



Mr. F. O. I. Whitlocke, MBE, and Mrs. Whitlocke, of Desborough-road, can look back on fifty years of marriage.

TWO well-known Eastleigh residents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. I. Whitlocke, of Desborough-road, will have their golden wedding day on Saturday. They served as Mayor and Mayoress of the borough in 1952-53, and Mr. Whitlocke was the first trade unionist ever to be appointed as chairman of the Winchester Constituency Conservative Association.

Mr. Whitlocke, who has a long record of public service, was co-founder of Eastleigh Amateur Swimming Club 55 years ago, a surviving club of which he was president for a number of years.

He was also a Scoutmaster and a vice-president of the Eastleigh Boy Scouts' Association a member of the committee of the Southern Railway Orphanage, chairman of the Conservative Trades Council and an active trade unionist for over 40 years.

Mr. Whitlocke, an MBE, tells me his family were connected with a Norman family named de la Beche and his ancestry could be traced back to 1231. One of his ancestors, Edmund Whitlocke, who was born in 1564 and died in 1608, was a law student at Lincoln's Inn. Because of his friendship with Guy Fawkes, he was incarcerated in the Tower.

Another ancestor, William Whitlocke, served with Sir Francis Drake until the latter's death at sea. Nearest to Sir Francis when he died, he set his armour on him just before the end so that he might die like a soldier.

Still another of his forebears, Eulstrade Whitlocke, was Keeper of the Great Seal of England, an ambassador to Sweden and related by marriage to the Earl of Rutland.

In 1962 Mr. and Mrs. Whitlocke had a lengthy holiday at Queensborough, North Carolina, USA, as guests of their daughter Enid, who is the wife of Mr. Gilbert Hagman.

Mr. Whitlocke was in the news on Boxing Day when, as a Christmas gift, his wife arranged for him to talk by telephone at about £1 a minute with his mother, now

nearly 90, whose voice he had not heard for over 50 years.

Unfortunately Mrs. Whitlocke is due to enter Southampton General Hospital on her golden wedding day for an operation and her husband is to be a patient at Southampton Eye Hospital for a similar purpose next week.

Their many friends will echo the hope that both may soon be enjoying the best of health. They have one son, two daughters and ten grandchildren.

DEATH OF A FORMER MAYORESS

A FORMER Mayoress of Eastleigh, Mrs. Lilian Alfreda Whitlocke, of Desborough-road, Eastleigh, has died in hospital at the age of 71—just five weeks after she and her husband, Mr. F. O. I. Whitlocke, MBE, celebrated their golden wedding.

Eastleigh-born, Mrs. Whitlocke lived with her parents in Desborough-road until her marriage, then lived in the house next door.

For many years a member of the Women's Conservative Association, she had also been a member of the Eastleigh British Legion women's section, Eastleigh Linn League and the choir at the Union Baptist Church, Eastleigh.

Mayor of Eastleigh in 1952-53, her husband was the first trade unionist ever to be appointed chairman of the Winchester Constituency Conservative Association. Two years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Whitlocke had a long holiday at Queensborough, North Carolina, as guests of one of their two daughters, Mrs. Enid Hagman. She is also survived by a son, Mr. Harold Whitlocke, of Pevensey.

The funeral service at All Saints' Church, Eastleigh, on Thursday afternoon will be followed by cremation.