

More than 225 relatives and friends of Mrs. Hannah C. Tastad gathered at Skudesnes Lutheran Church, Loreburn, September 4 to celebrate her 90th birthday.

A pot luck dinner, catered by ladies of the church, was held for family members following the morning service. At 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Tastad's grandchildren provided entertainment with LeVerne Baxter of Saskatoon acting as master of ceremonies.

A come and go tea was held from 4:30 - 6 p.m. with many of Mrs. Tastad's friends and relatives from Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario and South Dakota offering their congratulations.

Mrs. Tastad was born Hannah C. Syhre September 7, 1887 in Pierpont, South Dakota. On March 22, 1906 she and Gustav L. Tastad were the first couple married in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont.

The following year, Mrs. and Mrs. Tastad emigrated to Canada, homesteading in the Glenside - Hawarden area, where they were charter members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Mrs. Tastad is now the only living charter member of Bethlehem Church.

In about 1917 the Tastads (five children were born on the Glenside farm) retired to Hawarden. But in 1921 Gustav bought a new farm in the Loreburn district and the family returned to active farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Tastad retired to Loreburn in 1949. Gustav died there May 28, 1957.

Mrs. Tastad has been living in Saskatoon since 1972. Her children are: Evelyn Hundebly of Elbow; Jennie Ferkingstad of Edmonton; Gudrun Jackson of Saskatoon; Peder, of Loreburn; Edward, of Saskatoon; Norman, of Saskatoon; Byron, of Loreburn; George, of Loreburn; and Walter of Saskatoon. Mrs. Tastad had another daughter, Ruth Elaine, who died at the age of twelve.

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Special guests at the party included Mrs. Tastad's brother, Olaf Syhre of Watertown, S.D. and his wife Kathryn; and Mrs. Tastad's sister, Lydia Halverson of Red Deer, Alberta.

Also present were Olaf's sons Clifford, LeVerne and his wife Hazel, Maynard and his wife Dorothy, all of Pierpont, and Lydia's children, Alice Engman and Arthur and Grace Halverson, all of Red Deer.

Other guests from South Dakota included Mrs. Tastad's niece Phyllis Sletten and her husband Bob, and her nephew Robert Sletten and his wife Vivian of Aberdeen.

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