



Lt. (USN Ret.) and Mrs. Leo E. Orvis celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a family dinner October 31 at Kim's restaurant, Medford. The couple came to the Rogue valley when the officer retired from the Navy and now make their home in Evans valley. (Knackstedt photo)

Golden Anniversary Observed at Dinner

Rogue River — Lt. (USN Ret.) and Mrs. Leo E. Orvis, who have lived in Evans valley since their retirement in 1945, were honored on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a family dinner October 31 in Kim's restaurant, Medford.

Arrangements of golden chrysanthemums decorated the dinner table.

Coming from California for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Ward C. Orvis, Santa Monica, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Carr and son, Timothy, of Malibu. Mrs. Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Orvis, is the eldest grandchild of the honored couple, and she is the mother of the one great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith and their three children, Becky, Stephen and Glenn, were here from Spokane, Wash., and also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Eatherton, Phoenix, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Baker, and daughters, Christa and Janice, Rogue River.

The honored couple met as children when they both lived in Hornell, N.Y., and

Mr. Orvis proposed by letter while away on duty with the Navy. She traveled from the east to Los Angeles, arriving there on October 31, and they were married that evening in the home of her cousin.

During Mr. Orvis' Naval assignments the couple lived in numerous cities, mainly on the west coast.

Mr. Orvis is active in the Gideons of Medford, serving as chaplain, and he has served as a term as commander of the Rogue River post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. In the VFW he has served also as chaplain on the district and state levels and for several terms was post chaplain. He also has been Americanism chairman, and has served as a member of the board of trustees of the Wimer Community church for several years.

Mrs. Orvis twice has served as president of the auxiliary to the VFW, has been chaplain several terms, also has held several district offices and served as hospital chairman. She teaches a primary Sunday school class at Wimer Community church and is the church secretary.

MANOR-ISMS

By ETHELYN EVANS

LAST POLITICAL ITEM:

The Manor ground floor lobby looks empty and forlorn — all campaign literature gone. We rolled up a big vote. We have been told that our precinct polled the highest percentage of any precinct in the entire state of Oregon in the primary. Aren't we all glad the election is over?

I mentioned the high standard set by Mr. Higgins for our book review series. This standard was met and maintained in the second review when Miss Kathryn Hornbrook, Chico, Calif., told the story of Robert Lantz's "Sweet Promised Land" to more than 100 Manor members, starting modestly in the Lecture room, we soon had to move to the large auditorium. The book tells of the author's father, a Basque shepherd, who returned to Southern France after 47 years. Miss Hornbrook made all characters seem real and alive for us.

The meeting of the Ashland Book Review club, reported in the Sunday M-T, when Mrs. Louise Perotti and Mrs. Alice Peil, both former residents of Ashland, entertained in the Manor, is just another instance proving that the Manor and the valley (not just Medford) belong to each other.

Mrs. Grace N. Pearson, son, Jacksonville, sent me an article describing "The Good Life at Poha" — the Hawaiian version of Rogue Valley Manor and a very close copy of it, thereby proving my contention that our Manor is the "Pilot" Manor. Members who came from Hawaii, Dr. and Mrs. George Bruce, Mrs. C. W. Woodcock, nee Fessler, and Mrs. Clyde Watson, have read it with interest and passed it on to many members — those who think Hawaii is the ONLY place for a vacation and others who hope to get there some time. Also, Mrs. Pearson's note to me was a morale "picker-upper" as all fan letters are; and it is a delightful experience to have a

new friend I've never even met.

Something new in the way of entertainment for the Manor: Entitled "A Parade of the Seasons," Mrs. F. M. Murdoch, Butler, Pa., showed really beautiful slides of spring, summer, fall and winter, taken on three continents, with her commentary and correlated background music played on the piano by Miss Ethel Marley, Chicago. Mrs. F. R. Olds, Medford, sang two vocal solos illustrating the slides. Mrs. Murdoch also showed slides of temples and churches around the world.



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Central Point Couple Observes Anniversary

Central Point — Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Gray, 214 South Fourth street, Central Point, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary November 2. Over 80 persons called on the couple, including five of their six children.

Mrs. Warren Stanley and Mrs. Edith Miller, sisters of Mrs. Gray, from Dufur, Ore., served the wedding cake and poured the coffee, while a sister-in-law of Mrs. Gray, Mrs. John Hix, also from Dufur, presided at the punch bowl. Kenneth Gray, Sebastopol, Calif., a son, had charge of the guest book. Mrs. Lloyd Claymier, Maupin, Ore., a daughter, was at the gift table.

The other daughters of the couple who attended were Mrs. W. W. Roff, Madras, Ore., and Mrs. James Tedrick, Grants Pass. The two sons present were M. C. Gray, San Gregorio, Calif., and Kenneth Gray. The other son, Zane Gray, Truckee, Calif., could not attend.

The couple also has 16 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Other relatives to attend were Mrs. Louisa Houston, The Dalles, a sister of Mr. Gray; John Hix, Mrs. Gray's brother from Dufur; Mr. Stanley; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hoelling, Medford; Mrs. Hoelling being a niece; and Mary, Terry, Susan and Joe Gray, Carol Ann Claymier, and Darrell Gray, grandchildren.

On Friday evening, November 2 members of the Community Bible church were hosts to the Grays and their relatives at a dinner in the church dining room. Hostesses for the dinner were Mrs. Clara Higinbotham, Mrs. John Champ and Mrs. Paul O. Kroon.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gray spent the years before their marriage in Wasco county, Oregon. They were married November 2, 1912 in Dufur and their first home was in The Dalles, Ore. In 1913 they moved to a homestead in the Criterion district, half way between Maupin and Shaniko.

In 1923 the couple came to Medford bringing their four children, and making the trip by team and wagon. The trip took them 10½ days of traveling. From Medford they went to Missouri flat on the Applegate. There Mr. Gray worked as a logger and was employed for a time on county road construction.

and a series of beautiful trees. The program was different and entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schroeder, Portland, had Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gardner, Yucapa, Calif., as Manor guests. The Gardners loved the Manor and were anxious to buy and move right in. Faced with the necessity of lining up on a waiting list for sometime, AND being unable to find suitable living quarters in Medford, they left, delaying any commitment. They were delightful, living and talented people, and we hope they may return eventually.

In the two years we have lived in the Manor, we have never seen such abundant and beautiful colors in the pear orchards we look down upon from our apartment windows. The colors are brilliant and seemingly solid. This past spring we missed seeing the smudge pots aflame — a "to bad" but breathtaking sight.

Later they moved to a ranch at Glendale, Ore., where Mr. Gray was employed as a fire warden for Douglas County Protection association, for 13 years.

The family returned to Medford in 1926 when they purchased an orchard on the Old Stage road and Phoenix highway. They lived there until retiring eight years ago. They then moved to Central Point in 1954.



Open house November 2 observed the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Gray of Central Point. The Grays, married in Dufur, Ore., have lived in Jackson and Josephine counties since 1923. For the picture, the Grays posed in front of an organ which was given to Mrs. Gray by her father when she was nine years old.

Shady Cove PTA Meeting Slated

Shady Cove-Maynard Hadley of the Central Point rural fire department will speak on fire prevention during a meeting of the Shady Cove Parent-Teacher association meeting Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m., in the Grade school gymnasium. A program will be given on "Lights on for Education," by William Shepherd, and the Shady Cove Grade school band, directed by Richard Gannaway, will play musical selections. A brief business meeting is planned. Year books will be given to those who attend.

The schedule for open house evenings for parents is third grade, November 26; second grade, November 27; fourth and fifth grades, November 28; seventh grade, November 29; sixth grade, December 4; eighth grade, December 5, and first grade, December 6.

Women's Fellowship Schedules Luncheon
The Women's fellowship of the First Baptist church will meet for a dessert luncheon and business and missionary meeting Tuesday, November 13, at the Girls Community club starting at 12:30 p.m. The social committee will be Rebecca White Cross circle with Mrs. Dora Brantley in charge. The devotional will be given by Mrs. Don Lindstrom; the program will be by Mrs. Harold Gangstee, on missions at home, and by Mrs. Frank Price, on Borneo.

All Rebekah lodge women interested are invited to attend a potluck luncheon of the Beehive club of Olive Rebekah lodge planned for noon, Monday, November 12 in the home of Mrs. Joe Cave, 517 Park street, Medford.

Women To Meet At Naumes Home

Women of Rotary will meet for luncheon and cards Wednesday, November 14, at the home of Mrs. R. A. Naumes, 620 Oakdale drive, at 12:30 p.m.

All wives of Rotarians are invited to attend. Reservations should be made by calling Mrs. Naumes, 772-4273.

Yreka Woman Is Appointed

Yreka — Mrs. Lee Morford has returned to Yreka from Oakland, Calif., where she attended a four-day school of instruction following her installation as district deputy grand matron, Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Morford, a member of Stella chapter, Yreka, was installed in ceremonies held in connection with the OES grand chapter convention in Oakland. She was appointed by Mrs. Carol Mae Jensen, Vallejo, grand matron of California.

Mrs. Morford's district includes chapters in Dunsmuir, Mount Shasta, Weed, McCloud, Etna and Yreka. At the Oakland meeting, Mrs. Morford also was elected treasurer for 1963 for the association of deputy grand matrons from the northern part of the state.

Hamakers Home From Trip East

Ashland — Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hamaker, 40 North Mountain avenue, recently returned from a six-weeks motor trip that took them as far east as Arlington, Va. They visited members of the family in North Dakota and Colorado, and stopped in Portland and Eugene with relatives on their return journey.

In California

Ashland — Mrs. Minnie Newton, 916 Iowa street, spent ten days in Santa Rosa, Calif., visiting with her brother, Dr. Walter Herndon and family. She returned to Ashland last week.

To Meet

The degree of Honor lodge will make Christmas party plans at their meeting Monday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m., in the Girls Community club. Those who attend are to take a favorite recipe and sample. Mrs. Katherine Robinson will be hostess.

Chapter AA

Chapter AA of the PEO sisterhood will conduct a silent auction after their meeting Wednesday, November 14. They will convene at 12:30 p.m. Assisting the hostess will be Mrs. Eva Ringo and Mrs. C. C. Furnas.

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