

Mr. and Mrs. H. BASSHAM's Golden Wedding. - On Tuesday Mr and Mrs. Herbert BASSHAM, of Elm Bank, Marlborough-road, Elmfield, celebrated their golden wedding. They were married at Doncaster, but 41 years of their married life have been spent in the Island. Mr. BASSHAM came to the Island in 1904 as storekeeper to the I.W. Central Railway at Newport and held the position until 1912, when he took over the management of the refreshment department for their whole system, and retired in 1923 when the Southern Railway came into existence. Whilst at Newport Mr. and Mrs. BASSHAM were members of the Wesleyan Church, where he was a chorister. He was formerly a member of Newport Town Band and Princess Beatrice's I.W. Rifles Band. During the 1914-18 war he was in charge of a group of Volunteers doing night duty at J. Samuel WHITE's yard at Cowes, and had previously served in the Yorkshire Volunteers. On retiring from the railway service Mr. BASSHAM came to Ryde and was licensee of the Strand Hotel for six years. He is one of the best known members of the Bowling Club and has won many local competitions and played for the Island. An enthusiastic gardener, Mr. BASSHAM was the capable show secretary of the garden victory show for four years and is a member of the Borough Allotments committee. He was one of the original members of the A.R.P. service and was a warden throughout the war. Mr. and Mrs. BASSHAM are esteemed members of the George-street Congregational Church. Mr. BASSHAM, who is 72, enjoys excellent health, and his wife, who is two years younger, is happily recovering from a long illness. They have two sons and a daughter and four grandchildren, and a reunion of the whole family took place at Christmas, it being impossible for all to be present at the golden wedding celebration. Numerous friends will join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. BASSHAM many more years of happy companionship.

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