

Smiths Wed 50 Years

By MARGARET MILLER

A romance begun more than half a century ago in young peoples' meetings in Newburg Methodist Church brings Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Smith to a golden wedding celebration in the same church this weekend.

The white frame church where Beulah Ryder and Clyde Smith met now has a modern replacement. The centennial farm that has been the couple's home now is part of the City of Westland.

Detroit with my father in a horse-drawn wagon," he said. "We'd leave about 1:30 in the afternoon and get into town about 7:30. Then we'd stay overnight, sell our produce in the morning and drive back to the farm."

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But the Smiths, busy with their produce business and many family and social activities, carry on the traditions of two of the western Wayne area's earliest pioneer families.

Both grew up on farms that had been in their families for scores of years.

The Smith farm, on Newburg Road south of Joy, was purchased originally by Stephen Smith, Clyde's great-grandfather, who paid \$750 for the 80-acre parcel.

His son, Josiah, and his grandson, William J., followed him as farmers on the land. By the time Clyde was a young man, produce sale was taking a big share of the land and work.

"I remember I used to go to the Western Market in

the Rev. Frank Field, who had served the Newburg parish for a number of years, officiated for the wedding of the two Epworth League members.

Among the many greetings is a card from President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon.

There are 10 grandchildren, the oldest two boys Churchill.

That business became the Clyde E. Smith & Sons Farm Market. Flowers have been added to the produce, and Smith and his two sons, David and Everett, have about 2 1/2 acres in greenhouses.

The sons, both of whom have family homes on the original farm property, now operate the business during the winter while their Parents go to Florida.

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CLYDE AND BEULAH SMITH on their wedding day June 30, 1923...



...AND AS THEY approached their golden wedding anniversary.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob O'Kronley of Edmonton Drive, Plymouth, announce the birth of a daughter, Karen Ann, April 16, in Grace Hospital, Detroit. Karen has a two-year-old brother, Bobby.

Kiddy Kamp at the Oakland Branch YWCA, 839 S. Crooks, Clawson, begins Monday, July 2, for girls and boys ages four through six. Three two-week sessions will be conducted between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Children may be registered to attend July 2 through 13, July 15 through 27 or July 30 through Aug. 10. Activities include games, crafts, tumbling, music and lunch. Each group has an outing to the Detroit Zoo. Joanne Schram will direct the program, assisted by Monica Walling and Karen Young. Volunteer aides will be assigned to assist each group.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wurtzbacher and Mr. and Mrs. Peter O'Kronley, all of Livonia. Her great-grandmothers are Mrs. Dell Wurtzbacher of Livonia and Mrs. Mary Motlas of Trestown, Pa.

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