

# The Giddings Star

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## PIONEER COUPLE OBSERVE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Tonn of Lincoln observed their 60th Wedding Anniversary recently. Their children and most of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren were present. Their five children are Mrs. Alma Symmank LaGrange, Mrs. Ad. Zver-nemann, Houston, Carl, Lincoln, Otto, Paige and Alvin, Giddings. They have 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grand-children. Mr. Tonn was born March 12, 1860 near Serbin. Mrs. Tonn was born September 15, 1861 near Gid-dings. They were married in Serbin on November 7, 1880. They lived in Manheim from 1880 to 1912 when they moved to Lincoln where they have made their home ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. Tonn are still active and in fair health. Mr. Tonn retired from active farming in 1927, but still leads a busy life. He is an expert woodworker and makes many useful articles in his workshop. He has a marvelous sense of humor and enjoys relating the many amusing incidents of his early life. He did not have much opportunity to go to school, but educated himself and acquired a great intellect. Mrs. Tonn is sweet natured and beloved by all who know her. Together they have traveled down the road of life. William Cullen Bryant's "Thanatopsis" expresses their senti-ment.

"So live, that when thy summons  
comes to join  
The innumerable caravan which moves  
To that mysterious realm where each  
shall take  
His chamber in the silent halls of  
death  
Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at  
night  
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustain-  
ed and soothed  
By an unfaltering trust approach thy  
grave  
Like one who wraps the drapery of

his couch  
About him, and lies down to pleasant  
dreams."