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Children of Pioneers Celebrate 69th Wedding Anniversary Dec. 15

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wheeler of Trent, parents of Mrs. Claude Kime and Ernest Wheeler, both of Cottage Grove, observed their 69th wedding anniversary December 15 at the Kime home west of town. The Wheelers are native Oregonians whose parents came across the plains more than a century ago.

Mrs. Wheeler is the former Emma Bond, daughter of Isaac and Hettie Bond. Mr. Wheeler was the son of Jedediah and Amanda (Walker) Wheeler. Both families came from Illinois and Indiana by wagon train in 1853 and settled in Lane County. Mrs. Wheeler was born in a log cabin at Irving. Mr. Wheeler was born at Jasper.

The couple was married December 15, 1886, at the Bond home at Irving. Maid of honor was Miss Dora Bond, cousin of the bride. Best man was the groom's brother, Halvor Wheeler.

The bride wore a dress of light brown, trimmed in gold velvet, which she had designed. Her corsage was of imitation orange blossoms. These same flowers have been carried by her daughters and granddaughters at their weddings.

Following the ceremony a bride's supper was held for the guests. For their wedding trip, the couple rode on the train from Irving to Goshen, where they were met by the groom's parents and taken by "hack" to their home at Pleasant Hill for an Indian "Infair."

The Wheelers lived in Cloverdale community and later on the Coast Fork. In 1911 they moved to their present farm home at Trent.

Eight children of the couple are Mrs. Bob (Lora) Baughman, Mrs. Elmer (Pearl) Hutton, Mrs. Harry (Vera) McAdams, Mrs. Frank (Hettie) Kimball, Mrs. Clayton (Bessie) Kimball, Mrs. Kime, Ernest and Chester Wheeler. There are 18 grandchildren, only one of whom, Mrs. Norman (Claudette Kime) Abeene lives here. One grandson, Lovyl Kimball, was killed in World War II. In addition there are 30 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The Wheelers have been active in church work. Mrs. Wheeler still teaches the same Sunday School class she has taught for many years. A recent count of former members of her primary class included several grandfathers.

Brownie Troop 168 Holds Investiture

Brownie Troop 168 had its investiture ceremony December 6 at the home of Mrs. Robert Woolcott, troop leader. Mrs. Woolcott read the Brownie story to the girls and they reenacted the scene in the woods.

The following girls received their pins: Linda Borges, Janece Heckman, Rita Herendeen, Daphne Ormsbee, Sharon Quigley, Gay Randall, and Jo Ann Woolcott.

Mrs. Woolcott's assistant is Mrs. Fay Herendeen. Troop committee cards were given to Mrs. James Quigley (transportation), Mrs. Robert Heckman (telephone), Mrs. Lawrence Ormsbee (program). Mrs. Jane Tapp and the girls' mothers attended the ceremony. Cookies were served.

MR. AND MRS. W. L. WHEELER, Oregon-born children of pioneers, have embarked on their 70th year of married life. They observed their 69th anniversary December 15 at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Claude Kime, Cottage Grove. A son, Ernest, also resides here. Above, the couple as they look today. Below they are shown in their wedding photo taken December 15, 1886, by Winter, early-day Eugene photographer.

Stardusters Elect Officers for Year

Stardusters Square Dance club has had a busy December. Next scheduled club dance is December 30 at the VFW hall, starting at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served and all square dancers are welcome to attend.

First official business meeting of the Stardusters was at the club dance December 16. Several items of business were taken care of and temporary officers, who have served during the past few months, were reelected for the coming year. They are: Glen Westfall, president; Donna Fitzgerald, secretary - treasurer; Donna Garman, publicity. Mr. and Mrs. Al Downs of the Boots and Calicos attended the club dance and Elsie Downs called a couple of dances during the evening.

The club's Christmas party and potluck dinner was held December 14 at the VFW hall, with the beginners class, Starduster club members and guests attending. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mode and Mr. and Mrs. Ariel Hubbard of the Umpqua Hillbillies.

The Stardusters were invited to the Hoedowners' Christmas party at Springfield and also to the Boots and Calico Christmas party at Winston, both December 17. The following Stardusters attended the Boots and Calico party: Mr. and Mrs. Dude Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. George Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gates, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Westfall.

The following attended a jamboree at Roseburg December 11 at which the Buckeroos dedicated their new square dance barn: Mr. and Mrs. "Fitz" Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weatherly, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph DeJarnett, Mr. and Mrs. Dude Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Westfall, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Maury Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Nickson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carson, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Garman. Dude Sibley was one of the callers during the afternoon.

December 9 the Stardusters held a workshop class for advanced square dancers at Dorena Grange hall. Several new dances were introduced to the dancers.

White OES Bible Presented Chapter

A white Bible with the Eastern Star insignia on the cover was presented Cottage Grove Chapter by the Past Matrons at the OES meeting December 15. The presentation was made by Mrs. Ina Godard.

Mrs. Elsa Hickok, member of the Grand Chapter laws and revision committee, Mrs. Margaret Lasater, Grand Representative of the Province of Manitoba for Oregon, and Mrs. Florence Walker, Rainbow mother, were escorted to the East and welcomed by the chapter.

During the business session an addenda was presented for Worthy Matron Genevieve Nelson and Worthy Patron Ray Nelson, who were presiding at their last meeting. They were given a gift by their officers.

Several talks were given by members who had visited other chapters. The hall was decorated to carry out the Christmas theme. Refreshments were served by a committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchel, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. William Moore.

Next meeting will be January 5, when the newly-installed officers will preside.

Rebekahs at First Dist. 33 Convention

Twenty members of Cottage Grove Rebekah Lodge 24 attended the first convention of the new District 33 at Marcola December 3. They were Mmes. Luella Thrush, Ida Taylor, Fleeta Bonnichsen, Eleanor Puderbaugh, Helen Ashbridge, Gladys Hatch, Florence Walker, Melvie St. Elmo, Rosie Lewis, Doris Stimson, Viola Booher, Edna Hilliker, Mildred Teich, Lorraine Miller, Myrtle Kent, Zula Hansen, Alice Conner, Irene Vertrees, Mabel Jackson, and Robert St. Elmo. Also going from here was Mrs. H. Christie of Dorena, a member of Unity Rebekah Lodge of Bay City.

Bert Hatch and Bill Vertrees joined the local group in the evening, when the latter gave a talk and showed pictures of his trip to New York and the United Nations, a project sponsored each year by IOOF and affiliated lodges.

The Cottage Grove High school student spoke Monday evening to the PTA at Elmira and at Eugene Tuesday evening for the Homecoming of Eugene IOOF and Rebekah lodges. Mr. and Mrs. Hatch accompanied him on these appearances.

The 1956 convention will be in Cottage Grove. New officers elected and installed for the next convention included these from Cottage Grove: Mrs. Gladys Hatch, chairman; Mrs. Luella Thrush, secretary; Mrs. Eleanor Puderbaugh, LSC. Springfield Juanita Rebekah lodge has invited the 1957 convention to that city.

Mrs. Hatch served at Marcola as vice chairman, Mrs. Archie Ashbridge as warden and Mrs. Puderbaugh as LSVC.

Retarded Children Board Adds Four

At the December meeting of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children, the following new board members were elected: Dr. Paul Simpson, C. E. Haterias, Dr. Carroll C. Roberts, and Mrs. Vernette Kilger. This enlarges the board of directors to 11 members.

Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened.—Winston Churchill

The man who wakes up to find himself famous has not been sleeping long.—John Newton Baker

Junior High Girl Scouts Plan Gala Holiday Dance

Girl Scouts will celebrate the holiday season with a gala holiday dance Thursday, December 29, at Willamalane Memorial Building, Springfield. Planned by the Junior High Planning Board, under leadership of Mrs. Charles Garrison, some 150 Girls Scouts who are in troops in junior high schools will dance at their "Record Hop," accompanied by their escorts.

Springfield troops 215 and 83 will be in charge of decorations, and Troop 197, Roosevelt, will be in charge of the punch. Each troop will take sandwiches and cookies for themselves and guests.

Members of the Junior High Planning Board, which consists of two representatives of each of the troops, are: Barbara Burke, Troop 193; Pearl Niesen, Troop 150; Nancy Christensen, Troop 195; Sharron Lee Henry and Sandra Lee Overton, Troop 83; Cookie Hill and Lacy Walker, Troop 8; Janice Dughman and Sandra Borgaard, Troop 146; Kay Williams and Emily Johnson, Troop 200; Gretchen Roecker and Molly Lesch, Troop 216; Sue Kroeger and Vickie Hamilton, Troop 159; Elaine Turte and Kathy Laird, Troop 197; Joyce Nevin and Elaine Gross, Troop 215, Springfield; Susan Sears and Sharron Cutts, Troop 82, Cottage Grove, and Virginia Hawn, Troop 195. Parents and troop leaders will serve as chaperones.

Jewel Pin Rite Conferred on Four

The Christmas party of Beta Zeta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority was December 14, at the home of Mrs. Naomi Witters. The party was formal and the Jewel Pin Ceremony was given for Mrs. Rosemary Young, Mrs. Barbara Martin, Mrs. Witters and Miss Dorris Arnest.

Secret Pals were revealed at the gift exchange and new names drawn for Secret Pals for the coming year. Mrs. Janet Macready was a guest. Hostesses for the party were Miss Della Gallo, Mrs. Myra Macready and Mrs. Verniece Nolt.

Next meeting of the sorority will be December 28 at the city library when Mrs. William E. Riley, Lane County home extension agent, will speak to the group.

Dinner Celebrates Birthdays of Two

Mrs. Charles Cooley entertained with a dinner December 14 for her husband, on his 80th birthday, and for their year-old granddaughter, Kelly Ann. Birthdays of the two are on the same day. Kelly Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooley Jr. of Eugene.

The dining table was decorated with yellow chrysanthemums. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cooley Jr. and their four children, Steven, Winifred Marie, Candace, and Kelly Ann, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Newton of London, parents of the younger Mrs. Cooley.

Women's Social Groups Have Traditional Christmas Events

Traditional Christmas dinner to which women of Research Study club invite their husbands as guests was held this year in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hill. Following the turkey dinner, which was served at tables decorated with lighted green and red candles, amusing games were played and white elephant gifts distributed from the lighted tree.

Attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. George Wickendoll, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Hagen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tryk, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Wicks, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Rose of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Coiner, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Shofstall, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Carl Smail, Miss Eunice Vandenburg, Miss Lena Zendron, and Mrs. Georg Bjorset.

Committee in charge of the dinner was composed of Mmes. Wickendoll, Wicks, Hagen, Martin and Miss Vandenburg.

Mrs. C. C. Curson, president, was hostess for M.P.G. club's Christmas party at her home. The green tree was decorated with deep rose balls. A large round coffee table covered with rose pink satin was the base for the tree, from which gifts were distributed following luncheon.

Mrs. W. C. Martin will be hostess for the club's first January meeting.

All 12 members were present for Tuesday Bridge club's party December 13 at the home of Mrs. Grace Metcalf on Parks Road. Buffet luncheon was served at one o'clock, with the gift exchange later.

Mrs. W. H. Daugherty will entertain the club January 10 at its first meeting in the new year.

Most recent was El Martes club's Christmas luncheon Tuesday at the home of Mrs. O. M. Bagley. The table was decorated in pink and gold, using laurel leaves sprayed with gold, pink fir boughs and gold and rose pink Christmas tree balls.

Women's social groups of Cottage Grove had their traditional Christmas parties or dinners in the past two weeks. Social Twelve, oldest of the social groups had a turkey dinner at the home of Mrs. Blanche Saunders December 8 followed by a gift exchange. Mrs. John VanNortwick, a former member now living at Chehalis, Wash., was present and acted as Santa Claus. She queried each women about what she had done during the year to deserve a gift from Santa Claus, and presented the gifts. Each member also told of Christmases in her experience. The dinner table was centered with a Nativity scene. About the house were Christmas wreaths, holly and other Christmas decorations.

Organized in 1911, Social Twelve is now nearly 45 years old. Mrs. N. E. Compton is the only living charter member.

Mrs. J. B. Leonard will be hostess for the club's January meeting.

There is no such way to attain to greater measure of grace as for a man to live up to the little grace he has. — James Gordon Brooks

Merry Christmas

As you light your Christmas candles, may you see in their cheerful glow the smiling faces of those nearest and dearest to you. May the joyous holiday season find you all in good health and good spirits . . . and leave you with a rich store of happy memories to brighten the year ahead.

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