

A 40th wedding anniversary was celebrated at Skudesnes Lutheran Church on March 1 for Peder and Ruth Tastad. Festivities began at noon with a family dinner.

The basement had been tastefully decorated and the head table was centred by a lovely wedding cake made by Leone Tastad and decorated by Pat Adams. Corsages and boutonnieres were made by Kathleen McGillivray.

Seated at the head table were Peder and Ruth Tastad and Ruth's sister, Dora Johanson, who was her bridesmaid forty years ago and Dora's husband, Axel Johanson.

Rev. Angus McGillivray acted as M.C. for the day and opened with prayer. After dinner the crowd was entertained by a short program. Helen Njaa and Kathleen McGillivray sang a beautiful duet, "Bless This House". This was followed by a humorous skit, "Peder and Ruth at home", written and produced by Kathleen McGillivray and including such star performers as Leone Tastad (Peder) and Carol Tastad (Ruth), aided by Kathleen, Dick and Garth in minor roles. This brought many a laugh. The background scenery for the skit were the eight children's quilts Ruth had made for her grandchildren. They said Ruth's quilt frames never got a chance to cool off in the 3½ years that the grandchildren came!

Three ladies, Helen Njaa, Gudrun Jackson and Jennie Ferkingstad, who were introduced as the "Old Tastad Trio" sang, "I want my life to tell for Jesus". This was one of many trios, that Ruth, Gudrum and Jennis used to sing. (We won't tell how many years ago.)

Kathleen sang one of Peder's favourite "oldies" which was much appreciated and immediately following, Angus introduced the eight

grandchildren who came in all dressed up in sailor suits and each one carrying a yellow rose which they presented to their grandparents.

Norman Tastad spoke on behalf of the family and of what Peder and Ruth had meant to them down thru' the years. Peder and Ruth suitably replied thanking each one for coming and making their day so very special.

Garth Tastad had enlarged many old photos of the grandpas and grandmas and other members of the family. These were on display and were a source of interest and pleasure for the guests throughout the day.

Members of the Hope Circle capably served at the come and go tea in the afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. for the many friends who came to offer their congratulations and good wishes.

Presiding over the guest register were Mary Tastad, Martha Tastad and Jennie Ferkingstad. Pouring tea and coffee were Gudrun Jackson, Alice Tastad, Evelyn Hundebly, Eunice Tastad, Leah Cumming and Barbara Bjelke. The beautiful silver coffee pot used, was one which had been brought by Ruth's mother from Sweden at the turn of the century.

Relatives from a distance included Mr. and Mrs. George Cumming, Richmond, BC., Mr. and Mrs. Axel Johanson (Ruth's sister) and their two daughters, Mrs. Jim Rendell and Mrs. Bystrom, Red Deer, Alberta, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bjelke (Ruth's brother) Edmonton, Alberta. Peder's mother, Hannah Tastad, 92 years of age was able to be present, as were all of Peder's eight brothers and sisters from Saskatoon and Loreburn. One of Ruth's brothers, Gunnar Bjelke from Rocky Mt. House, was unable to come.