



MRS. FLORA KECK PROUDLY DISPLAYS one of the sixteen quilts she has made since March. Being busy is a very important part of Mrs. Keck's life, and quilting keeps her active. Each of her eleven children have received one of mom's beautiful personalized quilts.

Old Timer Still Busy

by Pat Savage

The morning of Sunday, October 10, 1976, was the beginning of a beautiful sunny Indian Summer day, and to Mrs. Flora Keck, it also marked her 86th birthday. She had been put into a festive birthday mood the day before, when all of her many family members in the area had presented her with a beautiful cake, served with ice cream. Oh, how she loves all of her children, grandchildren and other relatives. She knows the importance of family and is able to reap the love and affection found in large families, as she is the mother of fourteen children.

She and her husband, A. H. Keck came to Nyssa April 1, 1916. They were farming people and moved to what was later called "Keck Island" on the Snake River in 1918. Here they farmed 90 acres and raised their family, which included three sets of twins. In 1963, Mr. Keck suffered a stroke, and Mrs. Keck moved into Nyssa where she still lives today.

Her first thoughts on the day of her 86th birthday were, "I'm going to go right on and have some more!" Now this may sound determined and positive, but for all who know Flora Keck, she is both determined and very positive in her thinking.

Flora's first thought was of attending church this special Sunday morning, as she is a regular member and never misses a Sunday. Following church, her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Keck of Richland, Washington treated her to dinner in Ontario. Upon returning home, Mrs. Klaas Stam brought her a beautiful birthday cake.

Now if you think just because this warm, cheery woman has reached 86 years of age, and is crippled with arthritis, making it difficult for her to walk very far or stand for long periods of time, just sits and whines away the time, you are mistaken.

"We were dirt poor when we raised our children. We worked and we taught them to work. I can't sit around and feel sorry for myself. I have to keep busy."

Busy she has been, and busy she will stay. I thought as I viewed some of the beautiful quilts she has made. She has pieced and tacked out sixteen of these

quilts since the middle of March.

This project came about when Flora decided to make a quilt for each of her living eleven children. She told them there wouldn't be many people who would have quilts made by their 85 year old mother. Each of the children have their quilts and she has given three of her grandchildren quilts. Her first great-grandchild was the recipient of a baby quilt which she made.

"I'm not through yet. I believe that making quilts is good mental service. It gives me something to do."

Friends, neighbors, family members and one lady in Portland gives this quilt-making grandma polyester scraps or cotton scraps to make her quilts. She does all the work herself, except calling on the occasional help from her son to help put the batting between quilts. Flora sews the blocks together on a Singer sewing machine, treadle type, that she purchased second hand in 1916 for \$10. This same machine made all her children's clothes during their growing up years and still looks in top notch condition. "My children got me an electric sewing machine, but I prefer my arthritic legs moving."

This happy woman, content with life, is ready to look forward to her 87th birthday next year and just wishes to share every minute with her friends and family. She proudly says that three of her children are ministers and one is a school teacher. "I am grandma to 46 grandchildren great-grandma to 48 great-grandchildren and great-grand-grandma to one great-grandchild," she smilingly mentions. Her children are: Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Keck, Nu Acres; Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Keck, Caldwell; Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Keck, Caldwell; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Keck, Brigham City, Utah; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Keck, Sacramento, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Arvin (Rosie) Goff, Nu Acres; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald (Elsie) Robertson, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Houston Keck, Richland, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Keck, Haver, Montana; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Keck, Wallace, Idaho and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Keck of Portland.

Life has been good to Mrs.

GRANGE NEWS

Oregon Trail Grange

Election of officers was the main order of business at the Oregon Trail Grange meeting held Thursday evening, October 7. The meeting was called to order by Grange Master Harold Kurtz.

Officers re-elected were: Master Harold Kurtz; Lecturer, Sadie Metcalf; Assistant Stewards Tom and Violet Drydale; Chaplain Orma Cleaver; Ceres, Betty Kurtz; Pomona, Marguerite Moss; Executive Committee members Ernie Metcalf and Frank Sherwood. New officers are Overseer, Foy Sasser; Steward, Gene Williams; Treasurer, Clara Price; Secretary, Polly Holub; Gate Keeper, Don Somers; Flora, Arlene Williams; Executive Committee member Alva Goodell, Hall Board Member Lois Boenig.

Refreshments were served by Hostess Polly Holub. The next regular meeting will be held Thursday evening, Oct. 21. A potluck supper will begin at 7 p.m. with the meeting to follow. All grange members are urged to attend.

CWA

Members of the CWA Club of Oregon Trail Grange met Tuesday afternoon, October 5, at the home of Mildred Sisson with Jackie Sisson as co-hostess. The devotional was given by Mildred Sisson and was entitled "A Worthy Example."

Club officers re-elected for the year are Lois Boenig, chairman; Vice Chairmen Violet Drydale and Polly Holub; Ellen Jones, secretary-treasurer.

Club members voted to change the refreshment hour to 2 p.m. instead of having it after the meeting as in the past.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, November 1, a day earlier than usual. All members are urged to vote November 2. The meeting will be held at the home of Clara Price with co-hostess Esther Stephen. All Grange women are welcome.

Golden Agers Sell Rummage

The Nyssa Golden Age Club will have a special winter rummage sale, October 15 and 16 at the Old Western Hotel. Items include furniture, bicycles and everything you will need for winter. Sale hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Flora Keck and she has received many blessings. As she reflects back through her 86 years she has many warm memories and thanks God for giving her these precious years.

News From Big Bend

By Goldie Roberts

BIG BEND - Mrs. John Packwood, Mrs. Dyre Roberts and Mrs. Winifred Bennett attended Presbyterian Wednesday at the Boone Memorial Church in Caldwell.

Jolly Janes Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Dick Davis. Seven members attended.

While bringing Mrs. Sam Chaney and Mrs. Horace Chaney to Jolly Janes Club Wednesday afternoon from Caldwell, Horace Chaney became ill. They returned to Caldwell where he was hospitalized with a heart attack. He was improved enough to be removed from intensive care Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Chaney were with the family at Caldwell several times during the week.

The Sillonis boys received word October 5 of the birth of a son, Steven Peter born at Santa Fe, New Mexico to their sister, Mr. and Mrs. David Lodzinski. The nine-pound, one-ounce boy joins a family of a brother, Robert and sisters, Mary and Anne.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pollard Jr. of the hospitalization of Noel Tuppeny with a severe heart attack suffered Saturday, October 2 at Hill City, Kansas. The Tuppenys have been visiting friends and relatives there. Latest reports are that he is resting comfortably but will be hospitalized for some time.

Mrs. Josie Roadman of Springfield, Oregon is visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cartwright. Mrs. Roadman fell while in Adrian Wednesday and injured her arm.

Carlene and Darlene Carroll of Sunset Valley were Friday overnight and Saturday guests of Shellen Stephens.

Mrs. Varner Hopkins entertained in honor of Mrs. Ernest Seuell and her sister, Mrs. Lois Guilford of Hale, Missouri Saturday afternoon. Guests were Mrs. Tim Tallman and boys of Napton, Mrs. Darryl Seuell and daughters, Mrs. Winifred Bennett, Mrs. Leroy Bennett, Mrs. Boyce Van DeWater, Mrs. Darrell English, Mrs. Dave Greening and daughter Mrs. Reg Judy and Mrs. Dyre Roberts.

Mrs. Margaret Wood of Caldwell was a Saturday overnight and Sunday guest of Mrs. Winifred Bennett.

The Big Bend Home Extension Study Group will meet Tuesday, October 19 with Mrs. Ben Witty at 12:30 p.m. The Lesson, "Slow Cookery" will be given by Mrs. Boyce Van DeWater and Mrs. Darrell English.

Mrs. Lois Guilford returned by plane Sunday to her home at Hale, Missouri after visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Seuell and their family for four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van DeWater visited Mr. and

Mrs. Dick Reed in Boise Sunday. Their granddaughter Remy was home from Idaho State at Pocatello for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Thomas of Notus called on Mr. and Mrs. Stan Thomas and family Sunday afternoon.

Dinner guests of Mrs. Winifred Bennett and Mrs. Margaret Wood Sunday were Mrs. Anna Hamilton of Nanpa; Mrs. Don Hamilton of Caldwell; Mrs. Gary Blanch of Nyssa; Mrs. Dick Bennett, Laurie and Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van DeWater and Kent of Caldwell were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van DeWater.

Mrs. Luther Douglas has returned to her home in Cathlamet, Washington after visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Sillonis and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Smith are the proud parents of a son, Jacob Aaron, born Sunday, October 10 at the Caldwell Memorial Hospital. His bigger brother Josh has been staying with the beaming grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rich Holly. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pounds and Mrs. Clara Holly of Adrian are the proud great-grandparents. Mrs. Ella Smith of Nyssa is also his grandmother.

Mrs. Ernest Seuell accompanied other members of the Adrian Garden Club to the A.N.K. Garden Club meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Paulton in Parma.

BIRTHS

Malheur Memorial Hospital

October 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Roman Gonzales, Ontario, a boy

October 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Gary Trueax, Ontario, a boy

Holy Rosary Hospital

October 5 - Mr. and Mrs. David McClaran, Fruitland, a girl

October 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Don DeWitt, Payette, a girl

October 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sisson, Nyssa, a boy

Mr. and Mrs. George White, Ontario, a boy

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Quaid, Payette, a girl

October 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hilliard, Payette, a boy

Mr. and Mrs. Trinidad Camarillo, Weiser, a boy

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cornett, Payette, a girl

October 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry McArdle, Nyssa, a boy

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bolton, Ontario, a boy

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Perry, Vale, a boy

October 10 - Mr. and Mrs. James Kurata, Vale, a girl

October 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Green, Payette, boy

October 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wilson, Nyssa, boy

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ogburn Payette, girl.

New Teacher At Adrian



CONNIE VEAL, received a B.A. in art education and physical education. She attended Northwest Nazarene College. She is teaching art and P.E. at the Adrian High School and has been a substitute teacher in Ontario, Payette, Fruitland and Adrian.

Home Extension Office Sponsors Home Arts Day

Interested in learning some old time cooking skills? Plan to attend the Bicentennial Home Arts Day on Saturday, October 23 in Ontario says Helen Conner, Extension Home Economist for Malheur County.

Sponsored by Oregon State University Extension Service with the assistance of many local volunteers, the day is planned to help young and old alike learn some of the old time homemaking skills.

It will be held at Ontario High School from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Numerous classes and demonstrations are planned for the day long event. Most are free but a few do require pre-registration and include a small fee to cover materials or transportation of instructors.

Some of the classes to be offered include Making Brick Cheese, Cake Decorating, Making Corn Husk Dolls, Cooking With Sourdough, Making Soap at Home, Butter Making, Knife Sharpening, Cutting and Cooking Rabbit, Making Salami and Jerky at Home, Drying Fruits and Vegetables at Home, and many other short demonstrations will be given during the day.

A schedule of classes and times is available at the Extension Office in the Ontario City Hall.

New Teacher At Nyssa



NANCY VAN DINTER, is new librarian at Nyssa High School and Junior High. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, where she received her B.S. degree in history and French and a master's in library sciences. She has been a junior high librarian in a Wisconsin school.

HELLO WORLD!

Rex and Gigi Smith are proud to announce the arrival of their new son, Jacob Aaron. He was born October 10, 1976 at the Caldwell Memorial Hospital. He weighed six-pounds and fourteen and one-half ounces and measured twenty-one and one-half inches long.

He joins a brother, Joshua Adam, who is one and one-half years old.

Happy grandparents are Mrs. Luella Smith of Nyssa and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holly of Adrian. Proud great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pounds and Mrs. Clara Holly of Adrian.

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