

Residents of Holland Home to Observe Golden Anniversary



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Mr. and Mrs. John Rutgers residents of the Holland Home, will celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Wednesday, May 22, at Bigelow, Minn., their former home.

Open house will be held at 1:30 p. m. at the Christian Reformed church parlors, and at 7:30 in the evening a short program will be given and refreshments will be served. Waitresses for the occasion will be eight of the honored couples granddaughters.
Gerritje Gesink of Varsveld, The

Netherlands, and John Rutgers of Gendringen, The Netherlands, were united in marriage May 22, 1896 by Rev. Harm te Velde. Following their marriage they lived in the Netherlands 6 years after which they came to this country settling at Orange City where they lived 14 years, 2 years at Sanborn and 24 years at Bigelow, Minn., having retired from farming and moving to the Holland Home four years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Rutgers are the parents of 9 children, eight of

whom are living. (Johanna) Mrs. John Donkersloot, of Sanborn, (Grace) Mrs. Cornelia Runia of Melvin, (Dena) Mrs. Dick Weg of Bigelow, Minn., Bernard of Brewster, Minn., (Gertrude) Mrs. Abe Van Langen, (Christina) Mrs. Edward Ahlers of Beemis, S. Dak., and Evert and Angeline of Bigelow.

One daughter, (Henrietta) Mrs. R. J. Dykstra, passed away July 23, 1942.

The couple also have 34 grandchildren.