

Society and Clubs

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Whartons Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday

More than two-hundred friends and relatives called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wharton Sunday afternoon and evening to honor them on their golden wedding anniversary. Open house was held from two to five o'clock in the afternoon and from seven to ten o'clock in the evening at the beautiful Wharton home at 203 Chadwick street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wharton, in picture at upper left, stood in front of the fireplace in the living room to receive the guests. Pale yellow rosebuds were arranged on the mantle and were flanked by bouquets of yellow carnations and deep salmon-colored rosebuds. Other arrangements were of acacia, daffodils and pale ivory carnations flecked with gold - dust. Center-left picture shows Mr. and Mrs. Wharton as they prepared to cut their three-tiered wedding cake, which was decorated in gold rosebuds with pale yellow leaves. The lace-covered serving table was centered with a crystal flower arrangement holding huge white orchids with yellow throats (sent to them from their daughter, Mrs. Florence Wharton Wickland, of Honolulu). The centerpiece was flanked by pale yellow rosebuds and everlasting gold tapers in crystal holders. Decorations were in charge of Mrs. Velle Broadway, Mrs. L. W. Josse and Mrs. Paul Jenkins.

Mrs. Wharton was charming in a floor-length afternoon gown of turquoise blue trimmed with crystal bead embroidery. Her corsage of two enormous white orchids was sent from Honolulu by Mr. and Mrs. Sator Miller. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wharton wore leis of pale pink carnation petals, which had been sent by plane from their daughter in Honolulu.

Assisting about the rooms were Mr. Wharton's two brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wharton and Mr. and Mrs. George Wharton, and Mrs. Velle Broadway and Mrs. L. W. Josse. A brother, Joseph Wharton, former mayor at Grants Pass, was unable to be present because of illness.

Receiving the guests during the afternoon were Miss Helen Casey and Mrs. Walter Fisher. Alternating in pouring during the afternoon were: Mrs. S. A. Sanford and Mrs. George Sewell; Mrs. J. F. Barker and Mrs. George E. Houck; Mrs. Douglas Waite and Mrs. M. F. Rice; Mrs. J. A. Cobb and Mrs. F. F. Critser; Mrs. J. E. Sawyers and Miss Bess Wharton (sister of Mr. Wharton), and Mrs. J. C. Hume and Mrs. G. V. Wimberly (also a sister of Mr. Wharton).

Serving were Mrs. Arthur W. Baum, Miss Naomi Scott, Mrs. William Lassiter, Mrs. William A. Oerding, Mrs. Harold Beauchamp, Mrs. Donald Metzger, Mrs. Edgar Lewis and Mrs. Paul Jenkins. The punch bowl was in charge of Miss Jo Ann Wharton and Mrs. Eric Crane. Miss Alice Ieland and Miss Jane Wharton (sister of Mr. Wharton), were in charge of the many beautiful gifts. Guests greatly enjoyed exhibits of many old-time pictures of the Wharton family and friends.

In the evening Mrs. D. W. Helliwell and Miss Gertrude Rast received the guests and serving were Mrs. Paul Jenkins, Mrs. Robert Browning, Mrs. John H. Young, Mrs. Fred Lockwood, Mrs. Jack Myers and Mrs. John H. Robinson. Mrs. Robert B. Rhodes served the punch. Alternating in pouring were: Mrs. A. E. Kent and Mrs. Dexter Rice; Mrs. H. H. Stapleton and Mrs. A. A. Wilder; Mrs. Fred Schwartz and Mrs. R. D. Williams; Mrs. Roy Bellows and Mrs. T. B. Virden; Mrs. J. A. Harding and Miss Rosa B. Parrott and Mrs. C. E. Wimberly and Mrs. Clyde W. Carstens. The guest book was

in charge of Mrs. Frederick J. Porter.

Attending the wedding fifty years ago and also present for the golden wedding celebration were: Nathan Fullerton, Mrs. J. E. Sawyers, Mrs. S. L. Kidder, Miss Gertrude Rast, Mrs. J. F. Barker, Mrs. Velle Broadway, Mrs. L. W. Josse and Miss Bess, Miss Jane, J. R. and George Wharton, all of Roseburg. Joseph Wharton was best man at the wedding 50 years ago and Regina Rast Sawyers attended the bride.

Out-of-town guests attending were: Mrs. Stanley R. Kidder and daughter, Sarah Ann, of Yokohama, Japan; Mrs. John Rawson, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. (Bill) Wharton and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Poorman, all of Salem; Mrs. H. C. Waddell and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brix of Salinas, Calif.; Mrs. H. L. McHenry, Mrs. B. H. Moore and Mrs. C. A. Lockwood of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Currier of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Matt Gillespie of Coos Bay and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Robinson of Glide.

The Wharton home is one of the loveliest in Roseburg. The spacious rooms all have large picture windows overlooking the city and others overlooking terraced and landscaped gardens. The home is known as one of the favorite gathering places of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wharton.

Mr. Wharton was born April 9, 1876 in Worcester, Mass., and came with his parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Wharton, to Roseburg while still a student in grade school. He was married March 7, 1900, at the J. F. Barker home in Roseburg to Edna A. Hodson, Dr. Townsend, pastor of the first Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony. Mr. Wharton started working as a delivery boy for the J. F. Barker grocery and also worked for other grocers. He later became a co-partner in Barker and Company (renamed Wharton brothers in 1923) and since 1912 has been in that business. His partner is his brother, J. R. Wharton. The business is located at 245 North Main Street.

Mr. Wharton served six terms as city councilman, 1931-45 and was mayor of Roseburg from 1945-47. He has served as a member of the street finance and other committees; was a member of the Home Guards during World War I; member of Elks; ex-director of Rotarians; member of Chamber of Commerce and is an Episcopalian.

Mrs. Wharton, formerly Edna Hodson, was born Sept. 19, 1879, at the Rast residence in Roseburg, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hodson of Coos River. Her grandfather, the late John Hodson Sr., was the first doctor on Coos River. She resided on Coos River until she was eighteen years of age, when she came to Roseburg to make her home with her aunt, Mrs. J. F. Barker. She is a past officer of the Roseburg Woman's club and is a member of the First Presbyterian church. The Whartons have one daughter, Florence Wharton Wickland, physical education instructor at McKinley high school in Honolulu. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wharton have a host of friends, who wish them continued good health and happiness. Pictures of the golden wedding were taken by Paul Jenkins, News-Review photographer.



Seated, Mrs. A. E. Kent. Standing, left to right, Mrs. John Young, Mrs. D. W. Helliwell and Mrs. Fred Lockwood



Seated, Mrs. Dexter Rice. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Harry Hildeburn, Mrs. R. B. Rhodes, Mrs. W. F. Chapman, Miss Jo Ann Wharton, Mrs. John H. Robinson, Mrs. Jack Myers and Miss Gertrude Rast.



Left to right, back to camera, Mrs. J. R. Wharton, Miss Gertrude Rast. Back row, left to right, Mrs. G. V. Wimberly, Mrs. George Wharton, Harry O. Pargeter and Mrs. C. W. Wharton. (Center picture) H. O. Pargeter, George Wharton, A. E. Kent and Dexter Rice. Mrs. T. B. Virden, Mrs. S. L. Kidder, Mrs. J. C. Hume, S. L. Kidder and C. W. Wharton.