

SOCIETY and CLUB NEWS of the WEEK

By OLIVE STARCHER

Helen Chirgwin Married Sunday At Local Church

One of the season's large weddings occurred last Sunday, Dec. 19, at the First Methodist church here when Miss Helen Chirgwin became the bride of William Ray Thomas, Salem. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Chirgwin of Route 2, Medford, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Thomas of Salem.

The beautiful ring ceremony of the Methodist church was performed at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon by Dr. Louis Kirby in a setting of tall baskets of white flowers, ferns and lighted tapers. The service opened with two solos by Miss Mary Anne Gates, "O Promise Me" and "It Is for You," with Doris Condit Lantz at the console of the organ.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage, and to the music of the Lohengrin wedding march. Her gown was of white satin fashioned with full length train and veil and fitted bodice. Seed pearls trimmed the bodice neckline and the coronet which held the veil. The bridal bouquet was of white chrysanthemums centered with a violet tinted orchid.

Attending Miss Chirgwin was Mrs. Philip Whitaker in a floor length gown of dusty pink. She carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations and wore a headpiece of the same flowers.

The groom was attended by Sgt. Philip Whitaker and ushers were Allan Perry and David Chirgwin.

Mrs. Chirgwin chose for her daughter's wedding a pastel aqua dress with black hat and black accessories worn with a gardenia corsage. Mrs. Thomas wore an orchid gown with black accessories and her corsage was also of gardenias.

A reception followed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Hedges, 836 East Main St., where about 45 friends and relatives gathered to greet the bride and groom. Mrs. A. T. Lathrop presided, presiding at a table beautifully appointed and centered with an arrangement of pink and white snapdragons. The wedding cake was cut first by the bride and groom with Mrs. Evelyn Akers, sister of the groom, finishing the cutting. Assisting about the rooms were Mrs. Ed Leach, Mrs. C. H. Beery, Mrs. Bernice Kunzman and Mrs. Jimmy Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas left Sunday evening for a brief wedding trip south and will return to Medford Christmas Eve to spend several days with Mrs. Thomas' parents and brother. They will be at home after Jan. 1 at 906 Park St., Lebanon, Ore., where Mr. Thomas is a member of the law firm of Morley and Thomas. Mrs. Thomas is well known in the valley, having been born in Medford and resided here all her life. She graduated from Medford senior high school and then from Willamette University at Salem and since that time has been employed in the city library at Salem. Mr. Thomas attended the Salem schools and graduated from Willamette University and Willamette Law School. Both are members of Alpha Kappa Nu, national scholastic honor society, and Mrs. Thomas in her senior year at the university was chosen Senior French Scholar. The groom is also a member of Delta Theta Phi, legal fraternity, of Blue Key, men's honor group, and Tau Kappa Alpha, speech fraternity.

Women's Relief Corps Has Yuletide Party

Members of Chester A. Arthur corps, Women's Relief Corps, held the yearly Christmas party following the regular meeting at the armory Thursday, Dec. 16. There was an exchange of gifts and refreshments were served. Thirteen women were present for the enjoyable affair.

Married in East



Captain and Mrs. John J. Dougherty were married Thanksgiving Day in Philadelphia at St. Clement's Catholic church. Mrs. Dougherty is the former Betty Jo Southwick and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Southwick, 915 West Tenth St. The captain's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John A. Dougherty of Darby, Penn. Capt. and Mrs. Dougherty are residing in Albany, the officer being stationed at Camp Adair with the 91st Infantry Division.

Thomas Estes Weds Miss Ruth Woodson In Balboa, Panama

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Estes, 515 Pennsylvania Ave., have celebrated the marriage of their son, Thomas J. Estes, radioman with the navy and stationed near Balboa in the Panama Canal Zone. His bride is the former Ruth Woodson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woodson of Cottage Grove.

The marriage took place Nov. 12 at the West Bank navy chapel in Balboa and was performed by Chaplain Bernard C. Hanna. Miss Woodson wore a gown of ivory tulle for her wedding and was given in marriage by Lt. Cmdr. E. W. Dannels. She was attended by Mrs. Margaret Jamieson of Cribsohal and Paul O. McGowan, United States navy, was best man for Mr. Estes.

Mr. and Mrs. Estes made a wedding trip to LaVenta. The groom is well known in Medford. He attended St. Mary's Academy here as a boy and graduated from Medford senior high school. Prior to enlisting in the navy two years ago he was employed by the Standard stations here.

Colony Club Scene Of Cocktail Party Yesterday Evening

One of the week's holiday parties was that given yesterday evening by Mr. and Mrs. George M. Roberts and their two daughters, Mrs. George Rasmussen and Mrs. Allyn Monroe. The affair was a cocktail and supper party at the Colony club. About 35 guests were in attendance.

Daughter's Troth Is Announced By Pastor and Wife

The Rev. and Mrs. Harry W. Hansen, 52 Ross Court, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Helen Marie, to Sgt. Weldon M. Schnell, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Schnell of Millersburg, Ohio. The announcement was made at a dinner at the Presbyterian church, of which the Rev. Hansen is pastor, on Sunday, Dec. 12. No date has been set for the wedding.

Sgt. Schnell, who has been stationed at Bakersfield, Calif., was in Medford at the time the engagement was made known. He left the following day for an undisclosed destination, a weather station of the army air force in the far north.

Miss Hansen is on the recreation staff of the West Main street USO.

Army Auxiliary Production Unit Wraps 1500 Gifts

To meet an emergency appeal, the production unit of the Camp White Red Cross auxiliary spent the regular Wednesday sewing meeting at the Outpost wrapping 1500 gifts for patients at the Station Hospital. The appeal was made by Mrs. Leonard Carpenter, vice-chairman of the Jackson county committee of the Siskiyou Camp and Hospital Council, and Mrs. L. E. Jahns, army auxiliary chairman of hospital recreation. Junior Red Cross workers wrapped a quantity of the gifts at the junior headquarters and the two groups together completed the project in record time.

In recognition of Christmas week, the luncheon period was made especially festive through the efforts of the hostesses, and each worker participated in the exchange of presents from the Christmas tree.

It was noted that 21 different states were represented in the group, numbering nearly 50 women.

The group, which regularly meets each Wednesday and Friday at the Outpost, will meet Wednesday, Dec. 29, at usual, but will not meet Friday, Dec. 31.

Mrs. H. W. Conger Hostess For Club

Mrs. H. W. Conger was hostess for members of the Lady Lions club last Friday, the group holding the annual Christmas party at her home, 715 West Main St. A musical program was given. Games were played and Christmas gifts exchanged.

In charge of the program were Mrs. Arnold Green, Mrs. Eston Humphrey and Mrs. Claude C. Haggard, while Mrs. Michael Beck and Mrs. James Grigsby assisted Mrs. Conger in planning the supper. Seventeen members attended.

Lt. Kelly in Medford For Holiday Vacation

Lt. Marjorie Kelly of the Women's Army Corps is in Medford to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. E. E. Kelly, 911 Queen Anne avenue. Lt. Kelly made the trip from Eglin Field, Fla., where she is stationed, by plane and bus. She will leave the first of the week for the return trip.

Mrs. Kelly's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edward C. Kelly, left Wednesday night for Detroit, Mich., to visit her husband, Capt. Kelly.

Myers-Iverson Nuptials Held In Minnesota

Details of the wedding of Miss Frances Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Myers, 17 Ross Court, to Capt. Leigh R. Iverson, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Iverson of Houston, Minn., have been received in Medford. The nuptials took place Sunday, Dec. 12, in Houston, at the Lutheran church, the single ring service being read by the Rev. A. W. Nelson.

Miss Myers' wedding gown was of jersey and net fashioned with a full skirt and her veil was fingertip length and held with a tiara of orange blossoms. She carried a white prayerbook with an orchid. Mrs. Paul G. Iverson, sister-in-law of the groom, was bridesmaid. She was gowned in blue brocaded satin and carried a colonial bouquet of roses and sweetpeas.

Carl Iverson of LaCrosse, Minn., was best man for the groom and ushers were Paul Iverson and Anton Findreng.

A reception was held at the home of the groom's parents for about 40 guests. The serving table was presided over by Mrs. Carl Iverson of LaCrosse and Miss Gunda Iverson of Rushford.

The bride is a graduate of the senior high school here and of Pasadena Junior college in California. Capt. Iverson graduated from the Houston high school and from St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minn. He has been in the army since March of 1941 and is now stationed at Camp Adair, Ore., where he is serving in the quartermaster's company of the 91st Infantry Division.

Following the ceremony Capt. and Mrs. Iverson returned to the west coast and are making their home at 173 South Cottage St., Salem.

SCU Wives Club Christmas Party Is Held At Camp

The SCU Officers' Wives club held a Christmas party at the officers' club rooms at Camp White Thursday, Dec. 16. Fifty members and guests gathered to enjoy the party.

Luncheon was served in the mess hall by the WAC sergeant. The club was beautifully decorated, the decorations including an attractive Christmas tree on which there was a gift for everyone present.

Entertainment was furnished by a group of young accordion players, pupils of Mrs. Eve Prentice. Bridge and bingo followed, with prizes being awarded for high and low scores.

Scheffel-Edmonds Wedding Is Held In Ashland Home

Announcement was made this week of the wedding last Sunday, December 19, of Miss Dee Scheffel of Medford and Lawrence E. Edmonds of Ashland. The service took place at four o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Leever, 1165 Fern St., Ashland and was read by the Rev. A. H. MacDonnell, rector of the Ashland Episcopal church.

The fireplace of the Leever home, which had been arranged with bouquets of white chrysanthemums and greens, formed a background for the bridal party. Miss Scheffel's dress was of grey and she wore a purple orchid corsage.

Following the ceremony wedding refreshments were served from a table arranged with white carnations and crystal candelabra. Mrs. William H. Lydiard poured and Mrs. Frank Rogers, sister of the bride, served.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds will make their home at R. 1, Box 212, Ashland. Mr. Edmonds is engaged in the lumber business in the valley with headquarters in Ashland. The bride is well known in Medford, having made her home here for the past 16 years and for some time has been employed at Skinner's garage. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. William Scheffel.

Rector and Wife Hold Open House

The Rev. and Mrs. George R. Turney held open house for members and friends of St. Mark's Episcopal church, of which the Rev. Turney is rector, last Sunday afternoon at the rectory, 203 North Oakdale Ave. About 70 persons, including both the military and townspeople, called during the afternoon.

The Rev. and Mrs. Turney plan to make the open house an annual part of the Christmas holiday program of the church.

Thurman's Entertain Guests From Corvallis

Miss Lela Thurman, Corvallis, Miss Evelyn Vittercob of Ontario, Ore., and Miss Ethel Miller of Weiser, Ida., arrived in Medford Wednesday night to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Miss Thurman's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Thurman, 722 West Fourteenth St. Miss Vittercob and Miss Miller are students at Oregon State college. The three will return to Corvallis Sunday.

Cocktail Party At Salade Home Is Large Affair

Mrs. Lillian Salade was hostess for a large cocktail party Sunday afternoon at her home near Central Point. The affair honored Mrs. Salade's sister, Mrs. Marjorie Pitts, and her daughter, Mrs. William Donker, both former residents now making their home in River Forest, a suburb of Chicago, and in the valley for a stay at the Salade home. The party was timed to coincide with the return of students from the University of Oregon who are friends of Mrs. Donker.

The guest list of 65 included both the military and townspeople.

Children Present Holiday Program For Chapter Meet

Children of members of chapter AA, P.E.O., were featured on the program of the chapter holiday party Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. V. J. Robinson, 31 Geneva St. Betty Work read the "Story of the Christmas Song." Susan Drummond gave a selection from the "Nutcracker Suite" on the piano and accompanied her small brother, David, when he sang a carol. Little Brenda Bengtson described her Christmas tree and Beverly Work played a group of folk songs.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and tea served from a table arranged with the traditional Christmas decorations and presided over by Mrs. John Moffat. Mrs. H. L. Brown assisted Mrs. Robinson.

Christmas Party Held By Lodge

A Christmas party and social hour was enjoyed by members of the Rebekahs lodge at the meeting Monday night. The affair was in charge of the F. L. club, with Mrs. Viola Aldredge as chairman. Entertainment was furnished by the Rebekah Trio, composed of Mrs. Ina Huson, Mrs. Ethel Weed and Mrs. Leah Ivie, who sang. One of their numbers was "Those Seabees" which was composed by Milton Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Harvey of Medford. Mr. Harvey is a member of one of the Seabee units.

The evening closed with an exchange of gifts and refreshments.

Judge James Fee And Miss Tomkins Wed In Portland

Of much interest in the valley is the announcement of the wedding of Miss Alice Tomkins, Portland, and Judge James Alger Fee, United States district judge for the district of Oregon. The wedding took place Wednesday, December 22, in the chapel of Trinity Episcopal church in Portland, with the Right Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, bishop of Oregon, reading the service. Only immediate members of the family were present.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Valentine Walter Tomkins and the late Mr. Tomkins and Judge Fee is the son of Mrs. James Albert Fee and the late Judge James Albert Fee of Pendleton, Ore. Mrs. Fee is a graduate of the University of Oregon and is a member of Gamma Phi Beta, Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Lambda Theta and Mortar Board. Judge Fee is a graduate of Whitman college and Columbia university and is a member of Beta Theta Pi and Phi Beta Kappa.

Miss Edith Nichols And Earl P. Updike Wed In Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Nichols, 1216 Locust Ave., announce the marriage of their daughter, Edith Mary, to Earl P. Updike of Portland. The ceremony was performed in Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 18, by Judge Charles M. Hall.

For the service the bride wore a dress of grey wool with matching accessories and a purple orchid corsage. Following the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hoxie in Portland.

The bride recently resigned her position as secretary in the office of the city superintendent of Medford. The groom is employed by the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Updike are temporarily at home at 1818 North Interstate Ave., Portland.

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