

A. A. Sprague and Wife Celebrate Golden Wedding

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Sept. 29.—[Special.]—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Arnold Sprague of Chicago were given a surprise on the anniversary of their golden wedding this afternoon. They were invited to Onota farm, the villa of Miss Gertrude Watson, and were greeted by seventy-five of their friends, who had come from Chicago to congratulate them.

Miss Watson, who is an intimate friend of the family, had persuaded Mrs. Sprague to wear her wedding gown of fifty years ago. The gown is of white satin, en train, and the lace veil is priceless.

Beautiful decorations were throughout the house. Jars of yellow chrysanthemums were in the reception rooms and framed the reception station. On tables and on the mantels were yellow orchids of rare beauty, and for a contrast there were long stemmed American beauty roses, set up from jars and tied with yellow ribbons. The decorative effects were arranged by Miss Watson.

The reception was from 4 to 6 o'clock. Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Sprague were their daughter, Mrs. Frederic S. Coolidge, and the hostess.

Another surprise was the presentation of the wedding scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." This was given by six children in costume. They enacted the scene to the music which was played by Miss Watson at the piano and an orchestra.

There was an abundance of golden gifts. Besides the personal gifts presented by the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, there were fourteen gold plates, which were given by the group of Chicago men who have been associated with Mr. Sprague in the Chicago Commercial club and various directorates.

The gift of Dr. and Mrs. Frederic S. Coolidge, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, was a complete coffee service in gold, salver, percolator, creamer, and sugar bowl. Mr. Sprague Coolidge, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, gave a vase of gold.

There were individual spoons, coffee, table, and dessert spoons, gold nuggets, and coins among the costly golden wedding gifts.

Mrs. Sprague is 76 years old, and is in excellent health. Mr. Sprague at 77 years old holds the old man's golf record at the Country club of Pittsfield, where he plays eighteen holes every morning. He is fond of automobiling, and takes a ride of from thirty to forty miles each afternoon.

Among the guests at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Ryerson, Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus C. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Ayer, Mrs. Frank Seward-Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hutchinson, J. W. Hutchinson, W. A. Fuller, Mrs. A. L. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Byron L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Sprague II, of Chicago, who came to Pittsfield for the wedding anniversary; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Coolidge of Boston, and the following, who have country places in the Berkshire hills: Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Spoor, Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Cobb, Senator and Mrs. W. Murray Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Zenas Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Crane, Gen. and Mrs. John R. Brooke, and Mr. and Mrs. Miguel R. Martinez.



University of Chicago Opens Today.

The University of Chicago will open this morning with the largest attendance in its history. No classes will be held this morning, but the offices of the deans will be open for registration of freshmen. There has been some trouble in arranging for convenient accommodations.