

64th Anniversary Marked By Cave Junction Couple

Cave Junction - A family luncheon with four of their daughters marked the 64th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wilbur. It was held Thursday, October 9, at the home of Mrs. Cecil Wilhelm with Mrs. Charles Lemmon, Mrs. Ollie Berkner and Mrs. Earl Boyd present.

A cake, inscribed "To Ma and Pa" rolled back the years for Mother Wilbur to the state of Michigan in 1894 when 25-year-old Edward J. Wilbur and 20-year-old Nellie M. Knapp were married.

In 1901 with their four children, the Wilburs traveled by train to central California where a fifth child was born.

Many long remembered incidents come to mind when the Wilburs recall their five months journey into Oregon by covered wagon from Santa Barbara to Portland in 1905. A rather slow way of traveling, but a good trip, said Mrs. Wilbur. The family settled in the Willamette valley.

A seven-passenger Studebaker brought the Wilburs and a second brood of five children to Jacksonville in 1925. "When we came from California we had five children and when we moved to the Medford area we still had five children, but a different batch."

Take Homestead

The homestead soon found by the Wilburs in the rugged unsettled Illinois Valley region about six miles south of Kerbyville, was the next to the last homestead to be had in this area. What is now

Cave Junction was then just a fine stand of timber surrounding one lone building belonging to Elwood Hussey when the family moved to their homestead in 1926.

The West Fork bridge across the Illinois river was uncompleted at the time so household goods had to be carried from the highway to the homestead across the old river ford. For two years, the family lived in a tent house, partially built with the forms used for the West Fork bridge. Their log cabin with the great rock fireplace grew gradually and was constructed with lumber cut from their property and was wholly family built. Today, their home with the added charm of the rock wishing well has the enriched mellowness that only 30 years of a full life can bring.

Sells Carvings

An active interest in good books and worthwhile hobbies have kept the Wilburs young and eager throughout the years. Mr. Wilbur carves lifelike oxen teams and other collector's items which he sells almost faster than he can make them.

Mrs. Wilbur has become famous throughout the county with her button and bottle collections. She has a display in her little "bottle house" of over 1,400 unusual glass and stone pieces collected from all over the world. Seven foreign countries are represented in the collection of more than 5,000 buttons, all neatly sewed on brocade. Her many friends throughout Josephine county are constantly sending her new items.

In later years, after the children were grown, Mr. Wilbur became active in civic affairs, and has been chairman of the Illinois Valley Home Extension unit and still attends the yearly homemakers camp at Grayback. She has been president of the O'Brien Women's club and president of the Illinois Valley Garden club. Her keen sense of humor, her ability to laugh at herself and her inability to see wrong in others, has made her loved by all.

"We haven't done all we want to do even yet," says Mother Wilbur.

To the union of Edward J. Wilbur and Nellie M. Knapp 64 years ago were born 10 children, 27 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren to make the family number 77 with only six deaths.



Mr. and Mrs. David Owen Hess (Bosse photo)

Church Ceremony Marries Miss Stevens, David Hess

Rogue River—Miss Yvette Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lathel B. Stevens, route 1, Box 57, Rogue River, became the bride of David Owen Hess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen A. Hess, Astoria, in a ceremony September 27 at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Grants Pass.

The Rev. Hugo Gurney officiated at the double ring rites held at one o'clock in the afternoon. The church was decorated in fall colors of bamboo leaves and scarlet sage. White bows with bells hung from the pews. Miss Joy Connors played the organ.

The bride, escorted to the altar by her father, wore a white nylon gown with three-quarter length sleeves and embroidered trimming on the neck and bodice. Her elbow length veil fell from a crown of lace and seed pearls, and bridal bouquet was a single scarlet dahlia encircled by white carnations.

Honor attendant for her sister was Miss Sharon Stevens, and bridesmaids and bridesmatron were the Misses Madalene Schneck, Sally Carr, and Mrs. Robert Lockridge. Miss Stevens' dress was a dark brown sheath with beige cummerbund and the other attendants wore contrasting colors of lighter brown with darker trim. The attendants' flowers were a single yellow dahlia with interwoven lace of yellow and copper ribbon.

Albert Carder, Prineville, Ore., was best man and Michael Leigh, cousin of the bridegroom, and Lawrence Peterson, both from Astoria, and Robert Lockridge, Grants Pass, served as ushers. Candelights were Dee and Dale Hess, twin brothers of the bridegroom. Little Jack Baker was ringbearer and his cousin, Debbie Thumber, was flower girl. Her dress was a bright orange made to match the other attendants' dresses.

For the event, the bride's mother wore a silver gray brocade sheath, with brown accessories and a brown and yellow chrysanthemum corsage. The bridegroom's moth-

er was gowned in a multi-colored sheath in shades of pink, rust and black, with black accessories and a copper chrysanthemum corsage.

The reception followed in the church parlor. Decorations were in yellow, white, and brown and the cake was encircled with begonias from the garden of Mrs. Harold McKenzie, Rogue River.

Cutting the cake was Mrs. Walter Carr, Central Point, and Mrs. Martin Schnack, Medford. The Misses Mary Jo McKenzie and Karen Byers served punch. In charge of the guest book was Miss Peggy Lou Schnack and receiving the gifts was Daryl Jones, Anchorage, Alaska.

Those from out of town attending the wedding were parents of the bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Owen A. Hess, his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Nielsen, his grandfather and an aunt, Mrs. Margaret Miller and family, all of Astoria.

The bride attended Oregon State college for three years, majoring in medical technology, and the bridegroom was graduated from the same school in June of this year with a degree in agricultural engineering.

The couple will live in Astoria. Friday preceding the wedding a rehearsal dinner was given for the attendants and friends and relatives, at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Peter Riis, Rogue River. Mrs. Riis also entertained Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hess, their twin sons, and Mrs. Miller and family and Mrs. Nielsen on Sunday, before their return trip to Astoria.

Minister Is Speaker For Union Meeting

The Rev. Escil Hiser of the Church of the Brethren spoke at the last meeting of Women's Christian Temperance union.

Mrs. Louise McCoy presented two selections. The members voted to hold a rummage sale in November. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Darlene Marshall And Roy Colley Engaged to Wed

Eagle Point—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Y. Marshall, Little Butte Star route, box 230, Eagle Point, announce the engagement of their daughter, Darlene H. Marshall, to Roy N. Colley, son of Mrs. Mary Lou Biggers, Boise, Idaho, and John Harguse Colley of Saldilla, Va.

Miss Marshall is a senior at Eagle Point High school, and Mr. Colley, a graduate of Medford High school, is planning on attending Southern Oregon college next semester. He has served four years with the U.S. Navy.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Sojourners Plan Meeting Thursday; Dance To Be Held

Medford Sojourners will meet Thursday, October 23, at 12:30 p.m. at the Girls Community club. Following dessert and a meeting cards will be played.

Plans for the dinner dance for members and guests to be held November 1 at the Rogue Valley Country club at 7:30 p.m. have been completed. The Shadows will entertain during the dinner and cards will be played by those who do not wish to dance. Informal dress will be appropriate.

Reservations must be made before Thursday, October 30, by telephoning Mrs. R. T. Jones, SPring 2-7806, or Mrs. Ronald Hale, SPring 2-4174.

Women who have lived in Medford or vicinity two years or less are invited to attend.

Former Resident Now in Europe

Mr. and Mrs. William Stockdale, Los Angeles, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schmidt, Newtown street, Medford, are currently traveling in Europe.

Mrs. Stockdale, the former Jacqueline Schmidt, and her husband have visited in France, Germany and England for the past two weeks. They plan to return to the United States later this month.

Royal Neighbors Hold Homecoming

Royal Neighbors of America held their annual homecoming dinner October 16 in the Pythian hall. Fall flowers decorated the room for the event.

The Thurston School of Dance presented the program. Initiation will be held by the group at the next meeting November 6.

District Gardeners Meet; Phoenix Club Wins Award

Phoenix Garden club won the Siskiyou district horticulture award for the best horticulture section in a judged flower show at the recent fall meeting of the district of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs held at the Redwood Grange hall in Grants Pass Tuesday.

Mrs. Ira Fitzgerald, Medford, district advisor, made the announcement. Clubs receiving honorable mention were Yreka Garden club and Shasta Gardeners, second, and the Central Point Garden club, third.

Club members were welcomed by Mrs. R. T. Nichol, Medford, district director, and the flag salute was led by a Girl Scout troop. The Rev. W. H. Burcham gave the invocation. State and district officers and chairmen were introduced.

Leonard Grover, manager of the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce, gave highlights on plans for Oregon's Centennial and suggested that each one do his part in making Oregon more beautiful for the estimated eight million visitors expected next year.

Mrs. J. L. Huffman spoke on "C-Kelp," a commercial fertilizer obtained from the Pacific ocean. She explained that at least 16 elements were essential in the soil for growing plants, most of which are minerals. As these elements are used from the soil, they must be put back in order to produce healthy plants.

Dr. Elmo Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, spoke on the unique flora of the Rogue country. He told of the evolution of plant life through the seven periods of geological time, telling of algae, fern, lush tropical plants; then the change of climate and the growth of cone-bearing trees, of which there are 33 varieties in this vicinity. He also mentioned that the Rogue basin is unique in that there are five biotic patterns of climates merging here which produce five different varieties of animal and plant life.

Mrs. E. G. Taylor, state recording secretary, reminded the clubs to continue working on the litterbug problem, with the Oregon Centennial as an additional incentive for this work.

Announced were various shows to be held in the valley sponsored by the different clubs. They include the central Point Garden club's flower show featuring dry materials at the courthouse

auditorium in Medford October 20 and 21; the Grants Pass Garden club's Antiqué show at the VFW hall in Grants Pass, November 15; the Jerome Prairie Garden club's flower show at the Jerome Prairie Community hall, October 21, starting at 1 p.m.; and the Ashland Garden club's Flower Show and Harvest Festival at the Women's Civic clubhouse in Ashland, Thursday, October 30, from 12:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Fitzgerald reported that a district rummage and plant sale will be held at the Fehel building, 108 North Ivy street, Medford, October 31 and November 1. A district food sale will be held at the Home Appliance store, 115 East Main street November 8.

Roseburg Woman Coming Thursday

Mrs. Paul Geddes, Roseburg, wife of the Republican candidate for Congress from the Fourth District, will be honor guest at a luncheon to be sponsored by the non-partisan Citizens for Geddes committee on Thursday, October 23, at the Medford hotel, 12 noon.

Mrs. Geddes will speak briefly at the luncheon and will participate in other events during her two-day stay in Medford.

Thursday evening, Mrs. Geddes will appear on television, Station KBES at 6:30 o'clock. Plans are underway for a kaffeeklatsch Friday morning.

Members of all political parties are invited to attend the social events and meet Mrs. Geddes.

Mrs. William E. Duhaime is general chairman and Mrs. Philip B. Lowry is in charge of luncheon arrangements. Reservation may be made by telephoning Mrs. Duhaime, SP 3-4023, or Mrs. Lowry, SP 3-2622.

Neighbor Group To Observe Birthdays

Mrs. Walter L. Wilson will entertain Oak Grove Neighborhood club at her home, 232 Janney lane, Tuesday, October 21, at 1:30 p.m. Dessert will be served by the hostess and birthdays will be observed for the month of October.



Miss Sharon Chase

Betrothal News Told by Parents

Central Point—Mr. and Mrs. William G. Chase, 5293 Table Rock road, Central Point, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Larie, to James Walter Witt, Mr. Witt is the son of Mrs. Ralph L. Witt, 300 Staples lane, Ashland, and the late Mr. Witt.

Miss Chase was graduated from Crater High school in 1937 and is a stenographer at the Jackson County Public Welfare commission.

Mr. Witt is a 1937 graduate of Ashland High school and is employed by the Lithia Lumber company.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Students Attend State College On Scholarships

Loren Cantrall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Cantrall, 506 South Newtown street, Medford, is visiting his parents this week end. Young Cantrall and Steven Hoag, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hoag, Shady Cove, are students at Oregon State college.

The young men are 1938 graduates of Medford High school and are attending the college on Navy Reserve Officer Training Candidate scholarships. They are both enrolled in the college of engineering and were recently sworn in as midshipmen.

While at the high school Loren was advertising manager and Steven assistant editor of the Crater, school yearbook. Both boys were in Torch honor society of which Steven was president and both were members of Quill and Scroll, journalism club.

College Slates Dad's Week End

Dad's Weekend at Lewis and Clark college, Portland, will be held October 31 through November 2. Included in the scheduled activities will be a football game with Whitman college played November 1 at Lewis and Clark.

Fathers planning to attend the game and other activities during the week end should make reservations through their daughters or sons. They should also contact Wilbur Arnold, SPring 2-4729.

Group to Attend Church Meeting

Several members of Zion Lutheran church will be in Salem this week attending the annual convention of the United Lutheran Church Women, October 21, 22 and 23. Those attending will be Mrs. Carl Borg, Jr., Mrs. Ben Cherrier, Mrs. Martin Westvong, Mrs. Everett Lasher and the Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Coovort.

Dr. Frances Dysinger, field secretary of the ULCW, will return to Medford with the Coovorts and will be guest speaker at a meeting of women of the church Friday, October 24, at 8 p.m. All women of the church are invited to attend.

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