

Complete partners reach golden age

MARRIED life has been a complete partnership for Bridge couple, George and Alice Pratt, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Wednesday.

As a policeman's wife, Alice has supported her husband's service career throughout his 30 years with the Kent force.

George had worked on his father's East Sussex farm until he was 18, and after three years with the Coldstream Guards, joined the police.

He met Alice when he was on duty for the 1934 summer season at Westgate-on-Sea, and visited the book and stationery shop where she worked as a librarian.

After their wedding at St Saviour's Church, Westgate, the couple travelled around the county with George's job.

In 1953, George was promoted sergeant and, three years later, moved



George and Alice looking back . . .

to the post of village policeman at Bridge.

"It was one of the happiest times of my career," he said. "And we liked it here so much we decided to retire in the village."

When he left the force, George spent several

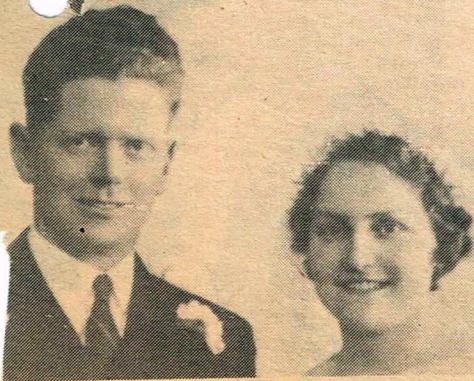
years as a baliff with the County Court in Canterbury, retiring in 1975.

Now that their two daughters have grown up and provided them with five grandchildren, George and Alice, of 13 Green Court, find they have time for their many interests and hobbies.

At 73, Alice still plays tennis at the village club and enjoys gardening with George (76).

Both are involved with the League of Friends of the Canterbury Hospitals, with George, a former chairman of the hospital fete committee, serving as the league's vice-president.

The couple marked their special day with a celebration lunch at The White Horse, Bridge, on Wednesday for family and friends.



. . . and looking forward in 1938.