

Norwegian Guest Honored

Some 75 people of the Syhre family from this area met at Skudesnes Church on Sunday afternoon May 23 to honor Mrs. Johanna Melhus of Skudeneshavn, Norway, who has been visiting relatives here in Canada for five weeks. Mrs. Melhus is a sister of Tobias Syhre whom many will remember. He spent several years in the Strongfield district before returning to Norway.

There were four Syhre sisters who settled in the Loreburn Strongfield area in the early 1900's, Mrs. Ludwig Aadland (Lisa), Mrs. O. M. Akre (Lena), Mrs. Gustav Tastad (Hannah) and Mrs. Halvorson (Lydia) now of Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Mr. Olaf Syhre of Waterton, S. Dakota, made his home here for several years. Hagbert Syhre, another brother, lives in Oregon.

Present for the occasion were Mrs. Hannah Tastad of Saskatoon who is 88 years of age and Mr. Olaf Syhre, her brother from S. Dakota, who is 80 years of age this year.

Mr. Aksel Christensen acted as MC for the afternoon. Joel Olson led in devotions, speaking in the Norwegian language. Norman Tastad of Saskatoon presented the honoured guest, Mrs. Melhus with an orchid. Mrs. Evelyn Hundebly gave a greeting in Norwegian to Mrs. Melhus, wishing her a good and safe trip back to Norway, also presenting her with a card bearing the names of all those who were present.

Miss Cheryl Tastad acted as pianist and Mrs. Doris Akre as organist. A pleasing musical program was presented by the younger members of the Syhre family. "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung in closing and everyone was invited down to the church parlors where a sumptuous supper was served.