



## Burnt Lake Couple's Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Halvorson of the Burnt Lake district, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary September 20. The entire family was united for the occasion and 65 relatives enjoyed a buffet dinner.

The table was centred with a three tiered wedding cake, made and decorated by their daughter Mrs. Carl Engman. Seated at the head table with the honored couple were their best man and bridesmaid of 50 years ago, Mr. Albert Amrud of Strongfield, Sask., and Mrs. Axel Johnson (nee Beda Youman) of Davidson, Sask.

Matt Sauer of Athabasca, a son in-law proposed the toast to the bride and groom.

Open house was held in the afternoon when 150 visitors signed the guest book. Visitors came from Tacoma, Washington; Birch Hills, Strongfield, Davidson, Loreburn and Bladworth, Sask., Athabasca, Calgary, Rocky Mountain House, Rimbey, Bentley, Eckville, Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake and surrounding districts.

Congratulatory telegrams were received from Prime Minister Diefenbaker, Premier E. C. Manning, Harris Rogers, M.P. for Red Deer and Honorable A. J. Hooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Halvorson received many gifts, cards and telegrams.

L. H. Erickson was master of

ceremonies and the program consisted of community singing, instrumental numbers by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Sawyer, Roy Sawyer and Mr. Metcalf, a recitation by Barbara Hanson and several comedy numbers by Ian Mandin.

Mrs. E. A. Pearson and Mrs. D. M. Sawyer had the room decorated with autumn leaves and flowers and the table centrepiece was of white and golden chrysanthemums presented to Mrs. Halvorson by the Burnt Lake Women's Institute. Mrs. Axel Johanson had made and decorated a cake for the head table where Mr. and Mrs. Halvorson and their family were seated, along with the bridesmaid and best man of 50 years ago, Mrs. Axel Johnson of Davidson, Sask., and Albert Amrud of Strongfield, Sask., and Mrs. Halvorson's sisters, Mrs. Lena Akre and Mrs. Hanna Tastad of Loreburn, Sask. Other guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. H. Stomnes, Mr. Helund, Roy and Palmer of Birch Hills, Sask., Mr. and Mrs. A. Amrud of Strongfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, Bladworth, Sask., Ralph Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Paulson of Tacoma, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Sauer, Edith and Ethel and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chorzempa and family of Athabasca, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Engman of Calgary. Mr. and Mrs. Halvorson were

presented with a purse of money from the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Halvorson farmed at Strongfield until 1919 when they came to their present home in the Burnt Lake district.

They have two daughters, Mrs. Carl (Alice) Engman of Burnt Lake and Mrs. Matt (Florence) Sauer, of Athabasca. Three sons, Gordon, Arthur and Clifford live at Burnt Lake and one son Howard lives in Red Deer. They have 13 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

In the evening a gathering to honor Mr. and Mrs. Halvorson was held in the community centre where they were greeted by a full house and were presented with a purse of money from the community.

Mr. Andrew Halvorson was born at Hillsboro, North Dakota in 1886 and moved to Strongfield, Sask. in 1909, where he homesteaded.

Mrs. Halvorson, the former Lydia Syhre was born in 1894 in Pierpont, South Dakota and in 1906 moved to Saskatchewan.

They were married in Elbow, Sask. with the late Rev. Hans Storebo officiating.

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