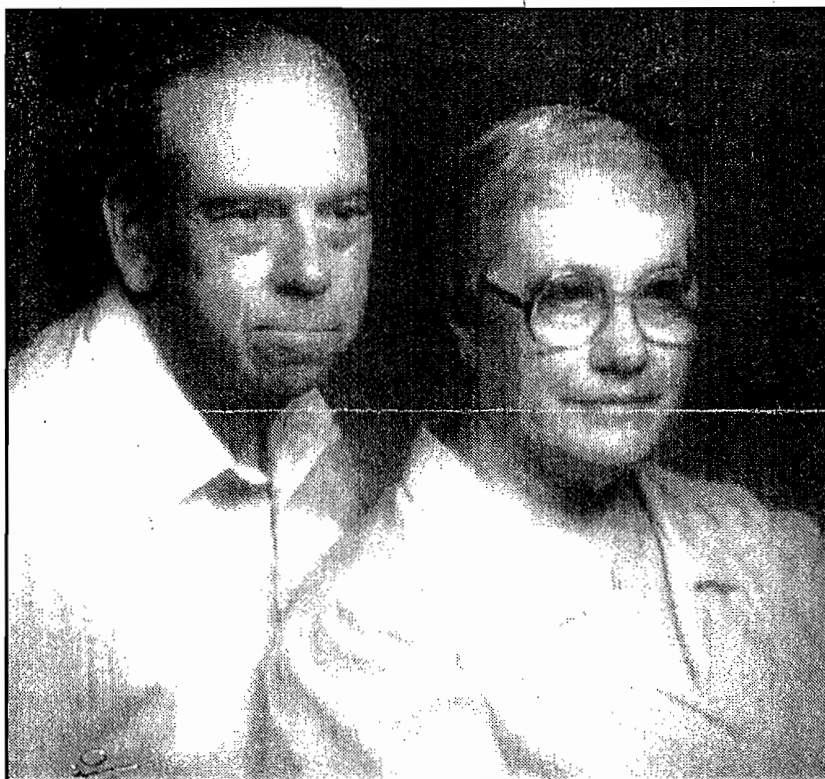




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# Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. James Flinchum

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More than 100 people from around the country assembled in Christiansburg's VFW Hall on July 27, 1996, to celebrate the 50 years of marriage for James and Nora Flinchum of Riner. Originally married after World War II in Radford on July 25, 1946, they spent most of their married years in Virginia Beach, before retiring to Riner and returning home in 1985.

Guests from as far away as Nevada, Minnesota, Illinois, Georgia and Florida, as well as family, friends and neighbors, enjoyed the band of Ken Epperly, the catering of Doris Kitts, and the old-fashioned friendliness of Mr. and Mrs. Flinchum. Guest speaker, Phyllis Randall, entertained the guests. Their son, Jim Flinchum, of Williamsburg, paid tribute to his parents and their accomplishments, saying, "Their marriage is both a memory of another time and a beacon of hope for the future."



Mr. and Mrs. James Flinchum

Mrs. Flinchum is the former Nora Ethel James of Riner. Although retired from distinguished careers in the federal government, they are currently active with the VFW Post 1115, Oddfellows Lodge #20, and Indian Valley Presbyterian Church.