## low He's Ready for Parade



## B. A. YANCEY

PHYLLIS YANGEY

ns today in preparation for their annual inspection tomorr ht in the village. Phyllis, daughter of Secretary Yancey North Rose department, has put her seal of approval on I's haberdashery for the parade—after a few tips on how cravat should look.

You wouldn't know it to look at him, but Ben Yancey of North Rose, the dean of all area auto repairmen and appliance dealers, celebrated his 80th birthday Sept. 9. Nope--you really wouldn't know he joined the octogenarian set, because he still works a full day, hops around the yarage, crawls under cars and inside his GE appliances like a man half his age--and I hate to admit he's got more hair on his head (and it's blacker) than even this correspondent--who is a mere stripling by comparison.

Ben started working in the garage of J.J. Colling in North Rose in 1920, but in '27 moved to his present location and started on his own. He's been there ever since--51 years:

Born in Croghan, up near Lowville, he worked in the area as a logger and on the family farm until 1918 when he took the advice of Jay DeKing of Wolcott (who became acquainted with the Yanceys during his fall trips to their area for deer hunting) and went to Rochester to get a job-hopefully with the Cunningham Automobile Factory, where Jay worked.

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As a logger, Ben

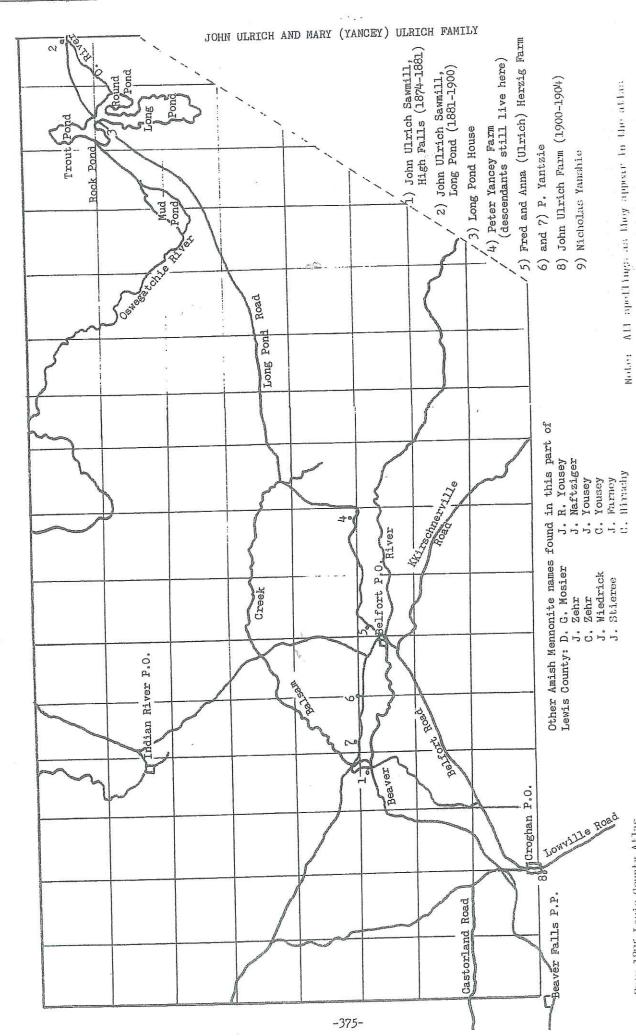
the area now known as the Beaver River Flow, a vast, flooded area an man-made lake, where a goodly number of local gents now annually harass the deer pop-

ulation during the sober hours of daylight. While at the Cunningham factory, Ben's job was "scraping connecting rod bearings"—the only way known then to effect a good fit of the bearings. "They had to have a 90% bearing surface, " he said, "and this was not easy to achieve."

He said the Cunningham cars were, in many respects, almost a copy of the Cadillac. Cunningham went out of business about 1930. During production, the plant turned out three cars a day, the cheapest model, he recalls, selling for about \$7,500-a lot of bread in those days. Ben earned \$20-\$25 a week and it was pretty good money.

His years of experience in automotive and appliance repair have made him one of the most knowledgeable and resourceful of mechanics. He is one of the few local people (if there are any others at all) who still does complete radiator repair right in his own shop. And if you wanna hear what things were like in the car business 50 years ago, ask Ben This fall, as usual, he'll shoulder his and appliance repair.

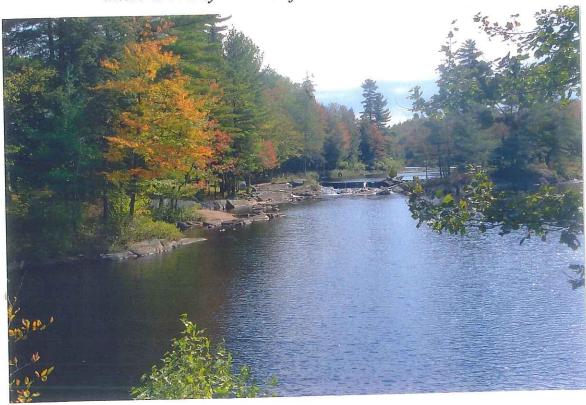
This fall, as usual, he'll shoulder his old shotgun and head for the Southern Tier for a day of deer hunting. "Can't climb the hills like I used to," he complains. "hmt I



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Two seasons of the year ~ Above: Wintertime at a Sugar Bush in the Adirondack Mts. ~ Lewis Co., N.Y. Below: Long Pond taken in the Adirondack Mts. during the Fall of the year with the leaves changing. There is beauty in each of the seasons.







50<sup>th</sup>. Wedding Anniversary of Edward and Rozella (Zehr) Yancey 13 June 1962

## ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. CHRIS YANCEY

## Yanceys Feted At Open House On Anniversary

An open hourse was held in orated cake with the nume-the social rooms of the Bay-rals "50" on top. Yellow and shore Mennonite Church Jan. white gladious and mums 15 honoring Mr. and Mrs. Chris Yancey on their golden wedding anniversary. Some 100 friends attended.

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and Bruce Yancey. The serving table was covered with a lace cloth over gold. Gold-edged crystal dishes and double crystal candelabra were used on the table with gold and white candles.

Centerpiece The centerpiece was a dec- ago.

were used in floor baskets, on the serving table and on the mantel above the fireplace.

The Yanceys have four chil-

Assisting in serving and greeting guests were the couple's granddaughters, Brenda Yancey, Kathy Yancey, Jean Ann Yancey and Mrs. Curtis Widrick of Louville, N. Y. There are 21 grandchildren and Also assisting were grand- 11 great-grandchildren. Present sons Douglas Knechtel, Ronald at the reception were four generations — Mrs. Yancey, Mrs. Knechtel and daughter, Mrs. Yoder with her daughter Cindv Yoder.

The Yanceys were married in Louville, N. Y. where he was engaged in farming. They moved to Sarasota 16 years



Mr. and Mrs. Yancey Yanceys Celebrate 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde J. Yancey of Sarasota celebrat-

ed their 50th anniversary Jan. 1, 1992. They were married Jan. 1, 1942, in Croghan, N.Y., and have lived in Sarasota for 36 years. She is the former Estella Zehr.

They are the parents of Clyde Yancey Jr., Ronald Yancey and Christopher Yancey, all of Myakka, Brenda Kolb and Eugene Yancey, both of Sarasota, and Bruce Yancey of Archbold, Ohio. The couple have nine grandchildren.

Mr. Yancey is a retired dairy farmer of Myakka. He is a member of Bayshore Mennonite Church of Sarasota and a past director of Sun Dairy for 12 years and of Tampa Independent Dairy Farmers Inc. for 16 years.

Mrs. Yancey is a homemaker. She is a member of Bayshore Mennonite Church of Sarasota.





Left - 45<sup>th</sup>. Wedding Anniversary. Right - 50<sup>th</sup>. Wedding Anniversary of Chris and Veronica (Zehr) Yancey



4 Generations at 50<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary. Fern Arletha Yoder, Veronica Irene Yancey, Arletha Pearl Knechtel and Cynthia Fern Yoder.



L - R: Susan Veronica Yancey, Cynthia Fern Yoder, Irene June Widrick, and Beulah Jane Widrick - 50<sup>th</sup>. Wedding Anniversary January 14, 1964



Postcard from Veronica Zehr to Christopher Yancey, dated Nov. 9, 1910. Note price of post card in those days. They were married Jan 15, 1914.





Postcard from Christopher Yancey to Veronica Zehr about Thanksgiving time in 1910. Mailed from Croghan, NY. Note postage price of 1c and the Countries where postage is 2c.

