

Dicks' 40th wedding anniversary reception also a family reunion

Ed and Rachel Dick celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary during Christmas vacation in Portland because, for the first time in nearly eight years, four Forsythe generations could be together.

Although it made the attendance of friends more difficult, the Dick children, out of necessity, selected Erin and Jim Clem's home as the best central location for relatives.

Also hosting were Stuart and Julie Dick, Milwaukie; Ladd Dick, Whidbey Island, Wash.; Kevin and Jana Dick, Sweet Home; and their grandmother, Edna Forsythe, Otis, Ore.

In recent years, their cousin, Lynn Forsythe, and his wife, Karen, have been in The Netherlands. They arrived in Oregon on the day of the

reception for a short visit before going to Texas. There, Karen will serve another year in the Air Force. Lynn is no longer with the Air Force.

At previous gatherings, Lynn, Ladd, or Stuart have been far away. Ladd has been with the Navy since 1974. In 1973 Stuart traveled far south on this continent, then across the Pacific. He and Julie, of Australia, and her little daughter, Alissa came to Heppner in March, 1976. They were married shortly after at Lake Penland.

In the '40s both Forsythe and Dick families lived in Morrow County. Only Ed and Rachel Dick still live here.

Rachel's parents, Ben and Edna Forsythe, left home in the late 1940s for Hood River County. There Ben finished his administration and teach-

ing under George Corwin, who had also been here. The Forsythes retired in Rydewood, Wash. Mr. Forsythe died in 1966. Eight years later, Mrs. Forsythe moved near her son's home, near Lincoln City.

After serving in the air force, Jack started the air base, gave flying lessons, and had a flight service at Lexington. He also began working as a lumber salesman, and moved to Portland at about the time of the Korean War. He stayed in the reserve and became commander of the base in Portland.

When the war with Vietnam occurred, he went back to full service. He was at Scott AFB when his wife, Erma, died. He finished his service at Travis, AFB, Sacramento, and retired as a colonel. He then married

Ruth Lepschat, who is still in the Air Force Reserve. She is a colonel in charge of nurses.

His daughter, Nancy, is married to Stanley Usinger. They live in Sweet Home and have two children.

Erin Dick taught at Mt. Vernon and met Jim Clem while attending summer school in Reno. They were married in 1973. In 1975 they bought a small grocery store on 2nd Street from Kemp and June Dick. It is close to the Clem's home on Flavel Street. Kemp and June live in Gresham. For a long time he has worked for Reynolds Aluminum in Troutdale.

Also at the reception were Jim Clem's mother, Dorothy, from Reno and one of Mrs. Forsythe's cousins, Kirby Austin, from Corvallis. His wife was county extension

agent in Hood County when Forsythes lived there.

Other welcome guests included Bill and Shirley Blake of Milwaukie, Wayne and Glenn Snyder of Pendleton, and Peggy O'Donnell of Eugene. She had two of her three sons at the reception, Shawn and Pat.

Ed and Rachel's oldest grandchildren, Lane and Lori from Benton City, Wash., came to Heppner on Christmas Day with their father, Ladd. Erin and Jim have sons four and two years old, Jimmie and Joey. Stuart and Julie have daughters Alissa and Tarvn, who is also now four. Kevin and Jana have Janelle, born in May.

Ed and Rachel were married at her parents' home in Ashland on Dec. 22, 1940. She taught at Camas Valley before

coming to Heppner, where she taught three more years, and one at Lone after her marriage. She also taught from 1963 to 1970 at Heppner High and from 1970 to 1978 at Heppner Elementary at the first grade level.

Ed worked with his father at the Standard Oil plant here with the exception of his stint in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946. Then he bought his father's business and ran it until 1975.

At both the wedding and anniversary reception, Rachel wore a blue dress.

In addition to the celebration, their children gave the Dicks a happy anniversary tray which reads "Congratulations, Mom and Dad: 40 Wonderful Years, Your loving children."

A large cake, enjoyed for its appearance as well as for its flavor, was decorated with a drawing by Stuart. It showed the two family cabins, the old Madison Schoolhouse and the newer one at Lake Penland. It also had small icing sketches of the members of the family.

Engagement



Mortimore—Campbell

Mr. and Mrs. Arlet Campbell would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Jean to Roger F. Mortimore, son of Richard Mortimore of Madras.

Andrea is a 1978 graduate of Wheeler High, Fossil, and is employed by Gardner's Men's Wear in Heppner. Roger is a 1977 graduate of Wheeler High and is employed by Evans Land and Cattle Co., Heppner.

September 12, 1981, is the date set for the wedding.

Gathering around hearth may be broken by fire

In scores of American households this winter, the snug atmosphere around the family's wood-burning stove will be broken by a thundering roar, a shaking, red-hot stove pipe and immediate danger to family and belongings.

A chimney fire. It usually results from the build up of a sooty substance called creosote inside the chimney. "When a chimney fire occurs, three actions are crucial," advised Donald Mann, fire safety engineer for Aetna Life & Casualty. "Call the fire department. Close all air inlets and dampers. And don't throw water on a hot stove. That could crack the stove and cause a second fire."

Chimney fires, according to Mann, are only one of the risks of using or installing a wood-burning stove improperly. "There are a lot of mistakes the inexperienced stove owner can make," Mann said. "Like disposing of ashes in paper bags, or other combustible containers, putting your stove on an unprotected wood floor, using a stove pipe that's too small or cheaply constructed—those things might not cause a fire right away, but they probably will eventually. The risk is serious."

According to the National Fire Data Center, heating systems burning solid fuel (wood or coal), are associated with about 49,000 home fires each year, involving about 250 fatalities, 290 serious injuries

and more than \$110 million in direct property losses each year.

If you have a wood-burning stove—or are thinking about buying one—it's essential to consider proper installation. Check with local building authorities before putting in your stove, even if this is not required in your town. You will probably get cost and time-saving advice on materials, space requirements, suppliers and workmanship. And arrange for an inspection after your stove is installed.

Mann emphasized that stove owners should follow installation instructions to the letter. "Above all, don't try to short-cut the manufacturer's directions, don't skimp on clearances from walls and floors, and don't count on word of mouth advice from other stove owners." Covering a wall with aluminum foil, for example, does NOT make it non-combustible.

Making the Stove Pipe a Good Connection

Stove owners should follow detailed instructions, available from the manufacturer or retailer, to be sure that stove pipe dimensions and materials are adequate. Ordinarily, Mann explained, the pipe should not pass through a wall or ceiling. "If you must go through a combustible wall, you'll have to allow an 18 inch clearance all around the pipe. Or, you can use a section of approved factory-built chim-

ney." As for hooking the stove pipe to a masonry chimney, you'll need to extend the connector through the masonry wall of the chimney to the inner face of the flue liner (not beyond), and cement it to the masonry. It's important to use high-temperature cement.

Remember that every stove needs a damper or draft regulator to help control combustion. If yours is automatic, be sure it's installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The Chimney

Your chimney should be inspected before installing your stove and annually thereafter. If you are buying a factory-built chimney, be sure it has recognized testing laboratory approval. If you are connecting to an existing fireplace chimney, you must seal off the chimney below the stove pipe's point of entry to prevent toxic gases from coming into the room. Mann added that it's dangerous to connect more than one heating device to a single flue.

As for chimney maintenance, remember that creosote residue accumulates on a relatively cool chimney lining and, when ignited, causes an extremely dangerous fire. To prevent creosote build-up, maintain a moderate fire—hot enough to prevent a cool flue liner, but not so hot that it

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