

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Saturday morning, October 16th, the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Knox, gathered to participate in the celebration of the golden wedding of these, Giddings oldest residents, one of the most impressive features of which, was the marriage of their eldest grand-child, Miss Bettie Chandler to Mr. F. T. Kirkham, of McAllen, Texas.

About ten thirty o'clock the guests began to assemble and promptly at eleven, to the soft notes of a violin, played by Dr. Harold Kirkham, the bride and groom of fifty years ago, took their places at a point in the yard facing a beautiful bridal arch, covered in gray moss and banked with immense ferns and yellow chrysanthemums, and appropriately erected on the south lawn. Following the violin solo, "Morning", by Olney Speaks, was beautifully sung by Mrs. M. M. MacFerrin, when, after a brief interval, the bridal procession began as the pianist Mrs. Fritz Koehler, of Cuero, drifted into Lohengrin's Bridal Procession. Miss Lois McChesney, of Brownsville, was seen to proceed, slowly, from the front entrance to the house, down the path toward the arch while Dr. Chandler, father of the bride, started from the steps of the east porch towards the same point. Dr. Chandler was followed by the groom with Mr. T. O. Buschel of Cuero, acting as best man. Miss Margaret Chandler, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, followed the bridesmaid. Both were beautifully gowned in dark blue and wore corsage bouquets of gold chrysanthemums. The bride fittingly attired in a traveling suit of blue tricotine with a handsome fur of natural beaver, and wearing a corsage of brides' roses and ferns, was led to the altar on the arm of her brother, Knox Chandler who gave her in marriage. Closing the solemn ring ceremony Dr. Chandler turned to the bride and groom of years gone by, and performed for them an impressive Golden Marriage service, when the bridal party marched back to Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Mr. and Mrs. Knox and Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham, assisted by their relatives, then held an informal reception of the lawn. Two of the guests, Mrs. E. A. Burns and Mr. Robert Knox, brother of the groom, were present at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Knox fifty years ago and it was noted that Mrs. Burns who with her husband, celebrated her own Golden Wedding eight years since, was the first person to offer congratulations to the fortunate.

Mr. Knox has been one of the foremost business men of Lee County for many years, while, the place at his side has been admirably filled by his estimable wife.

Many of Giddings leading citizens came to pay them homage. The Citizens State Bank, of which Mr. Knox is president, closing its doors while the employes attended the reception in a body. Several other leading business firms were represented. Telegrams and letters of love and congratulations were received by both Mr. and Mrs. Knox and Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham.

Delicious punch was served; Mesdames Shapard, Tipton and Lawrence Knox presiding at the table. While Mesdames Archie and Frank Knox and Mrs. Tom Oxford presided at another.

At one o'clock, members of the contracting families and the bridal party, thirty-three in all, repaired to the dining room where turkey dinner was served. At the appropriately decorated square table in the center of the room places were laid for the brides and grooms. The chairs of the brides being designated by huge bows of white gold moiré. The guests were seated around the room and provided with silver, etc., from small tables placed conveniently about. Miss Helen Knox, the charming, efficient hostess of the occasion, was assisted by Mesdames H. H. Shappard, Herman Jockel and John Knox. The pleasure of the dinner hour was greatly enhanced by the general flow of happy conversation. Mr. Harry Knox, Toastmaster, deserves special mention for the able manner in which he handled the toasts, the program of which follows:

The Brides — Dr. Harold Kirkham.
The Grooms: — Mrs. Harry Knox.
A Father's viewpoint: — Dr. S. E. Chandler.

The Ladies — Mr. T. O. Buschel.
Reflections of an "In-law": —
Rev. M. M. MacFerrin.

Some observations at random —
Mr. J. Mason Williams.
Our Home: — Miss Helen Knox.
In retrospect: — The Toastmaster.

During the afternoon, Dr. Kirkham and Mrs. Koehler entertained the family and guests with music. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham left for Waco on the afternoon train, from which place they went to Ft. Worth and from thence to Dallas as the guests of the Rotarian Club. From Dallas they go to Houston as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Kirkham where they will hear Caruso sing. They are expected here for the week end with

their grand-parents. On their way to McAllen their future home, they expect to visit Mrs. Fritz Koehler of Cuero, the groom's former home, where he has many friends.

The list of out of town visitors follows: Mrs. Delphine Kirkham, the Mother of the groom, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Kirkham, Miss Doris Kirkham and Mr. Harold Kirkham, Jr., of Houston; Mrs. Fritz Koehler and Mr. T. O. Buschel of Cuero; Mrs. W. E. Williams, Mrs. Mamie Goldman and Mrs. H. H. Shapard of Austin; Miss Lois McChesney of Brownsville; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Peterson of California; Miss Lucile Chandler of Sumpter, South Carolina; Mrs. Louis Knox of Charleston, S. C.; Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Chandler, Miss Fargaret Chandler and Knox Chandler of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knox, Mr. Harry Knox, Jr., Miss Lucy Perry Knox, Mr. W. A. Knox III, Miss Daisy Knox, Master Erin Preston Knox, of Brownwood; Mrs. M. M. MacFerrin of Augusta, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Knox and Miss Grace Knox of Gonzales; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knox of Brady; Mrs. Tom Oxford and Miss Mary Oxford and Mr. Thomas Oxford, Jr. from Elkhart; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Knox, Mrs. Ed Tipton, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Knox of Dime Box.