

Golden Wedding Celebrated On Christmas Eve

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Swinney celebrated their golden wedding Christmas day, having been married at Bluff Dale, Texas, on December 24 in 1902. Their two daughters and all of their grandchildren except Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cardoza and two children of San Diego, were present for the occasion. The group held its Christmas dinner at the Grange hall in the afternoon, with friends calling from 4 o'clock on.

In the evening at the Grange hall, before a group of their relatives and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Swinney renewed the marriage vows they had taken fifty years earlier, with Rev. Matson Metcalf in charge of the service. Mrs. Metcalf sang "Because" and "Bless This House." The service was followed by the couple receiving the congratulations of all present, which was followed by the bride cutting the three-tiered wedding cake. There were many nice presents received by Mr. and Mrs. Swinney. Refreshments of wedding cake, coffee and sandwiches were served.

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Swinney, who were here with them for their fiftieth wedding anniversary, were their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John Souza and two children of Santa Cruz; Mr. and Mrs. Jewell B. Elmore of Willets, and grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pope and two children of Selma; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cayvell and three children of Selma; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cayvell of Selma, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Elmore and daughter of Brookings.

As Mr. and Mrs. Swinney missed having an old fashioned chirivari when they were married in Texas, a group of their friends went to their home Saturday night with cow bells and other noisemakers to make up for this omission. The group spent the evening in games and conversation until a late hour.

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PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN PYRAMID DISCOVERED IN EGYPT'S DESERT

At Saqqara on the edge of Egypt's vast desert a previously unknown pyramid has been discovered, one that is similar in architecture to the famous step pyramid of Zoser, the earliest known building made entirely of stone.

The step pyramids were built in ascending stages, according to officials of the National Geographic Society, each stage smaller than the last. Thus they differ considerably in outline from the smooth lines of the later, true pyramids. Archaeologists believe that the newly discovered structure was built for King Zoser's successor about 2700 B.C.

Routine exploratory pits were being dug in late 1951 when the discovery was made. Uncovered now is a vast terrace, 1,803 feet long and 558 feet wide, surrounded by remains of an enclosing wall. Only one section of the wall is perfectly preserved.

A pit dug in the exact center of the terrace uncovered three parallel leaning walls, about 30 feet high, in characteristic step-pyramid construction. Also included within the walls are piles of broken stone and masonry suggesting the temples and shrines that go to make up a pyramid complex.

When digging is resumed again this fall, an attempt will be made to determine the dimensions of the central structure and to locate the inner sanctum. Authorities say that superstition and fanciful tales that have grown up in connection with such structures will not cause them to swerve from uncovering this phase of Egypt's past.

Unfortunately, much damage has been done to many such structures by lime burners and builders who used the pyramids as convenient quarries. Many have disappeared and others lie still undiscovered in the desert sands.

Among the inquiries that come in regularly are many from people who believe that the interior angles and dimensions of the Great Pyramid of Cheops record history and foretell the future. This is a comparatively recent invention.

Similarly, the idea that the inner passages were oriented for observing the stars is hardly more likely, since the builders blocked the passages with hundreds of tons of stone. Some an-

cients thought the pyramids were the granaries of Joseph; others that they were built by wise men to escape Noah's flood.

The Roman author, Pliny, writing in the 1st century A.D., dismissed the pyramids as "idle and foolish exhibitions of royal wealth." But Cheops' Great Pyramid remains the oldest and only survivor of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

Fireman's Xmas Fund Short

The response to the sale of tickets to the fireman's dance on Christmas night fell far short of expectations. This yearly project engineered and arranged by the boys with Ed Thornton as energetic promoter, received less interest than in past years.

Ed is a busy man as well as recovering from a plane accident in which he was injured in the fall, and will go to San Francisco soon for special treatment.

The community tree and treat for the children is a subject very close to Ed's heart. He says all the effort is well repaid to him when he sees that glow on a small child's face as Santa Claus presents a bag of candy.

He hopes that funds will be provided each year for the tree and treat and that this community gathering will continue with carols and good will of the Christmas season enjoyed by everyone.

Weather Report

For two weeks ending Sunday.

Dec. 28.	Max.	Min.	Rain
Dec. 15	51	41	.12
Dec. 16	58	44
Dec. 17	55	42
Dec. 18	55	40	.14
Dec. 19	49	40	.34
Dec. 20	55	40	.10
Dec. 21	51	43	.28
Dec. 22	56	40	.06
Dec. 23	54	56	.07
Dec. 24	53	40	.10
Dec. 25	53	37	1.28
Dec. 26	53	38	.57
Dec. 27	50	40	.45
Dec. 28	52	36	.24

Total 3.75

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New Year Open House Introduced By Dutch

The custom of making short calls on New Year's Day was in full swing in the United States around the turn of the century.

Newspapers carried columns of "at home" notices specifying the hours during which visitors would be received. Hosts and hostesses having duly received, closed their open house to become guests at somebody else's.

"Open House" on New Year's Day was introduced into America by the Dutch who settled in New Amsterdam. Friends were accustomed to dropping in to offer the compliments of the day and refreshments centered around homemade snacks, plus the host's favorite concoction of punch.

The custom grew with the country, finally attaining the newspaper announced stage, with its eventual time-table and scurrying from one "open house" to another. It was inevitable that some guests, after a succession of nine or ten punch bowls, sometimes embarrassed their tenth or eleventh hostess; and receptions sometimes were "crashed" by total strangers.

How To Avoid Holiday Accidents

Practical counsel to guide automobile drivers during the New Year's celebration:

1. If you're going to a party where it's known there'll be drinking, leave your car at home and take a taxi.

2. Couples attending such parties should agree that one will stay in driving condition if the other "lets go."

3. The host should make the "one for the road" a cup of coffee with plenty of sugar to offset the effect of alcohol if he or she does tittle a little.

4. It's the responsibility of the host and hostess to see that no guest leaves the party unfit to drive and to serve plenty of food and coffee during the party.

5. Stay off the highway if possible when the revelers are likely to be on the road, whether you attend a party or not.

6. Don't drink if you're going to drive and don't drive if you've been drinking.

We urge the public not to drive while drinking. The foregoing practical suggestions have been issued for the benefit of drivers who will be attending parties, because of the increasing number of innocent victims of traffic accidents during the season of revelry. Those who don't drink while driving should be especially alert to vagaries of driving by others.

Mrs. Simmons Won Doll Given By Tots and Teens

Mrs. O. F. Simmons, who lives near Castle Rock at the state line, was agreeably surprised to find that she was the winner of the Essenbee doll, that sings and says her prayers, given by the Tots and Teens Toggery on Dec. 20. Mrs. Simmons, mother of Linda, age 4, Sheryl, 2½, and six months old Katherine, was so busy just before Christmas that she was not aware of the fact that the doll was hers to present to her three small girls and called at the store on Christmas eve to claim it.

Mrs. Simmons says this is the first time she ever won anything and her young daughters refer to the prize as "Mamma's doll" when they gaze upon it with sparkling eyes and stand enthralled when she sings and says her prayers.

Matot Will Retire

Because of ill health A. J. Matot is retiring from business. His successor will be F. E. (Bert) White, who will change the name of the electrical appliance and service store.

Mr. White was formerly with F. B. Connelly Co. of Portland. The electrical wiring department will be operated by W. W. McNabb and the sheet metal and heating department under the management of Glen Duncan.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr and Mrs. Earl Breuer and family returned Sunday after a fine day's visit and vacation trip to Sweet Home at the home of Mrs. Breuer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rawley Templeton.

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