



MR. AND MRS. HENRY BAKER of Ione cut the first piece of anniversary cake at a reception honoring them on their 50th anniversary at Valby Lutheran church November 13.

Bakers Are Honored On 50th Anniversary At Valby Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker of Ione were honored on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception November 13, given by their children at Valby Lutheran church. They have resided in the Ione community for the past 42 years.

The Bakers were united in marriage at the bride's home in Gustavus, Ohio, on November 18, 1917. They came west in 1919 to Walla Walla, Wash. In 1925 they moved to Ione to their present farm home, where they have since resided.

All of their five children were present for the reception. Included are David Baker of Ione, Merle Baker of Portland, Clarence Baker of Heppner, Betty Orton of Woodburn and Helen Schlessner of Pendleton. They are grandparents to 22 grandchildren and one great-grandson. All of these were present, except five grandchildren.

Other out-of-town relatives present were Mrs. Baker's two brothers, Mr. Baker's four sisters and three brothers, plus numerous nieces and nephews.

A family reunion was held at the Baker home following the reception. Ladies' Missionary Society of the Valby church served as hostesses, taking care of arrangements and serving during the reception hours. A beautiful white three-tiered anniversary cake, decorated with gold flowers, was topped with the numerals "50" in gold. Gold ribbon streamers extended to 22 grandchildren surrounding it.

The happy couple received many good wishes and congratulations from the large gathering of friends and relatives who attended. During their years together, they have been very active in church and community affairs.

Wedding of Niece Attended by Couple During Portland Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles traveled to Portland December 8, for a combined business and pleasure trip and to attend the wedding of Ruggles' niece, Miss Leona Ruggles, to Clifford Thomas Alexander, Jr.

The wedding was held at 7:30 Friday evening in the Valley Community Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles also attended the reception following the ceremony.

On Saturday Ruggles bowled in the state finals of the Bowl Down Cancer tournament at Kelllogg Bowl in Milwaukee. At last report, he had placed sixth in the state competition, but final tabulations are yet to be reported.

Saturday evening, the couple attended the Holiday on Ice show at Memorial Coliseum. They returned home Sunday, December 10.

Pinochle Club Plays At Keithley Home

A Christmas season card party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Keithley on Saturday evening, December 9.

Those present to enjoy the two tables of pinochle in play were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Elwayne Bergstrom and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Keithley.

Men's high and the traveling pinochle prize was won by Elwayne Bergstrom and Mrs. Lyle Jensen held high for the women.

Guests were served refreshments of pumpkin pie and coffee.

Reception to Honor John Wagenblasts

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wagenblast in Lexington will be the scene of a reception which will honor their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Wagenblast, on Sunday afternoon, December 17, between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.

The young college couple was married September 17, and are presently enrolled at Oregon State University. A special invitation is extended their classmates in the Heppner and Pendleton areas to attend, as well as other friends and relatives of the family.

Sunday Reception To Honor Wrights

A cordial invitation is extended friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Orian Wright to attend a reception which will honor them on their 50th wedding anniversary, on Sunday afternoon, December 17.

Friends and relatives in the surrounding areas are invited to come to the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert (Junior) Wright in the Ruggs area between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 p.m., and extend greetings to the honored couple.

Club Entertained At Schwarz Home

Mrs. Len Ray Schwarz entertained members of her pinochle club on Friday evening, December 8, at her home.

Holding high score at the end of play was Mrs. Joe Balfie; second high, Mrs. Dick Robison; low, Mrs. Pat Hammond, and traveling pinochle, Mrs. Bob Laughlin.

Other members present were Mrs. Merlin Hughes, Mrs. Dan Brosnan, Mrs. Jim Follensbee, and the hostess, Mrs. Schwarz.

Candlelight Service Unites Boardman Couple in Marriage

BOARDMAN—Miss Elrene DeAnne Wear, daughter of Darrol Dean Wear of Boardman and Anne Hudson Wear of Portland, became the bride of Kurt Henry Gantenbein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gantenbein of Boardman, in a 2 p.m. double ring ceremony Saturday, November 25, at the Boardman Community church. The candlelight service was performed by the Rev. Henry Warber of Mesa, Wash., uncle of the groom.

Mrs. Wayne Kuhn sang "Because" and "True Love," accompanied by Mrs. Albert Partlow, who also played the nuptial music.

The bride, given in marriage by her father wore a floor length sheath gown, in white lace over crepe. It was fashioned with a high neckline and long sleeves. Her nine foot veil was held in place by a large white rose, and attached were two blusher veils. She carried a bouquet of Jack Frost roses and stephanotis, and wore the traditional blue garter.

Miss Karrol Wear was her sister's maid of honor and wore a floor length olive green sheath gown, fashioned with Empire waist and long sleeves, with lace overlay on the bodice. She carried roses and stephanotis, and had a green velvet ribbon headpiece.

Bill Getz of The Dalles was best man, and Tony Branco of Arcata, Calif., brother-in-law of the groom, was usher.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the church. The cake was served by Mrs. George Neely. Mrs. Arnold Classen poured the coffee, and Mrs. Tony Branco, sister of the groom, was at the punch bowl. Mary Wear, sister of the bride, had the guest book.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Wear wore a green knit wool suit with brown accessories. The groom's mother chose a rust colored sheath dress with black accessories. Both had corsages of white ranunculus.

For going away the bride changed to an olive green wool dress with green shoes and bag. Her corsage was of white roses and stephanotis.

The bride is a 1966 graduate of Riverside High school and attended Blue Mountain College. For the past several months she has been employed at Meier & Frank Co. in Portland. The groom is a 1960 graduate of Riverside High school, and is a member of the National Guard. He received six months army training with the guard. After a short trip they are living in Boardman where the groom is in the dairy business with his father.

Out of town guests included the groom's uncles and aunts, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schmuck of Neman, Alaska; Rev. and Mrs. Henry Warber of Mesa, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoffman of Camas, Wash.; Mrs. Marie Haneberg of Estacada; his grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Gantenbein, and his uncle Andrew Gantenbein, of Gresham; and his cousins, Sandy Haneberg of Monmouth, Janice Haneberg of Bellingham, Wash., and Marie and Jerry Schmuck of Portland.

Conventions Call Venards to Valley

Mr. and Mrs. John Venard attended the 40th annual Oregon Wheat League convention held at the Sheraton Hotel in Portland the week-end of November 30.

Venard then attended informative sessions on banking in Cottage Grove from December 4 through 7. Mrs. Venard traveled on to visit in Grants Pass and then on to visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Knokey in Medford.

The Venards returned home Friday, December 8.

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MR. AND MRS. KURT HENRY GANTENBEIN (Lyons Photo)

Group Makes Plans For Coming Dinner

Members of the Heppner Jayceettes will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, December 14, at the home of Mrs. Lyle Jensen. Time of the meeting will be 8 p.m.

Plans will be made for a progressive dinner to be held Saturday, December 16, and election of new officers will be held. It is announced by Mrs. Jerry Hollomon, president.

All members are urged to attend this meeting.

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Bride-elect Feted At Shower Prior To Friday Wedding

Miss Kathy Coppock of Portland was greeted by friends Sunday afternoon, December 3, at a bridal shower given in her honor with Mrs. Matt Hughes, Mrs. Terrell Bengel, Mrs. Vivian Hayes, Mrs. LeRoy Gardner, and Mrs. Jack VanWinkle as hostesses.

The shower was held at the Hughes home and was attended by about 37 guests.

Festive holiday decorations in shades of green were used about the rooms, and the refreshment table was centered with a honeycomb bride doll.

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Grade School Musicians Instill Spirit of Christmas

Audience of the Heppner Elementary school Christmas program Monday evening was moved swiftly into the real spirit of Christmas as a capacity crowd enjoyed the merry voices of children singing together and playing of band numbers appropriate to the Christmas season.

Children in grades five through eight presented an accomplished musical program. Songs of the chorus and small groups carried out the theme, "Christmas is So Many Things", under the direction of Mrs. Ola Mae Grosheens.

Tinkling bells, played by Tami Meador, Dianna Wright and Shery Kemp, added background to the opening four-part round, "I Love to Hear the Christmas Bells". A greeting song, "Heigh-ho Heppner People Here" was used as a welcome and entrance song for the chorus. Serving as narrators to introduce several of the numbers were Benham Malcom and Jeff Marshall.

Familiar Christmas carols, dressed up in new arrangements, included "Silent Night", "What Child is This?", "O Holy Night", "We Three Kings", "Joy to the World" and "Jingle Bells". Several individual students were featured as soloists and in small groups.

Drawing enthusiastic applause were seven boys who joined in harmony in a humorous arrangement of "Down at the Barber Shop". Taking part as barbers and customers were Greg Davidson, Barry Munkers, Luke Padberg, Ricky Pettyjohn, Charley Sumner, John Myers and Gary Hunt. Verses of the number, "We Three Kings" were sung by John Roark, Jim Marquardt, John Luciani, Ray Carrutt, Mike Warren, Joe Kenny and Kelwayne Haguewood.

Second part of the program was a group of three well playing numbers by the fifth grade beginner's band, directed by Arnie Hedman. This was followed by a variety of five waltz and march numbers by the sixth grade band, which displayed confidence and good control of instruments.

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Finale of the evening was a group of four stirring band numbers by the seventh and eighth grade intermediate band. Full balance of instruments provided a good presentation of the numbers, which closed with the familiar "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," arranged by Herfurth.

The program was presented to parents and adult friends in the multipurpose room Monday night. Children of the school had heard the program earlier, and was presented to high school students Monday morning.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients who were admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital during the past week, and are still receiving medical care, are the following: A. C. Crowell, Ione; Florence Nolan, Heppner; Martin Riggins, Spray; Vern Fisher, Spray, and Marjorie Wilcoxon, Heppner.

Those who received medical care, and were later dismissed, were the following: Dolores Ayers, Heppner; Dean Wimer, Kinzua, and Darrell Smith, Condon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFadden, Heppner, are announcing the birth of their first child, a daughter, born Thursday, December 7. She has been named Billi Jo, and at birth weighed 7 lb., 3 1/2 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howell, Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nichols, Ione.

Auto Hits Cow

Jim Sherman, 17, Heppner High school senior, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, escaped unhurt Friday night after his car struck and killed a cow on the Heppner-Pilot Rock highway near the John Hanna place. He was returning to Heppner after taking a friend home following the basketball game here. The car skidded on wet pavement when he applied the brakes, and it spun around the highway, following the impact. Front of the car was badly damaged in the accident. The cow and other cattle, owned by Don Bennett, had apparently broken out of their pasture. An unusual number of accidents have been reported recently, too, of cars hitting deer, emphasizing the need for particular care in night driving.

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