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### THE KING OF GIFTS A BISSELL SWEEPER

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#### A SILVER WEDDING

The pleasant home of Mr and Mrs G. A. McClary was the scene of a happy gathering on Friday evening when friends from near and far assembled to honor the 25th anniversary of their wedding.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with greenery and cut flowers and a beautiful wedding bell was suspended in the front parlor. The large double parlors were admirably suited for entertaining the company, who were possessed of a happy spirit that made the social intercourse thoroughly enjoyable. Miss Lillian Blackburn assisted Mrs McClary in receiving and entertaining the company. In the dining room the guests found awaiting them a magnificent spread, replete with every good thing desirable and the temptation to linger long there was almost irresistible.

Following supper, a choice program of music and song was contributed. A feature of the evening that proved highly enjoyable was this: Commencing with the seniors, each married couple seated themselves in turn on a couch under the wedding bell and gave a more or less truthful history of their wedding day and incidents of their early married life. In doing this, on penalty of a forfeit, they were not to use the words "I say or me." Under the protection of the court (which was presided over by Mr C. C. Slack), disregarding future consequences, the benedictos related harrowing tales of their wedded bliss, and carried away by the release of their long pent up feelings the most careful found a string of forfeits registered opposite their names. Some of the ladies, too, had stories to relate, and altogether these mixtures of facts and fancy proved intensely amusing. Mr and Mrs McClary were the last to take their position under the bell, and when they had completed the relation of their early joys and sorrows, Rev. Holmes read and presented to them the following address:

Mr and Mrs G. A. McClary,—  
 Assembled in your beautiful home this evening it becomes our pleasant duty to remind you that we are not unmindful of the fact that you have turned a quarter of a century in wedded life.

For years it has been our privilege to know your household in genial friendship, and we do not forget that when the laugh was merriest your presence added pleasure to the occasion while on the other hand when sorrow visited our homes your words of consolation and sympathy invariably made the sorrow lighter. Having observed these things, through the years made pleasant by reason of your acquaintance, we gladly unite in congratulating you on this anniversary. An occasion like this present one is eminently calculated for the reception of congratulations. Here are two hearts that have beaten as one for twenty five years without desiring to be two again. Twentyfive years! "Impossible," you say, for it seems as yesterday, or the passing of a summer holiday, so quickly gone. Fortunately, however, the calendar attests the truth of the record, and if any further proof is necessary we offer in evidence the two splendid specimens of young Canadian manhood in the persons of the two young gentlemen who call you father and mother.

We would not envy you; on the contrary we are heartily glad and devoutly thankful that the great Giver of all good has smiled so beneficently upon you, and while offering our congratulations, we beg your acceptance of this souvenir in silver as a memento of this event in your history, and we unite in the wish that all the coming years will be as replete (aye, more if possible) with everything which tends to make life happy, as have the twenty five so quickly passed.

And that finally; when the sand in life's hour-glass has slowly but surely spent itself, you and each of you may in retrospect have the happy experience that:—  
 "They who strow the violets shall reap the corn,  
 And having reaped and garnered bring the plow  
 And plow fresh furrows 'neath the shady morn  
 And plant the Great Hereafter in the now."

Signed by Athens friends.

It had been understood that there were to be "no presents," but the Athenian friends disregarded this to the extent of joining in the presentation of a handsome silver bandedish, suitably inscribed. The evening closed with the expression by the guests of many good wishes for the future of their kind host and hostess.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

FORM IV  
 Sr. IV—John Kelly, Jessie Percival Gladys Gairford, Roy Mullen, Winford Gifford, James Scott, Edmund Ronen.  
 Jr. IV—Marian Covey, Charlie Broad, Eric Dobbs, Hattie Rockwood, Grant Darling, Nellie Kelly, Mills Johnston, Clara Lillie, Opal Parcell, Vera Conlin, Lyons McMathen, Rose Stinson.  
 Aggregate attendance 530.  
 Average attendance 26.5.  
 Percentage 98.19.  
 J. E. Schlichter, Principal.

FORM III  
 Sr. III—George Cowan, Israel Danby, Myrtle Conlin, Arza Wiltse, Irene Earl, Sam Scott.  
 Jr. III—Hubert Cornell, Ruth Read, Florence Willson, Charlie Greenham, Clarence Gifford, Nelson Croa.  
 Aggregate attendance 381.  
 Average attendance 19.  
 Percentage 98.2.  
 M. Wiltse, Teacher.

FORM II  
 Sr. II—Muriel Wilson, Basil Connerly, Earl McChain, Douglas Johnston, Blanche Niblock, John Donnelley, Gwendoline Wiltse, Lillian Burchell.  
 Jr. II—Manford Mott, Clarence LaForty, Arthur Hawkins, Marguerite Hull, Aurelia Connerly, Harold Percival, Wilhemina Wilson, Elsie Fitzpatrick.  
 Aggregate attendance 559.  
 Average attendance 27.95.  
 Percentage attendance 93.16.  
 M. E. Stinson, Teacher.

FORM I  
 Pt. II—Rhena Koudrick, Alton Shaw, Raymond Hamblin, Myrtle Cross, Clarence Mulvosa, Hattie Hawkins, Ivan Pierce.  
 Sr. I—Wesley Lawson, Gerald Danby, Isaac Rockwood, Oscar Snook, Leonard Kelly, Myrtle Hawkins, Geraldine Kelly.  
 Inter. I—Elnet Covey, George Mott, Manford Gifford, Mabel Darling, George Stinson, Claude Watson.  
 Jr. I—Beaumont Kelly, Eddie Hawkins, Ethel Lawton, Robbie Layton, Vera Topping, Ernie Hawkins.  
 Aggregate attendance 633.  
 Average attendance 31.65.  
 Percentage 90.17.  
 Ethel F. West, Teacher.

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Gentlemen, you will render a verdict that we are giving the best tailored value in town.

It is our Fall and Winter Suits and Overcoats made to order. If you don't think so just give us a call, look over the fabrics we are showing and some of the specimens of the work we are doing for others. You will then see for yourself and be convinced that we are leading tailors in town.

We also carry a line of Gents' Fine Shoes, which we will sell at cost.

**M. J. KEHOE** - Brockville

#### VILLAGE COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the village council was held on Monday evening. All the members present, the reeve in the chair.

Minutes of last regular and special meeting read and approved.

An order was passed for payment of the following accounts:

W. G. Parish, lumber.....\$ 53.66  
 A. M. Eaton, insurance.....5.00  
 W. A. Lewis, re Main at dead.....22.60  
 Jos. Thompson, supplies.....1.05  
 C. Mullen, drawing engine.....2.00  
 S. C. A. Lamb, bill boards.....5.25  
 W. H. Moulton, sidewalk inspector...\$118.75.

A by-law providing for the annual elections was given its several readings and passed.

A vote of \$10.00 each was given to citizens constructing tanks on Henry and Wiltse streets.

Council adjourned to meet as a Court of Revision on Friday evening.  
 G. F. Donnelley, Clerk.

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#### Local Option Meetings

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 Elbe School House, Friday, Dec. 11.  
 Sheldon's School House, Thursday, Dec. 17.  
 Eloida School House, Friday Dec. 18.  
 Charleston School House, Monday, Dec. 21st.  
 Rev. R. B. Patterson, Rev. F. A. Read, Rev. I. N. Beckstedt, Rev. W. N. Scott, and Rev. D. Anderson are among the principal speakers. There will be good music and singing at each meeting.

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