

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES
BY Kathryn Hall Bogle

DAVID NERO was surrounded on his recent Labor Day weekend birthday (a biggie) bash by about 200 friends and some relatives who showered him with gifts for his birthday and for his newly purchased home in the suburban Northwest.

The house, low and sprawling over extensive grounds, is a comfortable haven for the businessman and his family of sons.

Guests at the informal, easy-going affair saw a half-dozen bedrooms, a glassed-in living room, Nero's home office, and they played pool in his billiard room. Some younger guests enjoyed the huge outdoor hot tub; others swam in the beautiful, shaded swimming pool. Several politicians took their dinner plates, loaded with exotic barbecued goat and other goodies, and ate under colorful umbrellas spread on an upper-story sun deck.

The five-car carport and paved turn-around made room for more tables and an orchestra for guests who danced to a variety of music under awnings erected for the occasion. A temporary outdoor bar took care of all liquid requests.

Other honored guests were David Nero's brother, Benjamin Nero, and his wife, Donita, from Gladwyne, Pa.



At David Nero party were (seated l-r) Derrick Nero, David Nero and (standing l-r) Donita Nero and Benjamin Nero. (Photo: K. Hall Bogle)

held during the Labor Day weekend.

Lois Irving, unit president of the hosting Portland chapter, and Wilson Smith, tournament chair, were all smiles, along with James A. Motin, the associate national director of the ABA, and George W. Johnson, of Charlotte, N.C., the ABA National president.

Accolades from within the officer group were bestowed upon Toddy Price of Seattle, the vice president of the northwestern section, for her outstanding service to the ABA. Ben Robinson of Portland was selected to give certificates and bouquets of roses to 10 people for their accomplishments. Among recipients were Edna Baskett, Martha Jordan and Fannie Chatman of Portland.

Dozens of prizes and trophies were awarded with Californians going away with the weightier balance, according to good-natured

Oregonians who vowed to change all that "next time around."

THE AUTUMN MARRIAGE of Zoe Ann Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, to Jesse William Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Price of Indianapolis, Indiana, was an event of Saturday, September 1st, at the Greater Mount Calvary Church of God in



Hosts for Labor Day barbecue, Mrs. Frances Johns and Henry Johns (center) with their guests. (Photo: K. Hall Bogle)

Christ in this city. The afternoon candlelight ceremony, conducted by The Rev. Daniel Hayes, drew many friends of the couple from distant parts of the country. They joined about 300 persons gathered to witness the couple's exchange of vows and rings before an altar decorated with tall baskets of golden gladioli and red carnations.

Mrs. Francis Price, mother of the bride groom, came from her Indianapolis home to be beside her son, as did Samuel Price who acted as best man for his brother, Arthur L. Wilson II, the brides brother, came from Honolulu to light altar candles and to perform other duties of the groomsmen. He was assisted by Dennis Hayes, Harold Griffith Jr. and Richard Johnson. The men all wore conventional black tuxedos, red cummerbunds and red carnation boutonieres. Music was by William Turner, organist and La Vonne Rice, vocal soloist. Karyl Faucette of Bellevue, Washington,

matron of honor, and bridesmaids Natalie Harris of Dallas, Texas, Kaye Webb of Raleigh, N. Carolina, and Evelin Hawkes of Salem were gowned alike in floor length black georgette skirts and white lace blouses styled with peplums. They wore scarlet ribbon streamers at the waist and carried arm bouquets of red roses.

On the arm of her father, Arthur Wilson, the statuesque bride, radiantly beautiful, came down the aisle in a stunning flame-red wedding gown. She carried an arm bouquet of mixed red and white flowers. Her gown, fashioned with a bodice of red lace with tight fitting long sleeves and a peplum, had a floor length skirt of red satin, sashed with red satin. A back panel fell into a short train. Her head dress was a frothy looping of red tulle that formed a shoulder length veil. Her slippers were red satin. White pearl button earrings were her only jewelry.

A fabulous reception at the Red Lion at Jantzen Beach followed the wedding ceremony. Guests feasted on iced crab claws, beef and turkey and toasted the health of the bride and bridegroom with champagne. Frank Daniels, grandfather of the bride, helped supervise the cutting

of the wedding cake, and then gave the newlyweds his blessing. An orchestra played for dancing.

The new Mrs. Price ends her career of several years in a supervisory position at the state capitol in the Oregon State Transportation Dept. The couple left Portland to make their home in Monmouth, Illinois, where Jesse Price is district manager of the Illinois Power Co.

FRANCES AND HENRY Johns entertained about 75 of their friends at a barbecue at their home on Labor Day. Prominent in lodge circles, the Johns' guest list drew many from Eastern Star and Masonic groups, although a few others were there to feast on the ribs and chicken, the numerous salads and the heavenly morsels called lemon squares, a specialty of the hostess. Cards and dancing were other diversions.

BILLED AS AN exciting event, the northwestern section of the American Bridge Association lived up to the expectation of some 150 to 200 people who came to Portland (from many parts of the nation) to play in the third annual tournament



Happy American Bridge Assoc. members (l-r) James A. Motin, Asso. National Director, Tacoma; Flora Cole, sect. N.W. section, Seattle; George Johnson, national pres. ABA, Charlotte N.C.; Toddy Price, vice pres. N.W. section, Seattle; Lois Irving, unit pres. Portland; Wilson Smith, tournament chair, Portland; Mrs. George Johnson, Charlotte, N.C.

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