

### Golden Wedding Anniversary Observed by C. R. Brockerts

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brockert celebrated their golden wedding at their home in The Dalles Wednesday, February 21.

Their six children were present for the occasion: Mrs. W. L. Hull of Vancouver, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Brockert of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Brockert of Moro, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brockert of Klondike, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartmann of Wasco and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Balzer of Grass Valley.

A buffet dinner was served from a lace-covered table with centerpieces of daffodils, acacia and fern flanked by white candles. Mrs. H. H. White of Wasco and Mrs. A. C. Vandiver of The Dalles poured and Mrs. A. F. Balzer of Grass Valley served the three-tiered wedding cake which had been cut by the bride and groom of fifty years. Mr. and Mrs. Brockert were married Feb. 21, 1895, in Alexandria, Nebraska.

A number of friends and neighbors called during the afternoon to wish them well.

Miss Doris Anderson received her call for nurse duty in the army and left Friday to report at Fort Lewis on February 18. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, went as far as Vancouver, Wash., with her.

Don't forget the Card Party sponsored by the Grass Valley Rebekah social club at the IOOF hall Saturday night, February 24.

Mrs. Edison Sutherland arrived here Wednesday from Richland, Wn., to spend a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Art Bibby, and family. She returned to her home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer took her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brockert, to their home in The Dalles Thursday after several days here with them. Mrs. Melvin Balzer also accompanied them to The Dalles leaving for her home in Hayward, Calif., after spending several weeks visiting at the Balzer home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Negroni went to The Dalles Wednesday on business. Mrs. Newcomb was an overnight guest at the home of Mrs. Etha Schilling, returning home Thursday evening. Mrs. Roy Baker came from The Dalles that evening to spend a few days here with Mr. Baker.

Friends charivariated Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Balzer at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer, Thursday night. The evening was spent playing cards after which refreshments were served.

Mrs. Paul Wilson and children of Moro spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap.

Wayne Kelley came up from Stockton, Calif., to spend several weeks here with his family.

Mrs. Alfred Kock was a business visitor in The Dalles Tuesday.

Gordon Lemley came home Sunday from San Francisco, Calif., to spend a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Arnold arrived here from Pendleton Monday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike, returning to their home Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Perrigo was a business visitor in The Dalles a day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith, Mrs. Heppner's request for 10 new family dwellings has been granted by the National Housing Agency.

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### VALENTINE PARTY AT TIDWELL HOME

Mrs. William Tidwell gave a Valentine birthday party February 10 in honor of her daughter, Joanna. Refreshments were served and games were played.

The guest list included David Dunn, Lois Ann Everett, Mary Wallace, Sam Salter, Mary Tidwell, Pat Salter, Ivan Kirkie, Janice McIntyre, Carmen Lee Royce, Milton Fridley, Susette Tidwell, Eyerett Royce, Ronnie Benson and the honored guest, Mothers present were Mrs. Norma Everett, Mrs. Esther Royce, Mrs. Sara Tidwell and Mrs. Harry Benson of Moro.

Miss Grace Cooley of The Dalles spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley, who took her back to The Dalles Sunday.

Miss Violet Parkhurst left Monday for her home in Roseburg after spending four months at the home of Mrs. Helen Bayer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer took their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Balzer to Portland Friday returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker returned to their home in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Gibson and Mrs. and Mrs. C. H. Augree left Monday for the Gibson home in Madras after spending some time at the Bert Cox home.

Dance at Grass Valley Mar. 3 17

### Many Clubs Met at Wasco During Week

The Friday Study club met at the home of Rosalie White February 16. An interesting report was given on the book, "The Rest of Our Life," by Cherie, by Mrs. L. P. Haven.

The Junior Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. H. A. White, February 14. A lovely luncheon and delightful afternoon was enjoyed. Virginia McIntyre won high prize.

The Standard Bearers met at the parsonage Tuesday. A St. Patrick's party was planned for March 13.

The W. S. C. S. met at the home of Marcella Hilderbrand Wednesday.

Mrs. Melvin Walsh returned Saturday from Portland where she had been nursing her sister-in-law.

Mrs. Norman Gochsauer was a week-end visitor in Portland.

The senior party, which was to have been presented in March, has been cancelled.

Gordon Hilderbrand has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patey returned Monday to their home in Beilingham, Wn., after a visit at the home of their daughter, Mrs. L. P. Haven.

Mrs. Augusta Hockin is visiting friends in Olympia.

Walter Blau of Portland was a recent visitor in Wasco.

Mrs. Lydia Darby returned from Portland Sunday. She had been visiting her son, Wayne, and daughter, Mrs. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Zell returned from Portland Sunday.

Mrs. Estelle B. Hailey is visiting in Portland.

Between the time of this conversation and three o'clock, Giuseppe told several people about this amazing flexibility on the part of the Major. And therefore when it came time for them to go down to the port looking for old Tommasino, quite a large crowd had gathered in front of the Palazzo, and the crowd followed the Major and Giuseppe as they walked.

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"The Major will be very angry if you do not stop right here."

"You have come to arrest me because I refused to go and see the American Major," the morose man said.

"That is not true," the Major said. "Then why have you brought this informer, Ribaldo Giuseppe, who asked me to go see the American Major, and to whom I refused?"

"I am the American Major, Tommasino."

"Tommasino did not bat an eye. 'Why have you brought this crowd, if you were not planning to arrest me?'"

"I didn't bring it, Tommasino, it just came. I don't want the crowd any more than you do. I just want to talk with you about fishing."

"I do not believe it," the morose man said. "All men of authority are alike. You came to arrest me, or perhaps to shoot me."

"I beg you to believe me," the Major said.

Giuseppe whistled to himself and ran back to the crowd. "It is amazing," he said impressively. "The Major said to Tommasino: 'I beg you to believe me.'"

"Beg," said the people in the front of the crowd. "Amazing."

"There has never been such a begging," others said. "The Mister Major is willing to be a beggar to this Tommasino."

"What did he say?" shouted people in the back of the crowd.

"He said: 'I beg you, Tommasino,'" shouted people in the front of the crowd.

"Amazing," shouted the ones in back.

Giuseppe ran back out onto the mole.

The Major was saying: "It is this, Tommasino: I want you and the others to start fishing again."

"Why?" said the morose Tommasino. "So we can line the pockets of the authorities?"

"No, Tommasino, so that you can line the stomachs of the people of Adano."

"Hah," said Tommasino bitterly, "a benevolent man of authority."

"Tommasino, you don't understand. The Americans are different from the Fascists."

"Hah," said Tommasino. "I have heard that before. The Mayor Crappa said he was going to be different from the Mayor Martoglio, and the Mayor Nasta after him said he was going to be different from the Mayor Crappa. The only difference was that the tribute and the protection money and the taxes got higher each time. How much protection money do you want, American?"

"You have the wrong idea, Tommasino."

"Hah," said the morose Tommasino. "I am an old man, American. I have seen men of authority come and go. I don't believe that you are any different from all the others."

Here Major Joppolo got angry. "Old fisherman," he said, "you will have to understand something. The people of Adano are hungry. They must have fish. Do you get that through your thick skull?"

Giuseppe ran back to the crowd. "It is wonderful," he said. "The Mister Major said: 'The people of Adano are hungry. They must have fish.'"

The people in front repeated this and then shouted at the top of their voices: "Live the Mister Major! Live the Mister Major!"

The people in back shouted: "What did he say?"

The people in front shouted: "He thinks we ought to have fish for our hunger!"

The whole crowd shouted then: "Live the Mister Major!"

Tommasino on the boat heard this, and it made him suspicious. "Why have you hired these people to come and leer at me? No, I will not go fishing."

### ARMED FORCES NEED CANNED POULTRY

Army needs for canned chicken and turkey—for use in hospitals, army field rations and for shipment overseas—is the reason behind the War Food Administration order requiring all poultry canned after Feb. 14, to be set aside for the armed forces. This means no more canned turkey or chicken—including chicken soup, chicken a la king, etc., for Mrs. America until the order is lifted.

Giuseppe passed on the Major's request, but the people just laughed at him. "Now?" they said. "You are crazy, interpreter. Speaking two languages has made you crazy."

Giuseppe shouted to the Major: "I'm a can't do nothing, a boss."

So the Major said to Tommasino: "Wait for me, Tommasino. I will show you that I mean well toward you."

And he jumped down on the mole and went to the crowd.

"Do you want fish?" he asked the crowd.

"Yes!" the people shouted.

"Then you must go home," the Major said. "It is not easy to persuade Tommasino to go fishing. You must choose between this stupid gaping and having fish."

The crowd chose. Watching this unprecedented conversation and getting bulletins on it from Giuseppe was immediate, it was now. Eating fish was future and uncertain at best. The crowd chose staying to watch.

When he saw that he could not argue them into going home, Major Joppolo said to Giuseppe: "Where is the nearest telephone?"

Giuseppe said: "I guess she's in a Port a Captain's office, I show a you."

Continued Next Week

### From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



### Trophies of a Happy Marriage

The Cuppers are about the happiest married couple in our town. Comfortable off, too, after Dee's fifty years of honest work. But their two most prized possessions are an old beer mug and an 1890 Floradora hat.

When they were first married, Dee allows he couldn't stand the hat; while Jane turned her nose up (privately) at Dee's fondness for a friendly glass of beer from time to time. But each figured it was the other's right... so they lived and let live.

And as time went by, they realized that the hat and mug had become important symbols in their marriage—symbols of respect for each other's rights and differences of opinion.

From where I sit, a lot of marriages would be happier if there were more such-looking hats and old beer mugs in the background. Tommasino is a mighty good foundation for living happily together.

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