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# Courage that paid dividends



● Staff picture by Henry Wills

YOUNG motor mechanic Steve Whitlock became smitten by the pretty girl he spotted daily polishing antiques in the window of the shop across the road from his firm's garage.

Eventually he managed to time his departures from work so that they coincided with hers and their paths crossed.

Then he plucked up the courage to ask her out, and numerous dates later they were keeping a very special date — walking down the aisle of Salisbury's St Edmund's Church.

That was 50 years ago, and last Friday Steve (76) and his "love at first sight" Muriel, now 71, celebrated their golden wedding.

At the time he met Muriel, Steve was an apprentice at Wessex Motors, then in New Street.

He was later to work for many years in the vehicle department of the Post Office in Chipper Lane.

Steve was born and bred in Pitton and he and Muriel still live there at Pear Tree Farm, the smallholding he took over from his parents.

The couple, who have no children, continue to work the farm, which over the years has been scaled down to 30 acres.

They marked their golden anniversary by buying a new car to replace the one stolen earlier this year.

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## TISBURY.

On the 29th ult., Mr. Alfred Goddard, of this place, passed his examination before the Pharmaceutical Society of London, as a registered chemist and druggist.

## PITTON.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—An inquest was held by Mr. Wilson, at Pitton, on the 4th inst., on the body of a boy named Mark Whitlock, who was killed on the previous day. It appeared that the deceased, who was about twelve years old, was in charge of a horse and cart belonging to Mr. Arthur Parsons, for whom he worked, and that he had just taken some hay to the sheep. He then went to his master for instructions, and was requested to take the horse to the farmyard. Very shortly afterwards Mr. Parsons was alarmed by his shepherd, and on looking round saw that the horse had run away, and was going towards an open gate, which led into the road. The cart was brought into violent contact with one of the gate posts, was upset, and the deceased was thrown under the vehicle, the side of which fell on his head, fracturing his skull. He was immediately extricated, but was quite insensible, and only breathed once after the cart was removed. He had been accustomed to go with the horse, which had never run away before. Verdict, "Accidental death."

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