



THE BEAUTIFUL little rural church at Oak Grove on Saturday evening, August 15, for the first time in almost half a century of service to the community, provided the scene for the wedding of a young lady whose earliest memories are associated with the activities it has sheltered.

Miss Olive Marietta Stevens, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Stevens, was given in marriage to Mr. Clifford F. Wells of Buena Vista, in the presence of a large circle of relatives and friends who motored to Oak Grove to witness the ceremony at 8 o'clock.

Bridal wreath, ferns and gladioli in shades of pink, with rose-colored candles, were effectively arranged in the decorating, making an ideal setting for the beautiful ring service used by the officiating clergyman, the Rev. J. G. Minton of Albany.

A group of love songs were beautifully rendered by Miss Alma Wells, sister of the groom, Miss Prather accompanying. "At Dawning" and "I Love You Truly" served as a signal for the entrance of the bridal party, and as the first strains of the wedding march by Lohengrin was sounded, the clergyman took his place before the altar.

Preceding the bridesmaid, Miss Ella Stevens, sister of the bride, came the dainty flower girl carrying a basket of pink and white rosebuds and half-blown roses; little Miss Genevieve Lee of Portland, cousin of the bride, having been chosen for the service.

Master Donald Wells, the groom's nephew, followed, bearing the wedding ring. The bride awaited at the altar by the groom and his best man, a cousin, Mr. Ray Grounds, entered upon the arm of her father, who, in the impressive ring service used, gave her happiness into the keeping of the man of her choice.

The beautiful and accomplished young bride was gowned in a white canton crepe creation, heavily beaded, and wore a filmy veil held by a wreath of orange buds, and carried a bouquet of water lilies and white phlox tied with bow and streamers of transparent tissue ribbons.

The bridesmaid wore a frock of rose pink crepe, with bouquet of harmonizing shades, and the flower girl was in a dainty organdy of shell pink.

The community hall, directly opposite the church, served for the reception, which immediately followed the ceremony, the bridesmaid, best man and parents of the contracting parties assisting in informally receiving.

A large table was required for the accommodation of the many handsome gifts of silver, china, fine needlework, cut glass, books, clocks, pictures, lamps, and other tokens of esteem in which these young people are held by relatives and friends from Portland, Albany and other distant points, as well as those from their immediate neighbors.

The dining room was a place of beauty, with its horseshoe arrangement of luncheon tables, which filled the spacious room charmingly with its gleaming linen, profusion of choice roses, and soft glow of lighted candles, rose-colored, in crystal candlesticks and its service of silver. At the curve of the horseshoe the bridal party was seated. The great bride's cake was artistically decorated in a jewelled effect, pink and white, and the bride was a vision of loveliness as she rose to assume her role of hostess, in the time-honored custom of dispensing hospitality to her guests.

The girl friends of the bride, the Misses Etta Wells, Joy Hills, Janice Fawk and Helen Lewis, who served the ices, and otherwise assisted the happy bride, were charming in their party frocks and contributed much to the enjoyment of the refreshment hour.

Near the close of the evening a party of the young ladies gathered for the throwing of the bride's bouquet, the legend being that she who catches the charmed blossoms is to be the succeeding bride. When tossed into the group,

two contested for ownership, a compromise being effected by a division of the blossoms. From a table near the inner hall Miss Maxine Lee, the bride's little cousin, in a taffeta gown of pastel blue, distributed packages of wedding cake to guests upon their departure.

The bride's going-away costume was a tulle of blue twill, with small white felt hat. A motor tour of the state, with stops at points of interest—Crater lake, the Marble caves, points in central Oregon, and the Columbia highway—will be enjoyed before Mr. and Mrs. Wells take a cottage at Newport.

The groom, prominent in the Buena Vista community, is admired for his many fine qualities, and his bride who has a record for high scholarship and for outstanding ability as an instructor, will receive a warm welcome upon her return to Newport, where she will join the teaching force of the public schools. Courses in English and in penmanship are her specialty.

The list of those bidden to the marriage follows: Messrs. and Mesdames George Wells, Orville Wells, Perry Wells, Marvin Wells, C. P. Wells, W. L. Wells, Rev. J. G. Minton, Will Bevin, Arthur Smith, Clyde Smith, Herbert Poppleton, Charles Huntley, Lynn Huntley, Irving Huntley, Leonard Frink, Albert Teal, F. G. Stevens, W. J. Stevens, Roy Lee, Otto Lystrop, O. B. Harriman, S. W. Allen, J. E. Allen, James Allen, Ross Evans, Thaddeus Stevens, A. W. Bartlett, S. L. White, Guy Vaughan, Mrs. Mary Riley, and the Misses Mabel Stevens, Etta Wells, Alma Wells, Etta Wells, Joy Hills, Janice Fawk, Helen Lewis, Katherine Poppleton, Mabel Teal, Lois Stevens, Maxine Lee, Genevieve Lee, Evelyn Lystrop, Ireen Lystrop, Nona Harriman, Shirley Harriman, Emily Evans, Viera Vaughan; and the Messrs. Lorenzo Allen, Joseph Allen, Ivan Allen, Arthur Allen, Arthur Allen, Verne Allen, Emily Stevens, Frank Stevens, Allen Stevens, Peter Hansen, Willard Bartlett, Ruthven Poppleton, Ray Grounds, Amos Wells, Donald Wells and Kenneth Vaughan.

Miss Ruth Kitchen was the inspiration for a delightful birthday surprise party on Monday evening, August 17, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kitchen.

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