

SHACKLEFORD GOLDEN WEDDING.

Old Couple's Family of Nineteen.

Married at Liphook Parish Church fifty years ago, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kingshott, of Gatwick, Shackleford, received congratulations when they celebrated their golden wedding yesterday (Friday). Mr. Kingshott, who attained his 71st birthday on September 6th, has for the past 27 years been employed as head woodman on the Peperharow Estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Kingshott had 19 children, 15 of whom survive—seven sons and eight daughters. Of five sons who served in the Army during the Great War, four were wounded. There is to be a family reunion at Gatwick this week-end, but two of the family, one in Belgium and another in Canada, will be unable to attend.

Mrs. Kingshott, who was born at Blackmoor, was 70 last July. She told a 'Surrey Times' reporter that she was one of a



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family of 17 children. When she got married her husband earned 12s. per week. 'I brought up nine children on 12s. a week,' she said, 'and out of that had to pay 2s. for rent every Monday morning.'

Asked how she managed to keep a family on such a small sum, Mrs. Kingshott replied, 'Ah, we had to do it.' She admitted that money went further in those days, and recalled that she could purchase children's boots for 2s. per pair. All her family, girls as well as boys, wore hob-nailed boots, she said. Her opinion of the present lighter style footwear for children was that they were 'not half a boot.'

Mr. Kingshott is a native of Liphook. Before coming to the Peperharow Estate as

head woodman 27 years ago, he was employed as a gamekeeper at Lurgashall. Despite his 71 years, he is still active, and does his day's work as well as a man of 60.

For 27 years Mr. and Mrs. Kingshott have had their home at Gatwick, a quiet, isolated spot, where, when her children were young and at school, Mrs. Kingshott saw no one from morning until the early evening.