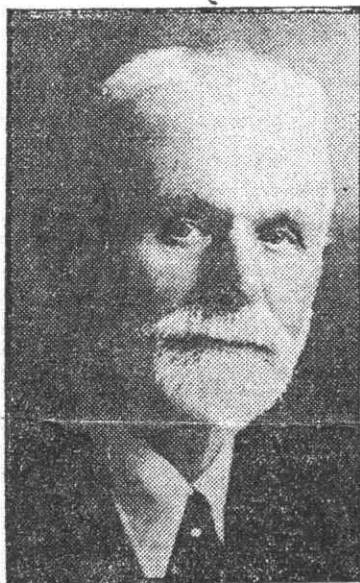


MR. AND MRS. LEVI W. BENSON OBSERVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Family From All Over Country Gather for Reunion at Bryantville---Golden Gifts Received---Supper at Benson's Cafe---Former Hotel Man in Whitman---Well-Known Fisherman.



MR. AND MRS. LEVI W. BENSON.

Bryantville, May 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Levi W. Benson, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage at their home on School street on Thursday when they kept open house throughout the day and welcomed many relatives and friends who came, many of them, from long distances, to extend their congratulations. The house presented the appearance of a rose garden with immense bouquets of the queen of flowers numbering into the hundreds of blossoms, which were brought by the guests or sent by those unable to attend.

Guests were present from Chicago,

Long Beach, N. Y., Providence and Warren, R. I., Plymouth, Norwood, Waltham, Boston Whitman, Plympton and Bryantville, numbering more than 50 in all and at supper time there were 37 who sat down to a delicious salad supper served at Benson's Cafe under direction of a son, Merle C. Benson.

A purse of \$50 in gold was presented them by the children, the presentation speech being made by Thomas Benson, in which he extended hope of all again uniting for the 75th anniversary, and closing with three lusty cheers by the assembly.

There were several other good

pieces and numerous cards of congratulation from all over the country. The centrepiece of table display was an immense cake, beautifully frosted and decorated in pink and white, and which was later cut by the "bride," and served to all her guests. The table decorations were tulips.

During the evening there were violin solos by Elton Brown of Norwood, piano solos by several of the guests, and general singing by all, and the evening's festivities closed with dancing.

Of the seven children, all are living, and with the exception of one, the youngest son, Norman Benson of Wilson, N. C., all were present at the gathering. These include, Edmund Benson of Hanson, Elmer Benson of Long Beach, N. Y., Mrs. Madeline Howe of Waltham, Merle C. Benson of Bryantville, Mrs. Sylvia Cole of Chicago, and Norman Benson of Wilson, N. C., the last being unable to attend on account of being unable to leave his business.

There are 12 grandchildren, Hosea Benson of Hanson, Mrs. Isadore Bannican of Waltham, Mrs. Frances Hutchinson of Plymouth, Mrs. Ruby Sampson and Miss Ruth Howe of Bryantville, Miss Madeline Benson of Boston, Elsie, Florence, Lois, Doris and Elton Brown, all of Norwood, and Miss Virginia Benson of Whitman. There are two great-grandchildren, Olin Hutchinson, Jr., of Plymouth, and George Howe of Bryantville.

Former Hotel Man.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson are products of the south and of the far north, Mrs. Benson being a native of Frederickton, N. B., and Mr. Benson of Norfolk, Va. He is 72 years of age and Mrs. Benson is 70 years. They were married in Tiltonville, in Plymouth, by Rev. Mr. Tewksbury and were residents during their early married life of Plymouth, and later for some years in the town of Kingston. Mr. Benson was in business most of the time as a hotel man or restaurant owner.

From Kingston they removed to Whitman where for five years Mr. Benson conducted the well-known Whitman House, and also conducted a restaurant in Abington. From there they came to Bryantville, 29 years ago, and have since made their home here.

Mr. Benson established and for years conducted the well-known Benson's Cafe here and when he retired from active business several years ago, he sold Benson's Cafe to his son, Merle C. Benson, who has since conducted it. Mr. Benson, during late years, has been in the real estate business, handling much of the summer cottage business at the ponds here.

He has always been interested in town affairs though never holding town office, his only public work being as an official at the voting polls on town meeting days where he has officiated for many years. He is a member of Julius C. Monroe Camp, S. of U. V., of Hanson.

His hobby is fishing and there are few fresh water ponds within a radius of 100 miles that he has not fished in, and always he has fisherman's luck, and brings home a string of big ones. He is always in demand when a fishing party, either for fresh or deep sea fishing, is made up, and a party without him