

Anniversary Observed By Couple

Central Point—Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hale, Central Point, observed their 50th wedding anniversary June 26 when they held open house at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale, both native Oregonians, were married at Prineville June 26, 1905, and moved to Central Point in 1935. They have three daughters, Mrs. Aron Case of Eagle Point; Mrs. Eugene Wollper, Eureka, Calif.; and Mrs. William Day, Santa Ana, Calif. They also have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

About 25 persons attended the open house and presented the couple gifts and cards. Among the decorations was a bouquet of gold colored carnations, a gift from Mrs. Hale's nephews, Wayne, Donald, Elmer and Kenneth Kinney, all of Portland, who could not be here for the event.

Mrs. Verlyn Buffington, a granddaughter, and Mrs. Case, took charge of serving the refreshments.

Golden candle holders and tapers with flowers decorated the serving table and a golden coffee service was used.

Mrs. Hale wore an afternoon dress of blue and white printed nylon and her corsage was of white and gold colored carnations.

Among the guests were Mr. Hale's nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hall II of Trail with their children, and Mr. Hale's sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Hale, Grants Pass.

Fitzgeralds Hold Family Reunion

A family reunion was held last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weaver, 841 East Ninth street, on the occasion of the visit here of Mrs. Weaver's brother, Herbert R. Fitzgerald, and his family, from March Air Force base, Calif.

Mr. Fitzgerald is a master sergeant with the Air Force and with his family has been visiting here for 10 days with his mother, Mrs. F. H. Fitzgerald, 118 Tripp street, and with other relatives. He has been stationed at the base for several years and has been crew chief of the aircraft for the commanding officer of the 15th Air Force for the past 2½ years.

At the reunion were Mrs. F. H. Fitzgerald and her three sons, Gerald Fitzgerald, of Portland; Herbert Fitzgerald, and his wife and daughter, Debby, Riverside, Calif.; Jerome Fitzgerald, with his wife and three children, Walter, Frank and Delia, all of Sams Valley; and her two daughters, Mrs. William Bussey, and husband of Talent, and Mrs. Earl Weaver and her husband, of Medford, and Jim Weaver.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holmes Ferris (Glunz Photo)

Many Medford Guests Attend Ferris-Starnes Rites Sunday

The wedding Sunday, June 26 of Miss Sue Marilyn Starnes and Albert Holmes Ferris in St. Luke's Episcopal church at Grants Pass was attended by a number of Medford friends. The bride and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Melvin Starnes, are former Medford residents.

The bridegroom is a son of Mrs. Elizabeth Ferris of Evanston, Ill., and Douglas B. Ferris, Chicago.

The Rev. Peter N. A. Borker performed the double ring ceremony, attended by about 120 guests.

Mr. Starnes gave his daughter

Sundials Topic For Last Meeting Of Herb Society

"A sundial for the herb garden" was the main topic for discussion at the Rogue Valley Herb Society meeting held June 28.

Mrs. E. W. Jermark, Ashland, was the guest speaker. Mrs. Jermark gave the early history of sundials and explained their use. Mrs. Jermark reminded the society that in the Bible, (Isaiah 38:8), mention was made of a sundial. Mrs. Jermark named the titles of several books that would give more data on these interesting garden ornaments. A sundial face from the herb garden of one of the society members was used to illustrate her lecture.

The second speaker, Mrs. John D. Holst, discussed "The Harvesting and Preservation of Herbs." Mrs. Holst explained the "three-dimensional" and "flat" method of drying herbs, and showed specimens of herbs dried by each method. Mrs. Holst added that herbs should be harvested just as they come into bloom, as the essential oils are strongest at that time.

The harvesting and storing of herb leaves, flowers, roots and seed was explained. Mrs. Holst displayed dried herbs, seeds, and cellophane gift boxes of candied violets, primroses, mock orange blossoms, mint leaves and rosemary blossoms. Jars of camomile flowers and wild strawberry leaves for tea, and bottles of Burnet and Tarragon vinegar for green salads were on display.

The native herb display was contributed and explained by Mrs. M. Heckenberger, native ginger; Mrs. John Ostrander, chicory, moth mullein, wormwood; Mrs. R. T. Nichol, wild geranium, dogbane; Mrs. J. D. Holst, lamb's quarter, miner's lettuce, harvest brodiaea, Oregon tea.

Mrs. S. F. Counts, society president, brought a herb bouquet of yarrow, wild roses, wild lilac, spearmint, plantain, milkweed and several other plants.

Mrs. Nichol contributed the recipe of the month, a clam chowder seasoned with thyme.

The roll call response was "what herbs have you harvested and used." There were 15 members and four guests present.

The society is interested in learning the location of sundials in or near Medford and would appreciate help on the project. Anyone having such information is asked to write Mrs. John D. Holst, Gold Hill.

Festival Founder Looks Back To First Shakespearean Play

Ashland — Twenty years ago Friday, July 2, 1935 — The Oregon Shakespearean Festival held its premier performance in an open-air theater in this small town, performing "Twelfth Night" on an authentic Elizabethan stage, in authentic Elizabethan costume.

This year, when the festival opens a month-long run of plays, about the only thing reminiscent of the first season will be the authenticity of stage, staging and costume.

Even the event's founder and producing director, Angus Bowmer, has changed his activities with the years. In the first year Bowmer talked local people into backing the strange venture financially, directed both plays, ran the box office, did all the purchasing, supervised the costumes, and played Shylock in "Merchant of Venice." Sir Toby Belch in "Twelfth Night" and a half dozen bit parts as well. Today, Mr. Bowmer has a competent staff of directors and staff members working under him, the festival has a full-time business manager, and personnel devoted to such specific tasks as box office management and publicity.

Approximately 200 people saw the first festival — an event featuring two performances of "Twelfth Night" and one of "Merchant of Venice." The actors were townspeople and Southern Oregon college students, and the audience was entirely local.

This year, a company of professional actors and outstanding drama students from the nation's leading colleges and universities will present four plays in rotation throughout the month of August, and two special performances of one of Shakespeare's rarest plays, "Timon of Athens," as well.

Concerts of Elizabethan music and other special events will round out a month of festivities, in which 25,000 people from every state and a number of foreign countries will participate. A national broadcasting network will air part of the festival program, coast-to-coast.

Missing will be one special event from the 1935 season, though. In the first season, director Bowmer's local backers were so certain that Shakespeare was poor box office that they insisted that boxing matches be held in the theater in the afternoons to defray expenses of the shows. The plays' take at the box office paid the loss of the boxing matches, and no one has doubted Shakespeare's drawing power in Ashland since.

The civic, non-profit event is still governed by a board of directors elected by the membership of the festival association, and still pays its own way through ticket sales. It has no subsidy of any kind.

It has also clung to the idea on which Mr. Bowmer founded it—that Shakespeare's plays, produced on the stage for which he wrote them in the Elizabethan manner, would be as popular in the twentieth century as in Shakespeare's day. To prove that he was right, he points not only to the festival's growth, but to the fact that all 31 performances in Ashland this August will see college professors seated beside clerks and loggers in Ashland's theater.

Bard's Heyday Planned July 17

Ashland — Tudor guild has planned a number of innovations for the annual Bard's Heyday, which will be held this year on Sunday, July 17. Each year Heyday is given shortly before the opening of the Shakespearean festival.

For the first time the Heyday will be held at the Shakespearean festival theater grounds in Ashland, and will have an old English fair theme. There will be entertainment and activities for both adults and children, the committee states.

Dinner will be served by Omar's restaurant of Ashland and tickets are on sale at the First National bank, may be obtained from guild members or from Mrs. C. Reese Braley, telephone 3-1843, Medford.

Talent Gardeners Announce Picnic

Talent—A picnic Wednesday, July 6 is planned by Talent Garden club women. The event will be held at noon at the Straus home and assisting will be Mrs. E. G. Taylor and Mrs. Tom Bell.

Mrs. A. O. Floyd will be the guest speaker and each member is to invite a guest.

Mrs. Holmes reported on the various phases of auxiliary work, stressing the work that is done at the leprosyarium in Carville, La. Auxiliary mandates are used for a Christmas party and gifts for patients and a special stamp fund is used to supply postage stamps for patients.

Mr. Owl, the assistant manager of the Roseburg Veterans' hospital, addressed the auxiliary and stated that everyone should help in the rehabilitation of patients released from the Roseburg hospital. The attorney-general of Tillamook urged members and guests to be constantly on guard against communism.

The local auxiliary voted to hold a social meeting the second Tuesday and a business session on the fourth Tuesday of each month for the coming year. The commander, Mr. Ivan Hatfield, donated a hand-made rug to the auxiliary as a ways-and-means project for the next year.

Mrs. Hazel VanDermark, department ways-and-means chairman, reported that the auxiliary cook books are now ready for sale and that Mrs. Clifton Heeter has charge of this project for Unit 8.

Plans were completed for installation of officers to be held July 14 at 8 p.m. at the Moose hall.

Mrs. Harvey Cassman reported on the junior activities for the past year. New officers for the group will be installed by the Past Commanders' club July 11 at the home of Mrs. George Simmons, 606 Valley View drive.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Ward (Brainerd Photo)

Central Point Grange Honors Members On Ninetieth Birthday Anniversaries

Central Point—Many friends attended a party June 26 at Central Point Juvenile hall which honored Henry Maury and C. M. Parker in celebration of their 90th birthday anniversaries. About 80 called during the afternoon.

The event was planned by Mrs. Arnold Bohnert, chaplain of Central Point Grange. Those from out of town included Mrs. Eugene Sowle and

two children, Michael and Sally, San Carlos, Calif.; Mrs. Hal Pierce and Miss Bess Maury, Coquille, Ore.; Mrs. Edward Gallegher and children, Jean and Martha, San Carlos, Calif.; and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cowgill, San Bernardino, Calif.

Assisting Mrs. Bohnert were Mrs. Marshall Weidman, Mrs. Standley Lydiard, Mrs. Fred Kuest, Mrs. Edward Lull and Mrs. Glenn Downing. Serving cake and punch were Mrs. Sanford Richardson, Mrs. A. T. Lathrop, Mrs. Bursell, Mrs. Leonard Freeman, Mrs. Henry Conger and Mrs. Walter Mang.

Mrs. C. W. Anhorn decorated the large birthday cake. Flower arrangements by Mrs. Gaston Floux and Mrs. Chas. Jantzer decorated the room. In charge of the guest books were Mrs. Harold Gebhard, Mrs. William Straus and Mrs. Homer Brown. Invitations were mailed by Mrs. Edward Lull.

Benton Boyce provided background music with his record player, and Charles Taylor took pictures.

The honored guests were each given a Grand Duchess Charlotte rose to plant in their gardens.

Family Returns

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sherwood, 1018 Jasper street, returned last week from a 10-day trip to Helena, Mont., where they attended a reunion of Mrs. Sherwood's family. They were accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. E. A. Finch, Littlefield, Mich., who will visit here for several weeks.

Ceremony Weds Patricia Smith And Paul Ward

Nine o'clock morning rites June 25 at Sacred Heart church wedded Patricia Smith and Paul M. Ward. The Rev. William McLeod read the double ring ceremony and serving as altar boys were John and Don Smith.

The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Waits, were here from Greenville, Calif.

Mrs. James Messer, Portland, was matron of honor and Edward Ward, Tulsa, Okla., a brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Ushers were James J. Dunlevy and Edward M. Whithan. Mr. Waits gave his daughter in marriage. Her gown was of satin designed with a lace yoke and full length skirt with short train. Her veil was of tulle and she carried a nosegay formed from gardenias with shattered blue carnations.

Mrs. Messer's gown was of blue satin and her headpiece was of blue and white flowers. Her bouquet was of blue and white Ester Reed daisies.

Mrs. blue gown and her accessories were white. She wore a white rosebud corsage.

Bruno Pellegrini furnished the wedding music.

The reception was held at the Pioneer room in the Jackson hotel. The room was decorated with pink roses, snapdragons and carnations in pink and white. Tables were decorated with flower arrangements and white tapers in crystal candleabra.

In charge of the guest book was Mrs. Wayne England, while Mrs. Charles Todd and Mrs. John Daniel poured. Mrs. Charles Boliou served the wedding cake.

The bride is a secretary at Gulf Red lumber company, Central Point, and Mr. Ward is an announcer for radio station KBOY.

Californians Here To Visit Keenes; Honored at Party

Guests at the Chester Keene home, 142 Glenwood road, last week end were Mr. Keene's mother, Mrs. Lena Keene, his brother Joe, and Mrs. Barbara Calhoun all of Los Angeles, Calif. While in the valley, they visited the Oregon caves and Crater lake.

Saturday evening they were guests at a buffet supper on the patio of the C. R. Claffin home in Phoenix. Mrs. Claffin is a granddaughter of Mrs. Lena Keene. Attending the supper were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Keene, Charlotte and Beverly, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Keene Jr., Sharon, Susan and David; Richard Keene, Joe and Leona, Miss Barbara Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Claffin, Pat and Greg, and the honored guests.

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