

Pating-Hamilton wedding vows take place



by Kathryn Bogle

One thousand and one handmade paper cranes in varying shades of pink

cascaded from the trees at the summer wedding of Camille Hamilton and Dr. David Pating. In the Japanese tradition, the Oragami cranes signify happi-

ness and a long life of wedded bliss.

The bride, daughter of Judge H. J. Belmont Hamilton and his wife Midori Minamoto Hamilton, chose to be married in the lovely garden of her family's home in the suburb of West Linn. Her bridegroom, Dr. David Pating of Los Angeles, was accompanied to Portland by several members of his family, including his brother, Christopher John Pating of Glendora, California, who acted as best man.

The wedding was a culmination of a romance begun when Camille and David met at Stanford University where they were both undergraduates. After completing their work at Stanford, they continued their educations at UCLA where David became a medical student and Camille was a law student. Each had been graduated days before the wedding.

The bride's wedding attendants were schoolmates. The bride was gowned in white silk satin with full skirt and lace embroidered bodice fitted in empire styling and wrist length sleeves. Her headdress was of white satin flowers, holding in place a silken tulle cathedral length veiling which floated over the train of her wedding gown. She wore her mother's pearls and carried a bouquet of calla lilies and tiny mixed white flowers.

Bridesmaids Gail Johnson of Silver Springs, Maryland; Irene Khoo of Portland, and Patricia Martinez of Los Angeles wore identical pink satin afternoon-length frocks with low-cut, tight-fitting bodices and lace cap sleeves. A bit of pink satin fluffed with a ruffle of pink tulle made charming little Princess Eugenie hats. Satin slippers matched their gowns. The maid of honor was Louise Goldman of Hartford, Connecticut. Her gown was of the same design. Pink and white roses tied with pink and white ribbons made the bridesmaids' bouquets.

All of the bridegroom's attendants wore pearl gray suits with pink rose boutonnieres. Konrad Hamilton, brother of the bride, headed the attendants including Keyhan Farkhondey of San Jose, California, and David Whang of Toronto, Canada.

Double rings were exchanged and vows were said before Judge Mercedes Diez.

The bridal couple honeymooned in Ashland, Oregon, and in Hawaii. They will be at home in the fall in San Francisco where David will join the medical staff of Kaiser Hospital for his internship and Camille will be attached to the law firm of Bronson, Bronson and McKinnon.



Clara Peoples fills container with food for Northeast Community members.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Community Care powered by Peoples

by Robert Lothian

Clara Peoples stood on her back steps, directing traffic during her Saturday food giveaway program. Needy Northeast Portland residents, and others from as far away as St. Helens, filled bags with green beans, corn, carrots, cabbages, bread, hamburger buns, even peach sauce and macaroni salad.

Taking a newcomer by the hand,

Peoples said to one of 40 volunteers, "Mary, take care of this child; she doesn't understand this foolishness."

Community Care, directed by Peoples with the help of church and community volunteers, helps about 300 people each week with what Peoples calls "recycled food" — food donated by businesses, farmers, churches and community-minded neighbors.

During the summer, she said, the program operates out of People's

home at 1406 N.E. Ainsworth. Boxes of food fill the back and side yards, and the parking strip, which has been worn away by the crush of feet. A large van with carrots and cabbages pulled up and the produce was handed out the back. "The hog man" picks up the leftovers at the end of the day, she said. "They've all been served, God bless their hearts."

When the weather turns bad, the program shifts over to Bethel A.M.E. Church, 5828 N.E. 8th Ave., where Peoples is Pastor's Steward to Rev. Matthew A. Watley. "The officers, members and friends of the church stand behind this program," she said.

Peoples, who has served the community with her food programs for 22 years, said there are no requirements for receiving the food other than need. "Community Care doesn't check into their personal life or their personal business, we don't have time for that. We put food on the table, period." The program is an independent, volunteer effort, "and not a federal dollar in the middle," she said.

Peoples carries her "begging bag" for donations — the bag contained \$6 on a recent Saturday.

"Nobody is discriminated against here," Peoples said. All age groups participate. Spencer Tuggle, retired, said that "any little bit helps when you live on a limited income." Several children also stood in line. "See those children," said Peoples. "They're going to have full stomachs tonight, that's when I know we're doing something."

Peoples said that transients often stop in for a sack lunch so they can "stand up tall and keep moving."

Mary Brown, a volunteer with Community Care for seven years, recalled preparing a meal for several travelers who hadn't eaten in three days. "What they said was, may God bless you," said Brown, a member of Hughes Methodist Church.

Community Care needs help with food donations, volunteers, trucks and funds, said Peoples. Boxes, plastic buckets and plastic bags are needed now, she said. "We need community support, without it we can't survive. We need the state of Oregon's support for Albina's little old program, Community Care."

"This is nothing but love for the community," Peoples said. "Tomorrow's my birthday and my community, God bless their hearts, couldn't give me a better party."

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