Pelham

Town Honors Atwoods on 50th Anniversary

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PELHAM, N. H., Feb. 23—A group of 275 relatives and friends gathered at the town hall last night to extend sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Atwood of Pelham Center as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Both Mr. and Mrs. Atwood are native born and lifelong residents of Pelham.

On Feb. 22, 1899, Carrie Marsh Stickney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stickney, was united in marriage with Harry H. Atwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel N. Atwood, by Rev. Augustus Berry, pastor of the First Congregational church, at the Pelham Center parsonage.

Through the years, 15 children were born to the couple, 10 of whom are living. All 10 were present at the reception: Daniel S. Atwood of Pelham, Mrs. Charles H. Koehler of Lowell, Mrs. Harry O. Page of Albany, N. Y., Miss Marion Atwood of Pelham, Mrs. Clifford W. Laughing of Center Ossepe, N. H., Mrs. Glenn Koehler, Mrs. Richard W. Ivers, Willis H. Atwood, Frank W. Atwood and Miss Shirley Atwood, all of Pelham. Also present were the 24 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Four generations were represented by Mrs. Atwood, great-grandmother; Mrs. Charles Koehler, grandmother; Mrs. Harold Mooney, mother and Miss Carol A. Mooney, daughter.

Beside her many household duties, Mrs. Atwood has been active as a member of the Ladies Aid society of the First Congregational church and as a member of Farm Bureau.

Mr. Atwood has taken a prominent part in the community, having served as town clerk for 12 years. He served as postmaster for 42 years, retiring on May 31, 1947.

Piano selections were played by Ann A. Stickney of Tewksbury. Mr. Stickney played at the wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. Atwood 50 years ago.

A section of the hall was decorated with greens and white wedding bells. Arthur Peabody presented a bouquet of yellow roses from which hung streamers with bills. This was a gift from the townspeople.

Daniel Atwood, eldest son, presented an easy chair and hassock from the children and grandchildren.

Cards of congratulations which the couple had received were used in decorating one section of the hall.

Refreshments, prepared by the family, were served in the lower hall. A huge four-tiered cake made and decorated by Mrs. Harold Murray and Mrs. Charlie Hobbs, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Atwood, was the centerpiece of the effectively decorated table.

Mr. and Mrs. Atwood were presented several banquets. Mrs. Atwood wore a corsage of yellow and white carnations. Friends were present from New York, Connecticut, Lowell, Lawrence, Andover, Tewksbury, Salem, Windham, Hudson, Nashua and Pelham.

Among the many messages received by wire was a telegram from Rev. Cornelius Cahill who is journeying by auto to Florida. Also, a son-in-law, Harry O. Page, assistant commissioner of welfare and relief of the state of New York, unable to be present, wired congratulations from Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. Alrick Hammer ably assisted in serving refreshments, and Mr. Neal Balcomb provided appropriate recorded music during the evening.