

### CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kurio celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Serbin last Sunday. Despite the severe weather that day, more than one hundred guests spent the day and helped Mr. and Mrs. Kurio enjoy the occasion. They are both hale and hearty and give promise to numerous more anniversaries, only Mr. Kurio's eyesight is becoming somewhat dimmed. They are respected citizens who have lived all their lives in what is now Lee County and they enjoy the respect of all who know them.

Mrs. Kurio was born Marie Therese German, daughter of Fritz and Anna (Gross) German at Fedor Dec. 19, 1861, and moved to Serbin when a child. Serbin was the only Lutheran church in this section at that time. Mr. Kurio was born at Serbin Nov. 21, 1856, a son of Michael and Christiana (Dube) Kurio. They were married by Rev. C. L. Geyer Feb. 15, 1881 and conducted a store in Serbin until 1887, when they moved just out of the town of Serbin to their present location. They occupy the log house, 72 years old, built by his father where, surrounded by many of the conveniences of life, they are happy and contented. Among their many guests were their six children and thirteen grand children. The children are: Herman, Giddings; Ben, Walburg; Mrs. Otto Hogelund, Ft. Worth; Alvin, Serbin; Otto, Austin; Mrs. Gerhard Hohle, Winchester.

Mr. Kurio is in his 75th year and Mrs. Kurio is in her 70th, he married at the age of 25 years and she at 19. They are of the old pioneer stock who relate many of the trials of the early settlers, yet they say those were happy days because the people's wants were few. He says he was glad to make some money at chopping cotton at 35 cts. a day, or to pick cotton at 30 to 35 cts. per 100. There were only a few horses, only the well-to-do had one horse. One faithful church member whose wife was ill, would bring her to church for years on a sled pulled by oxen. Blue grass was all over the Serbin country, as high as a man's head. Sometimes deer would come to the houses. One farmer heard some wild turkeys one night, went out after them with his old-time shot gun, got lost in the grass and had to wait until morning to get home.

A bounteous dinner and supper consisting of turkey, pork, chicken, as only Lee County homes can prepare it, was served to the guests, many of whom were from Austin and other distant places. Their garden and winter patches are models for any farmhome, and they have all appearances of a happy life, well spent. The News wishes them many more anniversaries.