GOLDEN WEDDING

THOMAS—KNIGHT.—On 11th April, 1904, at Newnham on Severn, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, England, Sidney, second son of John and Anna Thomas to Alice Kate, daughter of William and Mary Knight. Present address, 93 Main Road, Wakatu, Nelson.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Tomorrow will be a memorable day in the lives of Mr and Mrs A. S. Thomas, who live at 93 Main road, Wakatu, for it is their golden wedding anniversary. With them to share their happiness will be their family of five sons and four daughters. Mr Thomas is 69 years af age and his wife a year younger.

Married at Newnham-on-Severn, Gloucestershire, five miles from their home town of Cinderford, on April 11, 1904, Mr and Mrs Thomas remained in England until 1913 when they emigrated to New Zealand with their five children. The family settled in Denniston on the West Coast where Mr Thomas worked in the coal mines. He played a leading part in the affairs of the district until he and his family transferred to Nelson in 1923. In Nelson Mr Thomas has been prominent in a number of sporting organisations and was employed at the Ngawhatu Mental Hospital until his retirement in 1947 when he had risen to charge attendant.

During the years he lived at Denniston, Mr Thomas was secretary of the miners' union, a member of the Buller County Council and a member of the Buller Hospital Board. Since coming to Nelson he has been a member of the Rugby Union, has played cricket for the mental hospital team for 21 years, coached the hospital Rugby team some years ago, and has been secretary of the Ngawhatu cricket, Rugby and bowling clubs. Among Mr Thomas's work for sport in the district was the task he completed unaided some years ago of painting all the "sunshine" seats at Trafalgar Park.

One of the most vivid memories of sport in England that Mr Thomas retains is that of the 1905 All Blacks. He considers them to have been the best Rugby team he has ever seen.

Mr and Mrs Thomas's nine children who will be with them tomorrow are: Mr Sidney Thomas of Motueka, Mr Elvin Thomas of Wellington, Mr John Thomas of Richmond, Mr William Thomas of Richmond, Mr Clifford Thomas of Nelson, Mrs C. Scrivens of Reefton, Mrs N. Janson of Wellington, Mrs V. Jury of Wellington and Mrs N. Harford of Invercargill.

Mr and Mrs Thomas have 30 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT, 1874.

CERTIFICATE of REGISTRY of BIRTH.

I, the undersigned, Do hereby certify that the Birth of

Charles Owen Stevens

born on the 20 day of Nov 1907 has been duly registered

by me at No 321 of my Register Book.

Witness my hand, this 31 day of Dec 1907

Edwin Ay Long { Registrar of Births and Deaths.

Lear Leach Sub-District.

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION ACT, 1874.

CERTIFICATE of REGISTRY of BIRTH.

I, the undersigned, Do hereby certify that the Birth of

Gertrude Irene Thomas

born on the 31 day of August 1907, has been duly registered

by me at Entry No. 337 of my Register Book No. 15.

Witness my hand, this 11 day of October 1907

Edwin F. Long { Registrar of Births and Deaths.

Marlborough District. East Wycombe Sub-District.

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