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THE GOLDEN WEDDING:

Upon sunny Cap d'Ail, French Riviera, focus the good wishes of the whole free world. At Lord Beaverbrook's Villa Sir Winston and Lady Churchill celebrated their Golden Wedding. As on many previous occasions, notably the great man's 80th Birthday, messages of congratulation poured in. For 50 wonderful years theirs has been a splendidly happy marriage.

In the grounds of Blenheim Palace, half a century ago, the brilliant Winston Churchill proposed marriage. And at St. Margaret's, Westminster the beautiful Clementine Hozier became his bride. Winston was then 33. In World War One and for years afterwards Winston's political fortunes were varied, and not for 32 years after his wedding did the nation call upon him to become Prime Minister, leader in World War Two. As always he had the strong, but unobtrusive support of Mrs. Churchill. She accompanied him here because their daughter Mary was serving in the Battery.

At Yalta, when the War was nearly over, met the three architects of victory. It was not the fault of the two Western Leaders that Winston's vision of a World enjoying complete harmony has not been realised. He certainly believed it would be on that memorable Victory Day in 1945. "This", he told the crowds, "is your victory". But on that day we all knew how much we owed to him.

The great man has been greatly blessed in partnership with his most devoted wife. It was a happy thought of his constituents to present him with her portrait. Sir Winston once wrote that he married and lived happily ever after.

So, to Lady Churchill also Great Britain owes thanks, for she has smoothed his path for 50 years. From the heart our affectionate good wishes go to them both.