

Golden Wedding

MR. AND MRS. J. A. O'BRIEN

On Sept. 24th last, Mr. and Mrs. James A. O'Brien of Morell Village had the very great privilege of celebrating their "Golden Wedding".

In the morning they attended Mass at St. Lawrence Church, Morell Rear, and knelt side by side at the same communion rail, where fifty years ago they pledged their marriage vows.

Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Phalen McKenna, appropriate hymns were sung by the choir, and nuptial music played by Mrs. George Christian.

Immediately following the Mass wedding breakfast was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien and was attended by Rev. Phalen McKenna and the immediate relatives of the jubilarians.

In the afternoon and evening Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien were at home to their many friends. Upwards of two hundred well-wishers greeted the happy couple. Rev. Reginald Phalen of Morell made very appropriate remarks and the evening was spent in singing, dancing, etc. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the village.

During the course of the evening several addresses were read, and many gifts presented.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien join in wishing them many more years of health and happiness.

Following are the addresses:

To Mr. and Mrs. James A. O'Brien: We, your friends and neighbors of Morell Village, Bristol and vicinity, heartily wish to join with you in celebrating your golden anniversary of happy wedded life.

We regret that all your family is not present to celebrate with you, but we know that their hearts are here although they themselves are far away.

We, who are living about can visualize some of the trials and hardships, the joys and happiness of the past fifty years, but you alone can really tell us the true story of making a home such as you have today.

With you, we give thanks to God for your physical and spiritual health and for many more years may it continue to be so, is our expressed wish.

With you, in your own home and abroad, many of us have spent many carefree evenings which consisted primarily of the favorite "Come All Ye's of our Forefathers", the strange sayings of sixty years ago, the glitzy issues of the day and last but not least, the rhythmic thump and cheer of the forty-five trump in the Monte Carlo style.

With you we cherish both the memories of your friends who have passed along to eternal reward and those who have not been granted the same privilege as you to celebrate fifty years of cordial partnership.

As an outward sign of our friendship on behalf of your friends and neighbours, we ask you to accept this small gift.

We greatly appreciate the privilege to be here on this great occasion and wish from the bottom of our hearts many, many more years of health, happiness and prosperity.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien: It is a wonderful privilege for both of you, and also for us, who are present here tonight to attend the fiftieth anniversary of such a worthy couple of the Little Flower Parish.

A privilege rare indeed is yours to have travelled up hill and down dale for fifty years bearing one another's burdens and at all times happy and enjoying life together.

Ours is a privilege too, for many of us it is perhaps the first time we had an occasion to attend a function such as this. You are the second couple in this parish to have the great honor of celebrating your golden wedding. A few years ago our highly esteemed and greatly beloved couple Mr. and Mrs. Stanis LaPierre had that pleasure of celebrating their golden jubilee. We greatly regret the illness of Mrs. LaPierre which prevents her from being with us tonight.

Mrs. O'Brien has been a member of the C. W. L. since its organization, and we may say she has always been generous in any way to help out in our parish activities. Mr. O'Brien has also been the kind and generous neighbour, always willing to give his assistance in any way possible.

So we the members of the C. W. L. take great pleasure tonight, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, in presenting you with this little gift; just a remembrance, and our greatest wish is that both of you may enjoy many more years of good health and happiness and that we may all be here to tance at your Diamond Jubilee.

Signed in behalf of C. W. L. Sept. 24th, 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien: Dear Friends: As Spring ripens into Summer so youth bellows into old age and the sands of time flow steadily on; which brings us to this gala occasion, one which is a rare privilege granted few couples.

We, the sister members of the Institute, are thrilled to be able to gather here tonight to extend hearty felicitations on this auspicious occasion to you and your amiable consort.

In Institute work, we regard you as a faithful member, a loyal supporter and sagacious adviser. Your home was the keynote of hospitality at all times and when the time for meeting at the O'Brien home rolled around, we were sure of a full meeting and a most enjoyable social hour.

We feel sure that the fifty golden years through which you have just passed did not go by without some moments of sadness and deep disappointments, but being the Christian people you are, you placed your trust in a Providential

The Birthday Murder

By Lange Lewis
CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR

Part One

If Hazel's testimony had weighed in Victoria's favor, Bernice's hat did so to even greater extent. Tuck decided, looking at it with unprejudiced eyes, that it was the most extravagantly ridiculous hat he had ever seen. Although dressed entirely in severe black, Bernice had allowed herself one flourish. The hat which topped her sleek coilure was made entirely of pink feathers, overlapping as do the feathers of a bird. The hat dipped crazily down over one wide brown eye, and what held it to her head he could not guess. From the exact center of the round, forward-tilted, pink-feathered crown, which was about the circumference of a pancake, a startled looking fluff of black leaped toward the eye of the beholder. That hat made Bernice look a foolish, giddy woman, quite capable, for a foolish, giddy reason, of getting rid of the poison in her friend's kitchen.

Bernice's breathless, tiny voice went with the hat. "So I just thought, why not throw it away, then everything will be all right." (Shiny, girlish brown eyes raised to the impassive face of the coroner.) "I mean, it was a dreadful thing to do, I realize that, but I was SO upset!"

"The look on the face of the coroner was echoed on the faces of the five men in the jury box. It was a look of conscious masculine superiority. The women were looking at the hat.

Bernice was excused, with a sharp comment from the coroner on her willful destruction of evidence. She took this meekly, her lids lowered over her eyes.

To establish the nonpossibility of the administration of the poison, and as we are told so often, He gave you the grace to bear all burdens.

The past half century must truly hold a store of memories for you, if nothing else the numerous changes in the mode of life itself. Cars replacing carriages, permanent waves replacing the rats of years gone by, and last, but not least, just around the corner—television—when we will be able to sit at home and see the highlights of Hollywood, the Olympic Sports or any programs of choice.

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May we then on behalf of our Institute ask you to accept this monetary gift along with our most sincere wishes for health and contentment leading on to your Diamond Jubilee.

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on before dinner time, George Leighman and Moira Hastings testified.

Leighman's brief evidence proved that Albert had partaken of nothing but black coffee during their chat in the cafe before dinner. Under questioning from the coroner he elaborated on his relationship to the dead man and his wife. When he spoke of Victoria, his voice was warm with admiration and friendliness.

Moira Hastings provided the highlight of the day, and the only surprise for Tuck. She was also in black, with a little white jeweled collar. Her eyes were jewels, too, and looked too heavily made up in the revealing light. Her voice was soft and clear—the voice of a lady. She did not cross her legs. Her hat was as noticeable as Bernice's had been, but in a happier way. It was a little round tipped box covered with small gleaming stones like those seen to her collar.

She confirmed Mr. Leighman's testimony, explained that Mr. Hime had eaten or drunk nothing after Leighman and her agent had departed.

Clearing his throat, the coroner spoke. "During a conversation with the detective investigating this case, you made the statement that Mrs. Hime was jealous of you. You stated as your reason the fact that she did not want you to have the leading role in her husband's forthcoming picture. Will you please reiterate this opinion for the jury." He turned to the jury. "Opinions are not evidence, of course."

And then Tuck got his jolt. "I may have somehow given Mr. Tuck that impression," she said. "I don't remember what I said. But if I did give such an impression, I am terribly sorry for it, because it would be terribly, terribly wrong. At the time I was questioned about this awful thing, I had just learned of Mr. Hime's death. It was a terrible shock to me. He had been most kind to me during our business discussion, and had given me much encouragement, a thing a young actress often needs. I was so upset over his death that I wouldn't be surprised at anything I may have said. But I have only the greatest respect and admiration for Mrs. Hime. I consider her to be a brilliant and unusual woman."

To be continued

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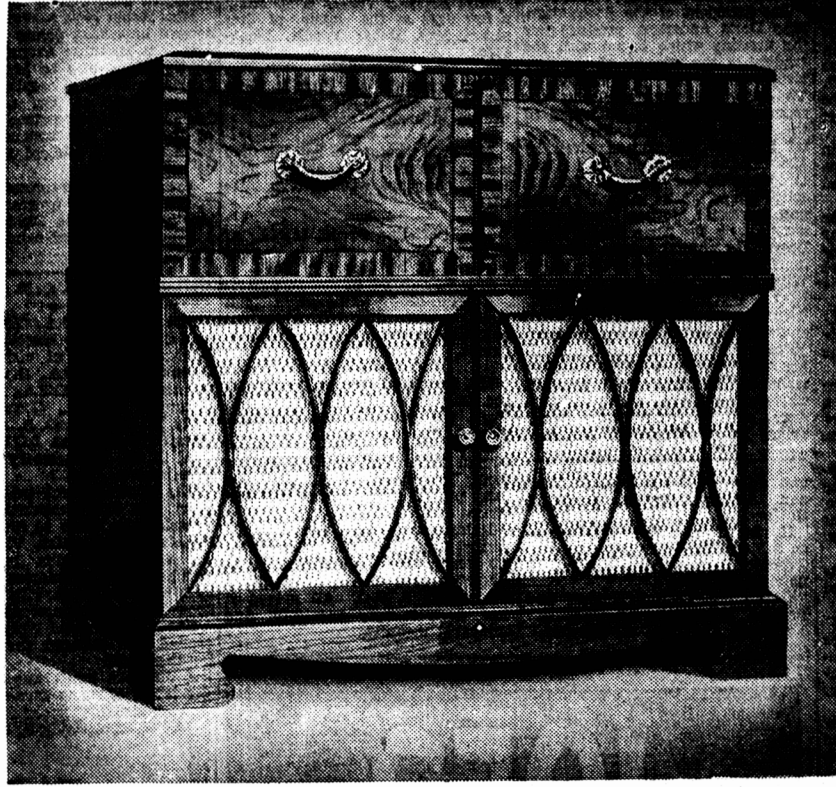
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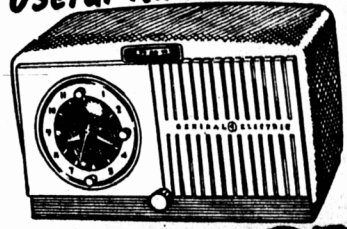
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