

The Giddings News

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GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. A. Moerbe of Serbin celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday. They were married Nov. 15, 1881 at Serbin by Rev. Geyer. Mrs. Moerbe was born here, Selma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kessel and is 69 years old. Mr. Moerbe was born in Germany and came here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Johann Moerbe. He worked in the Dube gin at Lincoln then went to Serbin where he operated a gin for 40 years, and also has been a merchant at Serbin for the past 35 years.

He never had an accident in the gin, and when he began ginning, a day's run was 5-7 bales of cotton. Ginners were paid in seed cotton. It generally required 1800 lb. of seed cotton in those days for a bale, and the ginner would be paid 120 lb. seed cotton, or at the rate of one fifteenth. The ginning for 1700 lb. would be 114 lb. The farmer paid extra for the bagging and ties which amounted to about \$1.00. He was not ginning at the time when farmers would leave the cotton seed at the the gin and the hands would have to haul them off on Saturdays, when the seed would be placed in long rows in the fields, allowed to partially rot and the next spring they would be scattered over the field for fertilizer.

Mr. and Mrs. Moerbe were joined Sunday with their children Alvin, Herman, Ernst and Miss Minnie and about a hundred guests for the occasion, when a barbecued dinner and supper were served. Rev. Schmidt delivered an impressive discourse on their years of married life. Mr. Moerbe's brothers Karl and Paul, Warda, Herman, Greens Creek, and sisters Mrs. Anna Foerster, Warda, and Mrs. Mary Killan, Giddings, and Mrs. Moerbe's brothers Paul Kessel, Serbin, and Gerhard Kessel, Paige, were present for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Moerbe have been responsible citizens these many years and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them. The News joins their many friends in wishing them more happy anniversaries.