurel street in that city. They are both well and happy and hoping to make a trip to Michigan to visit Mrs. Rezendes' mother Mrs. Belle Kelley, and other friends in the spring or summer and take Mrs. Kelley home with them.

Allen Faust met with an accident while on his mail route Tuesday forenoon when he passed another car near Clarence Shaw's, south of town, and in turning out got the wheels on the right side in a rut and in pulling back over the icy road ran into a tree. His car was quite badly damaged, and he received injury to his chest but from latest reports he is resting easy at his home and it is thought no serious results will follow.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Stevens will leave Monday for Chicago to be with their children and grandchildren on their 50th wedding anniversary. Tuesday, January 22nd. A real celebration is planned there in honor of the event.

Rev. C. H. Phillips, Mrs. Phillips and daughters were callers at Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lent's, Wednesday afternoon, on their way home to Waylad, from a trip to Ann Arbor. but because of the ice storm remained over night going home to day.

Arthur E. Kidder, Barry county attorney, will be retained in the attorney general's department at Lansing as assistant. It was learned at his home city, Hastings, last week. He has been with the department eight years, having specialized in determining the application of law to specific cases. Mr. Kidder was a Vermontville boy and with many others has gone out from our schools to make a success of their chosen profession.

JAMES McCOTTER PASSED NINE-TIETH MILESTONE

Olivet, Jan. 10:- James McCotter, 90-year-old pioneer of this village, former resident of Vermontville, Charlotte, Detroit, Pontiac and Rochester, thinks that if "people could have got in and dug themselves out of the depression we'd all be better off." This is the third "and worst crash" Mr. McCotter has experienced. "There was no one to look after folks in the other depressions," he said. "We had to look after ourselves."

McCotter, who lives with his daughter, Mrs. Burton Snook, was born in the Vermont colony that came to Michigan in 1837 and settled in the vicinity of the town which was named for that state. His father was a cabinetmaker and the dramatic story of the pioneer is told in the pieces wrought by his tools. "He made cradles for new babies and coffins for those who could not endure pioneer hardships. Many a funeral had to wait until my father could finish the coffin," he said.

Remembrances also include trading with the Pottowatomies, "bor-

rowing fire" from the neighbors when the home fires had gone out and a drive to Bellevue at night to bring ice for the ice cream at a July 4 celebration. "I got to Bellevue at midnight," said McCotter, "and reached home with the ice at 4 a. m." The first grindstone in Vermontville was brought from Bellevue on the back of Sidney Gates, "the kind of man who could cut two cords of wood in the morning and take it to town in the afternoon."

McCotter entered Michigan State college—then M. A. C.—in 1866 and was enrolled with the oldest living graduate, Daniel Strange. Afterward he came in contact with the D. M. Ferry Seed Co. and then began his lifework, the "breeding of seeds," an untried industry in that age. At Detroit, Pontiac and Rochester he was superintendent of trial gardens and seed farms, constantly experimenting with new varieties and inventing apparatus to make the work of sowing and harvesting easier.

Following his retirement from active life Mr. and Mrs. McCotter lived in Charlotte where a garden and hedges were a great pride and where Mr. McCotter found time to develop his increasing interest in world affairs through reading. His cherished collection of the best magazines of travel and study have been presented, carefully indexed, to the Charlotte and Rochester city libraries. He still continues his reading.

"I am having an ideal old age," he says. "I know what's going on in the world and I keep on good terms with my neighbors."

Thursday, January 24, 1935

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF EMR. AND MRS. EDGAR STEVENS

On Sunday afternoon, January 20th, one hundred forty-two persons sat down to the Pot Luck Dinner at the Methodist Church with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stevens as the honored guests. The table for the "young bride and groom" was appropriately decorated with golden tapers a lovely bouquet arranged in a huge white swan, and bridal cakes carrying out the color scheme. During the serving of the meal Miss Jennie Martin played music of days long gone by. Following the meal, the group was joined by others in the auditorium for the reception and program which included the following:

Invocation, Rev. Harold R. Kinney  
Duet, "Love's Old Sweet Song"

Mrs. Della Welshon  
Mrs. John Schuring  
Male Quartet, "Silver Threads A-