

# Loreburn Couple Celebrate Golden Wedding

March 22, 1956, was a memorable day for Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Tastad, when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. A turkey dinner was enjoyed by the family in the United Church parlors in Loreburn, in a suitable setting of decorations in gold and white and bouquets of yellow roses. Miss Gudrun Tastad had charge of the guest book.

After the dinner, Pastor Trygve F. Dahle proposed a toast to the honored couple and also acted as master of ceremonies for the program at the banquet table. Pastor Dahle led in devotion, reading from the 1st Psalm. George Tastad read the telegrams of congratulations from relatives, friends, including members of Parliament. "His Love is Wonderful to Me" was sung as a duet by Pastor and Mrs. Dahle. Mrs. Lena Akre read a write-up of the wedding from the Pierpont Signal, Pierpont, S. Dakota, of 50 years ago. Mrs. Alma (Lockrem) Leyden, Camrose, Alta., a friend of the family, made a few remarks about the early days of the honored couple, Mr. Tastad having worked together with her father. Mrs. Dahle read a bit of poetry composed by Mrs. Johanna Tastad of Pierpont, S. Dakota. Mr. Kasper Knuston, Elbow, gave an appropriate talk, stressing the points which make a happy Christian home. The eldest daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Olson, gave a very fine tribute to Dad and Mother on behalf of the children. She also thanked the ladies of the Loreburn WA of the United Church for the delicious meal and Mrs. Dahle for decorating the wedding cake. The doxology was sung in closing.

Mrs. D. McLelland, on behalf of friends, invited Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Tastad to the church auditorium. Here many friends and relatives were assembled to honor the bridal couple. Mr. D. McLelland acted as chairman for the program that was given.

Miss Ruth Hoiland led a sing-spiration with Mrs. Eugene McLean as pianist. Mr. Knuston gave a short talk, comparing the church and Christ with the bride and groom relationship. Miss E. Wankel played a delightful piano solo. Gordon Joel of Elbow read the telegrams of congratulations, one of these being from the Prime Minister. Pastor and Mrs. Dahle sang, "Love Devine", as a duet. Mrs. W. Ashworth read a very suitable anniversary program.

Kathleen Tastad, a granddaughter, sang a solo, entitled "I Will Pilot Thee", accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Peder Tastad. Mrs. Peder Tastad then gave a lovely tribute to the honored couple. Mrs. Aksel Chrestensen, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Tastad, composed a song about the bridal couple which was sung to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia" (Mr. Tastad's favorite Yankee song), by Mrs. Borger and Mrs. McLean. Pastor Dahle centered his talk on the "Seven Freedoms" mentioned in the 23rd Psalm. He also extended a thank you on behalf of the family to the friends and the women of the United Church for what they had done to make this such a happy occasion.

The hymn, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" was sung before Mrs. W. L. Peardon and Mr. Aksel Chrestensen presented the honored couple with gifts. Mrs. Peardon spoke to the bride and presented her with a bouquet of roses. Mr. Chrestensen spoke to the bride and groom presenting a gift of money and an electric floor polisher. Mr. and Mrs. Tastad expressed their thanks very graciously.

An opportunity was given to all to congratulate the honored couple. All were invited to the church parlors for a lunch and a taste of the wedding cake.

For the occasion, Mrs. Tastad wore a dress of dusty rose color appropriately called "Lady Love, with accessories to match. She was presented with a corsage of yellow roses and Mr. Tastad with a white carnation boutonniere.

All the children were present with the exception of Norman and his family of Watrous, who, because of blocked roads and stormy weather, were unable to come, though they had come as far as Davidson and had to turn back.

Mrs. Jennie Ferkingstad and some neighbors had to resort to horses and trailer. Peter and family of Strongfield came via bombardier. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tastad and Leverne, Strongfield, Mrs. Evelyn Olson and children of Hawarden, Miss Gudrun Tastad of Outlook, came by train. A brother, Lauritis and his family of Hawarden, also came by train. Those of Strongfield and Hawarden returned by bombardier. To Byron and Walter, George and his family, no transportation problems were present as they reside in Loreburn.