

PARSONS WILL OBSERVE TWO ANNIVERSARIES
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Silver Wedding and 25th Anniversary of Coming to Greenville To Be Celebrated

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Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Parsons will simultaneously observe their silver wedding anniversary and the 25th anniversary of his acceptance of the call to come to the Congregational church in Greenville next Sunday, December 13, it was announced today, with special services being planned at the church.

It was on December 10, 1911 that Dr. Parsons came to Greenville from Vermontville where he had been pastor for the previous four years, his first pastorate. And it was on December 19, 1911 that he returned to Vermontville to marry Miss Mary G. Barningham of that city. They shortly returned here and have made their home in this city since.

Next Sunday appropriate recognition of the two anniversaries will be made with special services in the morning at which Dr. Stephen A. Lloyd, superintendent of the Michigan Congregational Conference will bring a brief greeting and Dr. Parsons will give an anniversary sermon. The two vested choirs of seventy voices will sing.

In the afternoon and evening from four to seven o'clock, the church members will hold a public reception in the parlors of the church at which Dr. and Mrs. Parsons will be greeted by their many friends in this city. This also will be in recognition of the two anniversaries being observed by them.

They are the parents of four boys, all of whom were born in Greenville, the two eldest being graduates of Greenville high school and Olivet College their father's alma mater. At present these two Franklin and Robert, are in Chicago and Independence, Iowa, respectively, while the younger boys, Malcolm and Richard, are students in the local schools.

Dr. Parsons estimates that he has officiated at more than five hundred weddings and is now beginning to marry the children of the parents he married many years ago. He has baptised hundreds of babies and the above statement holds true here also as he has already baptised a number of children of parents he baptised when they were children. He has also officiated at hundreds of funerals here in the past quarter century.

During the war Dr. Parsons was the first county chairman of the Montcalm county chapter of the

American Red Cross and headed this organization here for many years after the war. He has delivered a host of special addresses at various functions in this city and county and even at times has gone into other parts of the state to speak to crowds which were well-pleased with him. He has made it a point to be a definite part of the community life, devoting his life to anyone who needed him at any time. He is deeply respected by everyone.

Mrs. Parsons has also been active in this city and has taken a definite interest in teaching young people. Her influence has also been manifested in the directing of religious dramas in the church here and she has played a definite part in the life of the community which is very commendable.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Parsons are highly appreciated in this community and their many friends wish them many more years of happiness in their work in Greenville.

M. A. Mahar received a telephone message Wednesday afternoon saying that his brother Mark Mahar of Jackson was found badly injured in his smashed automobile near Rives Junction. His condition is very grave. Mr. Mahar went to see him again today.

Mrs. Ilo Ferris assisted by Grandma Ferris and Della Belle Randall, entertained twenty-two boys and girls Saturday afternoon in honor of her son Billy's seventh birthday. Christmas colors were carried out in decorations and in refreshments.

Thursday, December 24, 1936

On Christmas eve a happy family gathering will be held at the home of Mr. Elmon Loveland, with a prettily decorated tree and gifts. They will remain over night, and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Berry and son will spend the day, but Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Gutches and son go to the home of his father, Mr. S. Gutches, near Nashville for the day, and little Nolan is quite excited at the prospects of two Christmas trees.

E. D. Barber and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Barber will enjoy Christmas turkey dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Barber in Battle Creek.

Dr. and Mrs. G. J. Davis visited his brother Dr. Harry Davis at his home in Jackson Tuesday evening and found him able to sit up a little.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mathews and Mrs. Lizzie Lake will spend Christmas at a family gathering at Clyde Lesher's in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. McLaughlin will spend Christmas with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ashdowne, and family in Detroit.

DR. AND MRS. C. L. D. McLAUGHLIN CELEBRATE THIRTY-FIRST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A very happy social event was enjoyed at the Dr. C. L. D. McLaughlin home on Tuesday evening when their daughter, Mary served as hostess to jolly company of sixteen relatives in celebration of her parent's thirty-first wedding anniversary and also as a farewell party as Doctor and Mrs. McLaughlin will be leaving soon after New Year's day for Arizona and California to spend three or four months with relatives and also living in their new trailer home which is most conveniently equipped for their sojourn in the west.

The party was served ice cream also two delicious decorated cakes made by the hostess and coffee.

Table games were enjoyed together with much visiting and reminiscing and the company departed to their several homes wishing happy wedding anniversaries also an enjoyable trip.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ploof and Mr. and Mrs. Vera Cronk, all of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Haun of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. McLaughlin and Dr. Neil McLaughlin and wife together with Dr. C. L. D. McLaughlin, Mrs. McLaughlin and Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rawson will have as Sunday guests at a Christmas dinner their family: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Coleman, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rawson of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Steward and family south of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Weiler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hickey accompanied by their daughter Elene, left Friday from Lansing for Atlanta, Ga., where Mr. and Mrs. Hickey will spend the winter at the home of their son Joe and family at 704 Willoughby St. Miss Elene will be gone ten days.

Cecil Powers went to Fremont Monday morning with his brother Serol of Nashville to attend that afternoon, their brother Clare's auction sale. Cecil clerked the sale and remained for a few days. Mrs. Powers and Ethel will motor to Fremont for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Gehman and Mrs. Adaline Granger, also Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gehman and Ann left Monday with their cars and new house trailers to spend the remainder of the winter in Florida. The Echo will visit them each week at the Municipal Trailer Camp at Sarasota. Mrs. Earl Gehman's sisters, the Misses Bernadine and Ruth Kraus of Lansing, who will remain during the holiday vacation accompanied them.