

"Outlook" Syhre Reunion July 14/86

On July 1st, 1986 the Aadland, Akre, Halvarson, Syhre and Tastad families met at the Elbow Bible Camp for a Syhre family reunion.

Over 200 people registered, coming from Wyoming, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The reunion officially commenced at 12:00 noon with opening ceremonies at the chapel. Emcee was Oscar Akre.

Dinner followed with a delicious meal catered by the Outlook Locker Plant.

Time was set aside for taking family pictures.

The rest of the afternoon was spent visiting and reminiscing over family pictures and displays.

A ball game was enjoyed.

At 4:30 we met at the chapel for an enjoyable program consisting of various musical numbers and a skit depicting the Syhre history.

Highlights of the program were

musical numbers on the banjo by uncle, Olaf Syhre and a greeting and recitation by aunt, Hannah Tastad.

Supper followed. An appropriately decorated birthday cake was served honoring aunt, Hannah Tastad's and uncle, Tastad's 99th and 90th birthdays.

Visitors to the Syhre reunion were: Lillian Torgersen, Pierceland, Sask.; Henry Akre and Karine, Pembroke, Ontario; Cecil and Christina Akre, Red Deer, Alta.; Lorne and Rachel Akre and girls, Botha, Alta.; Ray and Elaine Gabert, Red Deer, Alta.; Alice Engman and Andrew, Red Deer, Alta.; Olaf Syhre, Watertown, SD; Maynard and Dorothy Syhre, Webster, SD; Keith and Dianne Gould, Upton, Wyoming; Clifford and Shirley Syhre, Aberdeen, SD; Wayne and Wanda McMurchy, Kamloops, BC; Angus and Kathleen McGillvray, New Market, Ontario; Gordon Olson, Des Moines Iowa; Merrill and Lois Olson, Minneapolis; Carolyn Tastad, Toronto, Ontario.

Tastad Reunion

On Friday, June 27th, 1986, Tastad relations from near and far began congregating in Saskatoon for a Tastad family reunion.

Things got underway early Saturday morning with a golf tournament. Fifteen people teed-off at the Wildwood Golf Course, while others toured downtown Saskatoon, taking in the various shops and sites, or visited in hotel rooms.

The reunion was held at the beautiful Bessborough Hotel. Registration began at 2:00 p.m. Approximately 130 people registered. People travelled from Wyoming, Iowa, Minnesota, Oregon, Missouri, California, South Dakota, Nebraska, Texas, USA; Ontario, Alberta., British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Refreshments were served as people reminisced.

The younger children enjoyed an afternoon of swimming and waterslides at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel. Pizza was ordered in for supper.

Across the street the adults sat down to a delicious banquet catered in the Terrace Room. A short program followed emceed by Bryan Tastad. Greetings were exchanged, golf results given and Sunday's agenda reviewed. Earl Francis led

the groups in a sing-song.

Sunday was spent at the Forrestry Farm. A morning worship service was held at the Civic Centre, led by the Reverend Angus McGillvray. Cheryl Satre served as pianist. Reverend Gordon Olson gave the sermon. Helen Njaa and Kathleen McGillvray provided special music.

A barbecue dinner followed, served by the Canadian first cousins.

A pleasurable afternoon passed with activities varying from horseshoes, ball and relays, to a trip to the zoo. Lots of reminiscing took place!

Everyone gathered at the centre again for an informal program. Each family was introduced and provided entertainment. This was in the form of songs, an instrumental, a skit and a stand-up comic. Fun awards for various "activity - achievements" were also presented. The program was emceed by Laverne Baxter.

Group pictures were taken.

The supper meal of barbecued pork was served at 5:00 p.m.

Special guests were Aunt Josie Sletten (Tastad), Aunt Helen Tastad, Aunt Hannah Tastad and Uncle Olaf Syhre.