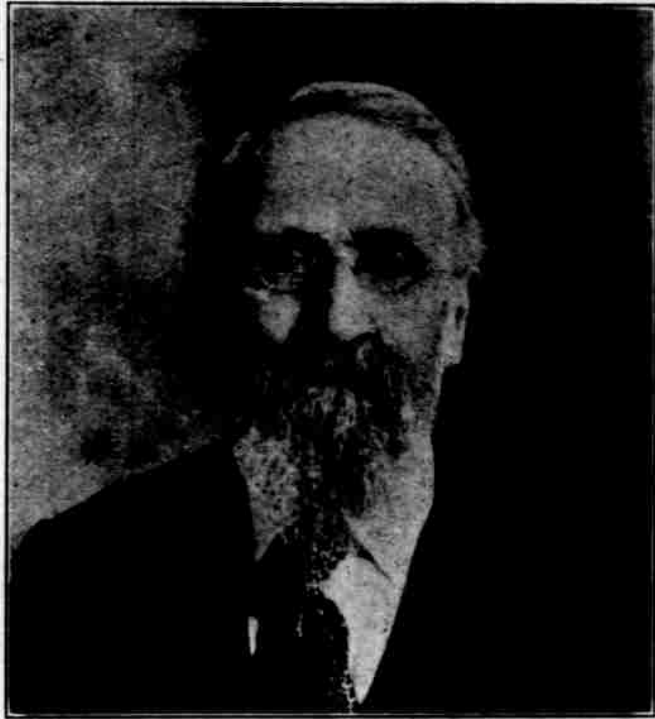


SIXTY YEARS AND MAN AND WIFE



JOHN G. WEBSTER.



MARIA FLINT WEBSTER.

Sixty years ago today in the far state of Ohio, John G. Webster and Maria Flint were united in marriage. Then they were young and strong. Now they are aged and feeble; alone and yet not lonely; happy for the long years they have dwelt together; happy in thoughts of the future; happy in the hosts of friends they possess and overjoyed at their unexpected remembrance of the occasion. These friends banded together and made them a present of a purse of \$60 in recognition of the day.

It was on May 24th, 1842, that this happy matrimonial alliance was made. Mr. and Mrs. Webster had been reared from childhood in Richland county, Ohio. They were married in Springfield township in that county, each at the age of twenty years. The birthday of Mrs. Webster is March 22d while that of Mr. Webster is April 5th. Twenty then, they have now reached the eminence of eighty years. Three children were born to them; two sons died in infancy, while a daughter died in the prime of life, years ago.

For thirty-two years the couple have resided in Lincoln. Until 1870 they remained in Ohio, but the farther west attracted them. They had heard much of its wide prairies and wonderful possibilities and they came. Lincoln was their objective point and here they

have remained, living at Eleventh and L streets a year, then at 14th and N and now in the house they have occupied eleven years—244 Franklin street. It was in this house ten years ago that they celebrated their golden wedding, many friends and relatives thronging its cosy rooms. Today but few have come, owing to the inability of Mrs. Webster to endure the excitement.

Though Mr. Webster had long reached manhood's estate when the war broke out he did not become a soldier. It was not from a lack of desire, but because of a crippled right hand the examining physician barred him. Once, however, he came near going to the front. It was the time of the raids of John Morgan. A company was being organized to pursue the pestiferous chieftain and Mr. Webster joined it. All was ready and the men were piling into the railroad cars waiting for them, when word came that the marauder had been captured. It was a great disappointment to all but they had to bear it.

The years are beginning to tell. Until of recent months the old couple have been reasonably hale. Of course it has been several years since either could toil at anything onerous but they have been far from helpless. Painting

and carpentry was the occupation of Mr. Webster when he came to Lincoln. During the past few years he has kept a cow and daily, morning and evening, with staff in hand he was to be seen delivering milk. He is seen no more at that. Last summer his health gave out so that he was unable to care for her more and she went the way of the market.

It has been over a year since Mrs. Webster has felt well enough to go to town. The last time she went it was to ride in the buggy of a friend. She was ill two weeks following and has not had the hardihood to repeat the trip since. During the past week she has had some trouble with her heart. This has kept her in bed part of the time.

All by themselves they are passing their declining days in the cottage on Franklin street. Every day some of their friends call upon them. Children, with whom they are favorites and who love them, carry them flowers and greetings. All their friends delight in their happiness, and considering their thirty-two years in Lincoln the number is by no means small.

Hardly could the love in which they are held be more handsomely attested than in the gift of \$60 from friends, presented the old couple on this their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

The city improvement society met Thursday morning. The secretary reported that ten entries for the lawn and flower contest had been received, six of these being in the class limited to boys. Several persons had entered in more than one class but the committee decided that no person would be given more than one prize. Contestants can try for all the prizes if they wish and will be awarded the highest won. The school board has authorized the expenditure of five hundred dollars to be used in improving school property. The condition of sidewalks in front of tobacconists' establishments and other places, were pronounced by members of the society unfit for women to walk over, because of the expectation by the loafers who occupy the seats provided for them. The secretary reported several new members and fees paid by old ones.

On Thursday Mrs. Minor S. Bacon gave a military euchre. The decorations were in keeping with the game. A card box of burnt wood was given as a royal prize. A luncheon was served in three courses by Mrs. E. C. Hardy, Mrs. Kaufman and Mrs. Frank Spangler. Invitations were extended to Mesdames E. C. Hardy, W. E. Hardy, F. Spangler, F. Stevens, J. H. Stevens, Ensign, Alley, Mills, Casebeer, Elias Baker, R. T. Van Brunt, A. L. Candy, H. P. Lau, Klinker, Grubbs, Richardson, Garr of Richmond, Indiana, Rathburn, A. R. Edmiston, Meyer, Blackburn, Arnett, Slaker, E. P. Keefer, Heelan, F. Hallett, C.

Spangler, Clark, R. B. Wilson of Omaha; Misses Garr, Hawley, Roosa, Huntsinger, Griggs, Dorothy Griggs, Harper, Foster, Cora, Vinnie and Marie Beach, DuTeil, Parish, Tourtelotte, Hallett, and Doctor Flannigan.

Mrs. C. E. Steele and Mrs. E. C. Clark entertained the W. T. M. on Thursday at the home of the former. There was no program and the gathering was purely social except for the time devoted to the election of officers. Misses Emma Steele and Stella Clark entertained the ladies with music. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. R. Holben; vice president, Mrs. B. G. Lane; secretary, Mrs. F. M. Pierce; treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Masters; press correspondent, Mrs. E. C. Clark. A lovely luncheon was served in three courses. Those present were Mesdames Lane, Harlan, Hood, Evans, Holben, Masters, Sherdeman, Hess, Steele, Switzer, Lasch, Morse, Gentzler, Keim, Pierce, Widener, Deck, Clark, Kaufman. This meeting closed an unusually enjoyable season for the club and it adjourned until September.

At Steele City, Neb., on Tuesday evening, May 20th, was solemnized the marriage of Miss Madge Wiggins to Mr. James Corr, of Omaha. At eight o'clock, to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, played by Miss Ina Finch, of Lincoln, the bride entered the room, led by her maid of honor, Miss Nellie Mason, of University Place, and followed by the groom, attended by Mr. S. A. McIntyre, of Omaha. The

ring service was read by Reverend Coffman, assisted by Reverend Turrel, of Fairbury. Miss Wiggins is a former resident of Lincoln, being a member of the class of 1900, of the university of Nebraska. Mr. Corr is also a former student of the state university. Mr. and Mrs. Corr will reside at 4123 North Twenty-fourth street, Omaha.

The annual Pan Hellenic dance was given last night at the auditorium. The committee consisted of Mr. C. W. Clapp, chairman; Mr. H. B. Peterson, master of ceremonies; Messieurs A. Thomas, H. E. Crandall, R. B. Adams, N. A. Huse, Victor Romigh, W. H. King, S. B. Clinton, J. C. Stevens, H. C. Arends, F. E. Roth, J. C. Lawlor. The chaperones were Chancellor and Mrs. Andrews, Professor and Mrs. E. H. Barbour, Professor and Mrs. C. R. Richards. The party hours were from ten o'clock until two. There were twenty dances on the program, one being named for each fraternity and sorority in the university, and one for the Vikings. About two hundred couples were present.

Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Davisson entertained the Faculty Women's club Wednesday afternoon at the state farm. Plans had been made for a lawn party but the rain spoiled this part of the program and the hostesses took their guests into the experiment station building, where the afternoon was delightfully spent. The room was decorated with garden roses, honeysuckles, and clover blooms.

The husbands of the club members arrived upon the scene at supper time, bringing the number of guests up to fifty. Mrs. Andrews presided at the table and served ice cream. Lemonade was served in the hall.

Mrs. Minor S. Bacon gave a kensington Wednesday afternoon. The house was prettily decorated with palms, amilax and cut flowers. A three course luncheon was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Kaufman and Mrs. Frank Spangler. Guests invited were Mesdames Ager, N. A. Bacon, Charles Spangler, Frank Spangler, J. E. Spangler, Mercer, H. A. Babcock, Coffin, Kaufman, Ferris, Gingery, Plummer, Winters, Emma Seacrest, Dean, Griggs, Laws, Boetcher, Jeary, Hedge, M. E. Van Brunt, Hackney, Greenmeyer, Bumstead, Tuttle; Misses Sue and Rose Greenmeyer, Jeary, Dean, Mercer, Ethel Mercer.

Miss Bessie Bentley was surprised Saturday afternoon at the home of her grandfather by a company of young people. Those present were Misses Bessie Holcomb-Anderson, Mabel Splicer, Hazel Smith, Gladys Rawlings, Lillian McLain, Helen McLennan, Elsie

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