

Celebrates birthday

Clara McNalty of Mount Forest celebrated her 90th birthday on Thursday, July 2.

She was born on that date in 1896 in Strong Township near the small village of Sundridge where she spent her childhood. Her parents, Herbert and Emma Turner, originally from Campbellford, moved there when they married. At age 11, in the year 1907, her mother died of pneumonia.

Her death, though tragic, gave young Clara a strong sense of responsibility at a young age.

"I had to help keep house, bake bread and do the chores but we carried on," said Mrs. McNalty on that period of her life. She was helped by her four sisters and two brothers. Her sisters are Jane Courvoisier of Flesherton, Mary Knoll of Mount Forest, Mrytle Doherty of Holstein and Edith Watson of Galt. One of her brothers, Henry, died of a heart attack in 1956 while her other brother, Arthur, drowned out west at the age of 17.

At age 17 she met and married Joe McNalty. They lived at first in Proton Station, then in Meaford and Dromore before settling in Mount Forest. Her husband farmed and occasionally took work in mills. Their marriage produced one child, a daughter, Dorothy, Mrs. Bill Patterson. Mrs. McNalty has three grandchildren and 10 great-

grandchildren.

She worked, this remarkably spry woman, until age 70 at the old Superior Converter's factory on Dublin Street in Mount Forest until it burned down in 1966.

Being 90-years-old, Mrs. McNalty has lived through all the events of the 20th century. "Some of the changes are really wonderful," she said. "I remember travelling by horse and buggy. That's how it was back then. Either that or you walked. I used to walk 7 miles into town," she said.

Asked about living through such events as World War I and World War II and the Great Depression, she replied, "We worked hard and always did things to help."

Mrs. McNalty feels that today's generation expects more out of life and has a lot more than her generation did.

Queried on the secret of her longevity, she answered that she "keeps working all the time making quilts." She has also abstained her entire life from alcohol and smoking.

"I like entertaining company and reading," she added. She also attends church regularly.

When asked why women prefer not to reveal their ages, Mrs. McNalty laughed and said, "Oh, I don't mind, it doesn't bother me anymore!"



Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Corley

Wedding attended by immediate families

Mount Forest United Church was the setting for the Dec. 11 wedding of Cheryl Ann Eurig and Wayne Harold Corley.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Eurig and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Corley, all of Mount Forest.

The morning ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Allan McDowell. The wedding music was played by Anne McDowell.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white silk chiffon fashioned on Empire lines. The bodice with a high neckline featured a V-shaped yoke back and front, embroidered with Venice lace and seed pearls and edged with a chiffon ruffle. Similar trim was used on the cuffs of the long, bishop sleeves. The full skirt fell into a chapel train.

The bride carried a cascade of red roses and baby's breath with lace ribbon and wore a spear of baby's breath braided into her hair.

Following their marriage, which was attended by the immediate families, a family-style dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents.

Following a honeymoon to Southern Ontario the couple are residing in Mount Forest.

Prior to the wedding, showers for the bride were hosted by Kathy Plume and Marie Coulson and a community shower was held at Mount Forest United Church, hosted by Audrey Koehler, Sharon Eurig, Lorna Elliott and Annabelle Corley.