

Silver Wedding Anniversary Observed at Surprise Party

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robins were honored recently at a party which observed their 25th wedding anniversary. The anniversary was December 27, but the observance was planned later because of the press of holiday activities. A group of the Robins' friends planned the celebration as a surprise to the couple, and it was held at Girls Community club.

Decorations were in silver and white, and the honored couple was presented silver dollars and cards. Cards were played and prizes were won by Harold Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Rammin, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bringle, Mrs. Dale Jefferson, and Mrs. Robins.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roos, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Rammin, the Bringles, the Jeffersons, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Vandegrift, Mr. and Mrs. John Russell, the honored couple and Mrs. Robins' mother, Mrs. Estella Morningstar, Lebanon, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Robins were married in Roseburg, Ore., and have lived in Medford almost all the 25 years of their married life. Mr. Robins was born in Gold Hill, Mrs. Robins is a native of Drain, Ore., and both attended school in Jackson county.

The Robins' daughter Mrs. Charles Taylor, and her husband have arrived from Ft. Worth, Tex., where Mr. Taylor, an airman second class in the United States Air Force, has been stationed for the past four years. Mrs. Taylor and their daughter, Diana Lynn, will remain here while Airman Taylor continues to his new post in Labrador. He leaves about February 20.

Teacher Speaks On Legislation

Legislative measures regarding education that were passed during the last regular session of the state legislature, and proposed education bills were discussed by Mrs. Maxine Smith at the last meeting of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary society for women teachers, held in her home January 18.

Mrs. Smith, a candidate for vice-president of Oregon Education association, spoke in the absence of the scheduled speaker, Robert Duncan, state representative from Jackson county.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Mildred Rogers, chairman, Miss Dorothy Wilson, Miss Grace Lytle, Mrs. Maye Wells, and Miss Anna Laura Honts.

The next meeting will be held February 15, at 2 p.m. in the Girls Community club. Mrs. Ivah D. Murray, chairman, will conduct a discussion on "Anticipation Unlimited."

Valentine Party Planned by Girls

Plans were made for a Valentine party to be held February 13 at the last meeting of the Pythian Sunshine Girls, Talisman Rosebud Council.

Initiated into the council at the meeting was Miss Eva Davidson. Following the meeting games were played and refreshments served by Miss Bobbie Davidson and Miss Kathy Smith.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Joseph Ryan

World Music Bank Plan Developed by Conductor

New York—The American Symphony Orchestra league has received a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation in the amount of \$6,450, enabling the league to take the first steps in developing a project designed to encourage international knowledge and performance of contemporary music through establishment of a "World Music Bank."

Igor Buketoff, conductor of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic orchestra, developed the World Music Bank plan and brought it to the attention of the League and the Rockefeller foundation. Basically, the Music Bank will operate in the following manner: Distinguished juries in each participating country will select a small list of symphonic works which they feel can serve as a fitting introduction of their country's music to potential listeners and performers in other parts of the world. Copies of scores and recordings of works so selected will be deposited in each of the duplicate branches of the World Music Bank. Conductors, composers, educators and critics will be able to borrow materials from the bank for study purposes with an eye toward ultimate performance.

The jury which will select the 1957-58 deposits of American music includes Alfred Frankenstein, music critic, San Francisco Chronicle, and the following leading American composers: Aaron Copland, Howard Hanson, Peter Mennin, Walter Piston, William Schumann and Roger Sessions.

The national office of the American Symphony Orchestra league in Charleston, W. Va., has been designated as the United States headquarters for the World Music Bank. Scores and recordings of the United States deposits for 1957-58 will be available for loan about the first of December.

The first foreign branch of the World Music Bank will be established in Scandinavia, and will include deposits of contemporary music from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. Juries from each of these countries are now being organized for selection of the 1957-58 music deposits by each country. Copies of records and scores of the United States deposits will be presented to the Scandinavian branch of the World Music Bank. In like manner, scores and records of the works of the Scandinavian composers will be deposited in the United States branch.

Mr. Buketoff stated that the idea of a "World Music Bank" developed last winter while he was touring Europe and appearing as a guest conductor in Scandinavia. In each country he sought counsel and advice from leading conductors, composers and critics on the contemporary music of their own country which they recommended for U.S. audiences. He found an extensive reciprocal interest in information concerning American compositions which would represent significant American contemporary music.

"We were all asking the same questions of each other: 'We want to know the music of your country but we want to meet you through your better works. How can we know what they are and where to obtain scores and recordings for study purposes?' Then, of course, came the arduous task of exchanging the necessary identifying information of names and addresses of publishers, recording companies, etc."

"It soon became obvious that these exchanges could be made very easy if an American conductor could simply write some central depository in the United States asking that there be sent to him the scores and records of the recommended contemporary Belgian composers, or the African composers, or of the Japanese composers; or if a conductor in Japan could call a depository in Japan and ask for the loan of the deposits of the French composers or the American composers."

Plan Explained
"We decided that we must have a World Music Bank," continued Buketoff. "We can start gradually—first selecting the American works, then asking a few other countries to participate by choosing a small list of their finest contemporary writing. Deposits will be exchanged between these countries, and then between others as the participation widens. Inasmuch as it is planned to change juries and re-evaluate the lists every year or two, more composers and additional works will be added gradually to the Music Bank deposits."

The Music Bank plan has reviewed with many leading critics, composers and conductors in several countries. Most of them feel it will be of tremendous help in encouraging international performances of and interest in contemporary music of all participating countries.

Announcement of the American works to be selected for the 1957-58 World Music Bank deposits will be made shortly according to Mrs. Helen M. Thompson, executive secretary of the American Symphony Orchestra league.

Theta Rho Girls To Hold Ritual

Omicron chapter of Theta Rho Girls will hold public installation of officers Monday, January 27, at 8 p.m. at the Odd Fellows hall. Parents of members, Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Theta Rho members and their friends are invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served by the Misses Katharine Applegate, Penny Linn, Karlene Neill and Lou Ann Thomasson.

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Newlyweds In Houston

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Joseph Ryan are making their home at 5366 McCulloch circle, Houston, Texas, following their wedding in the St. Francis Xavier Catholic church, Stillwater, Okla.

Mrs. Ryan is the former Miss Millie Nell Miller, a daughter of Mrs. Eula Miller, 45 Myers court, Medford, and W. A. Miller, Ponca City, Okla. She made her home in Medford prior to the wedding and was employed by Robinson, Potter and Ripley Insurance agency here. Mr. and Mrs. John P. Ryan, Cushing, Okla., are the parents of the bridegroom.

The Rev. Joseph Dillon officiated at the double ring ceremony held Thursday, November 28. White chrysanthemums and greenery decorated the church for the ceremony and Mrs. Paul Ellmer played the traditional organ wedding music.

The bride wore a white wool sheath dress fashioned with a sabbina neckline and worn with a matching jacket. Her hat was of winter white velour and she carried a cascade bouquet of pink and white feathered chrysanthemums encircling a white orchid. She was escorted to the altar by her brother-in-law, William McCollom, Stillwater.

Miss Deanna Thomas attended the bride. She wore a peacock blue satin dress fashioned with bouffant skirt with back detail of white pleated chiffon. Her cascade bouquet was of white chrysanthemums.

Robert P. Ryan, Cushing, served as best man for his brother, Edward Herklotz, Hayes, Kansas, seated the guests.

For her sister's wedding Mrs. McCollom chose a beige wool dress with brown and beige accessories. Mrs. Ryan wore a gray silk dress with black accessories. Their corsages were of white feathered chrysanthemums.

A reception was held following the ceremony in the parish hall at the church.

The bride is a graduate of Stillwater High school and attended Oklahoma A and M college. Mr. Ryan received his bachelor of science degree in accounting from Oklahoma A and M college in 1956 and is employed by Phillips Oil company in Houston.

A few drops of Kitchen Bouquet will add a rich brown color to meat and vegetable stews.

Jackson County Leader In Parent Education Effort

Techniques in group dynamics were the main subject of discussion at a meeting of community parent education leaders January 23 in the county school superintendent's conference room. Dr. Ray Lowe, associate professor of education at the University of Oregon, Eugene, told the leaders that Jackson county is the only area of the state where a concerted effort is being made in parent education.

He considers parenthood one of the most specific arts of our complex world, yet, the one for which comparatively little preparation and training are available. Compliance with marriage law requirements and the advent of becoming a parent do not qualify one for being an effective parent, Dr. Lowe commented.

In community parent education groups, parents may consider and discuss attitudes and behavior of children of a certain age, and share the benefits of resource material as well as one another's experience and approach to the personality traits of these children.

Parent-teacher association activities and programs are geared to parent-educated purposes. Too often, Dr. Lowe said, parents come to a PTA meeting expecting to be entertained rather than expecting to share an educational experience. Neighborhood parent education study groups are an attempt at an intelligent approach to parenthood, he concluded.

Dr. Lowe, who teaches classes at the University of Oregon in human development, guidance and counseling met with the Jackson

County Mental Health committee in the Public Health department at noon. Rev. Thomas McCamant, chairman, said the group has been studying the need of family counseling for Jackson County. Their report has been completed and is now to be reviewed by the Southern Oregon Child Guidance clinic executive board.

A group representing the field of education, health association, parent-teacher association, ministerial association, Southern Oregon college personnel and the Child Guidance clinic, met with Dr. Lowe in the evening to consider the feasibility of a conference in family life relations for this region. Such conferences have proved worthwhile endeavors in many areas of the northwest, it was reported by those who have attended in recent years. Inquiries are being sent to leaders of this field for information on resource material and personnel that may be available to the group for the proposed conference. There will be another meeting of this group within the next two months, according to Mrs. Henry Padham, who conducted the meeting.

Women's Council Elects Officers

Mrs. Even Rasmussen was named president of the Women's Missionary council at elections held Wednesday, January 22, at the First Assembly of God church. Mrs. Fred Nelson is the new vice president, Mrs. Donald Kahl, secretary, and Mrs. Amanda Cherry, treasurer.

In the afternoon work of various types was done to supply material needs of missionaries, and Mrs. Even Rasmussen gave a short devotional talk.

It was decided to hold monthly meetings every fourth Wednesday of each month.

Mrs. Alfred Dollarhide was selected chairman for secret prayer pals. Her assistants are Mrs. J. P. Graham and Mrs. Kahl.

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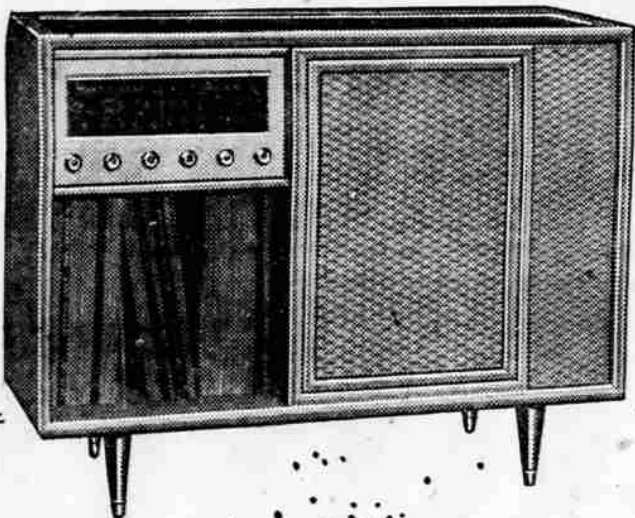
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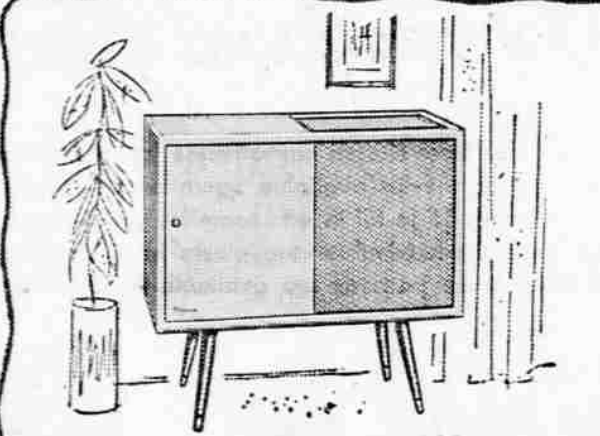
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