

Burnt Lake Bride Honored By Friends

The farewell party held at the school for Miss Ruth Bjelke was attended by about eighty people. Miss Bjelke and Mr. Tastad had been invited to spend the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Engman, and were wholly unaware of the surprise which lay in store for them until they were bodily carried to the school to meet their friends who had gathered to honor them. Mr. Oscar Johanson called the meeting to order, and under the leadership of Mrs. B. Bell, with Mrs. Ellis Sveinson at the piano, and Kurt Trachsel, violin, several community songs were lustily sung. The program which followed was heartily enjoyed, those contributing to the program being Mrs. B. Bell, solo; Mrs. J. O. Johnson, reading; Misses Freda and Elsie Smith, duet; L. Hacker, violin solo; Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Trachsel, duet; Frank Dallaire, solo; Dwight Sawyer, address; Mrs. E. W. Lewis, solo, and Kurt Trachsel, violin solo. G. S. Grimson then presented Miss Bjelke with a purse of money, with the best wishes of the community for her happiness in her new home. Mr. Grimson paid tribute to Miss Bjelke for her willing and efficient help at the Sunday School and the children's concerts where her musical ability had always been of such great assistance. Her friends would always remember her services with gratitude, and her place would be hard to fill in the district. After lunch, the meeting broke up by singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows".

A delightful afternoon was spent by the ladies of Burnt Lake, Shady Nook and Centreville at the home of Mrs. Oscar Johanson on February 21. The occasion was planned in honor of Miss Ruth Bjelke, whose marriage takes place early in March, and of Mrs. Clifford Duffield, Sylvan Lake, who as Miss Lillian Byers was a popular teacher here two years ago. After several amusing contests, Mrs. B. Bell gave a solo and Mrs. J. O. Johnson a reading, "Man", which gave the two young ladies some sound advice. Mrs. S. Swainson then made the presentation to Mrs. Duffield, a picture and a silver dish, from the ladies of the district. Mrs. Duffield was taken completely by surprise, but in a kindly speech thanked the ladies warmly for their presents and assured them she appreciated their friendliness both now and when she had lived in the district. Mrs. Kurt Trachsel then presented Miss Bjelke with a huge daisy, with instructions to remove the petals one by one to discover where her presents were hidden. When the last of nearly fifty presents had been found and exhibited, Miss Bjelke thanked her friends for their gifts and their companionship which she would never forget. During lunch, Miss Bjelke and Mrs. Duffield were seated at the head of the table, which looked very attractive with candles and a miniature bride and attendant making a most appropriate centerpiece.

At Sunday School, Miss Bjelke was presented with a picture with the good wishes of the members of the Sunday School. In making the presentation, Mr. Oscar Johanson thanked Miss Bjelke for her many years of faithful work, and wished her happiness in her new home.

Tastad-Bjelke

A quiet but interesting wedding was solemnized at the Northern Bible College Manse recently when Mr. P. Arthur Tastad, of Loreburn, Sask., was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Vahlborg Bjelke, well known to many friends of the Burnt Lake district. Rev. Chas. E. Thomson officiated in the presence of Mrs. Axel Johanson, sister of the bride, and G. Bjelke, brother of the bride. After the ceremony, the party drove to Burnt Lake where a reception was held and a buffet lunch served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Johanson. The happy couple left during the afternoon for their future home at Loreburg.