

Let's Be Sociable

Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Melis Is Celebrated

MIST—The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Melis was celebrated Sat. with guests dropping in all through the late afternoon and evening and partaking of cake, ice cream and coffee and chatting a half hour or so with this remarkable couple. The Melises have lived together and on the same farm for a half century with only a new house in later years. Their children were all home and also six grand children:

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Ferguson and their daughter, Mrs. Frank Reece, of Kirtland, Washington; Percy Melis and his two daughters, Meriman and Donna, from Sand Point, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Webber from Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melis and two children from Calif.; and Chas. Melis and wife and Marcia from Florence.

The people of the community presented them with a beautiful 96-piece dinner set and the Mist Helping circle gave them a beautiful glass with gold plated top candy dish filled with candy.

During the evening a rousing old-time sing was enjoyed such as "Old Gray Bonnet," "I Love You Truly," etc. Vern Ferguson presided at the piano and for

the day and evening, Percy Melis was master of ceremonies. A lovely poem composed for the occasion by their daughter, Mrs. Ferguson, was read.

We all wish these people may be with us for many years to come.

Marriage Solemnized Wed. of Last Week

Louise Kofford Shirts and Lloyd L. Christensen were married Wednesday, June 6th at the home of Mrs. Polly Lynch in Riverview. The ceremony was read by Charles Long, presiding Elder of the L. D. S. church of Vernonia.

Anniversary of Lodge Celebrated Wednesday

Nehalem chapter of O.E.S. celebrated last Wednesday, June 6, its 20th anniversary by honoring charter members Mrs. Merle Ruhl, Mrs. Albert Childs and Mrs. R. M. Aldrich. Sr. Corsages were presented the three ladies and a candlelight degree was given with the charter members and officers taking part.

Mrs. Frank Lane, Past Worthy Matron and Mother Advisor of Rainbow, who is moving to Eugene, was given a gift, and Mrs. Arthur Nanson was presented with a corsage of rosebuds.

Delegates Named For Missionary Meet

On Wednesday, June 6, the Women's Evangelical Missionary society met at the church. Elected to attend the W.M.S. conference at Jennings Lodge on August 6 were Mrs. Gerald Riggins and Mrs. Ira Baucem; Mrs. Byron Kirkbride was named as alternate delegate.

Devotionals were led by Mrs. Franklin Malmsten on the topic "Christian Youth." A chapter of "The American Indian" was reported on by Mrs. Oscar Wilde.

The next meeting on July 12 will be the annual picnic which will be held on the banks of Rock creek.

Workman Loss Dangerous To Lumber's War Role

The Pacific offensive will be endangered by shortages of the lumber it urgently needs in great quantities unless losses of manpower and vital equipment in the West Coast lumber industry are stopped, Col. W. B. Greeley, secretary-manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, warned in Seattle Monday.

He cited recent war department statements which projected the war's greatest lumber demands as rising from the attack on Japan, and pointed out that logging trucks idle for lack of tires and the manpower losses which the lumber industry has suffered in common with all other Pacific Northwest war industries, are two prime factors of the 1945 drop in West Coast lumber production.

To date the industry's record is clear of failure to meet any military demand for West Coast lumber, Col. Greeley declared. "The lumber industry has been steadily drained of manpower since the first effort of national defense," Col. Greeley said. "Over seven thousand woods and mill employees have gone into the armed services and as many more have been drawn to the shipyards and other Pacific Northwest war industries. We are short today at least 20 per cent of normal manpower. The industry maintained annual production of 8 and ¼ billion board feet through 1941 and 1942 and turned out nearly 8 billion feet in 1943 and again in 1944. To date production is running about 11 per cent under that of the same period last year. The drain of manpower is at last taking a toll of the industry that is very serious, in view of the vast lumber requirements ahead in the Pacific."

"It has been assumed that all Pacific Northwest war industries would somehow manage to keep rolling along in any circumstances. Authorities on war production in the region agree that labor turnover has increased steadily this year, while the labor exodus from Oregon has taken at least 30,000 workers.

"Steady production of lumber in the Pacific Northwest has just been taken for granted by the war agencies. Although constantly citing the critical shortage of lumber, they have made no effective effort to provide men for this industry. Their lack of help has run through the drafting of key workers by selective service; the low rating given lumber, until very recently, in employment priorities; and the constant refusal to release on furlough skilled loggers from the armed forces. The unrest and migration of labor, at the loss of lumber production, has been seriously increased by the complete failure of the government to enforce its own orders on wage stabilization. More disturbance of lumber's manpower has followed the gratuitous foisting of the Travel Time controversy upon West Coast logging by the wage and hour administration.

"Starting in 1940 with the cantonment construction program, the West Coast lumber industry had taken on and completed one

giant war job after another. After the cantonments, thousands of warehouses and related structures took all the timbers the industry could reduce. Then navy orders were piled on the industry, for ship material in building the fleet to fight the submarines. Aircraft lumber was in such demand that specifications were worked out for Noble fir and West Coast hemlock as well as Sitka spruce. Here again the industry came all the way through and so it did on difficult and urgent orders for ponton timbers to bridge the rivers of Europe and for military truck body material.

"Now the war department tells us that construction troops will equal combat troops in numbers with every landing of the attack on Japan and that lumber will be their basic building material. In this offensive we will have no ready-made bases as we had in Europe. The war department says the job in the Pacific will be like building another Chicago in lumber."

"The West Coast lumber industry will again give everything it has got to war and civilian demands put upon it, just as the industry has done during the past five years. But it is being drained of its vital force. To maintain its record of producing what it has been asked to produce for the war, the industry must be enabled to keep men in the woods and mills and to procure vital equipment for logging."

Several Reported Ill In Mist Community; Road Crew Begins Work

MIST—Mrs. Robert Mathews came home from the hospital in Portland Sun. She is feeling pretty well.

Casper Libel is visiting his son, John, and family at this time.

Dr. Starr was called over from Clatskanie Sun. to see little Butchie Roeser for a throat and ear infection.

Mrs. Roy Hughes was a medical visitor in Forest Grove Mon. She took her mother, Mrs. Rodgers, from Vernonia, with her.

The Porter-Yett Co. arrived Mon. to work below the corner on the road towards Birkenfeld.

Pioneers Gather At Birkenfeld

MIST—Mrs. Elsie Richardson spent a few days last week from Portland with the Roy Hughes folks.

Mrs. Willard Garlock was a Portland visitor last week for a day.

Many old timers gathered at their home town of earlier days to attend the yearly meeting of the Pioneers held at Birkenfeld Sun. Among them was Fred Wilson from Portland, an early set-

ler. Fifteen ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. Joe Checmonek last Fri. to help with her birthday celebration. Many and nice were the gifts received and delicious were the refreshments served.

The Bud Murphy's had guests during the week end.

Mrs. Earl Roper was up from Astoria Wed. At that time her husband was doing well in St. Mary's hospital in Astoria. But on Fri. he suffered a relapse and has been a pretty sick man. We have no report at this time.

James Hill was in Clatskanie Thurs.

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