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## THEY CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

MR. AND MRS. MORRIS McHENRY ARE  
MARRIED FIFTY YEARS.

MANY FRIENDS HONOR THEM

Best Known and Beloved Couple in Crawford  
County Receive Congratulations on  
Golden Anniversary.

On December 25, 1909, at Dow City Mr. and Mrs. Morris McHenry celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day. They are both early settlers in this county. Hon. S. J. Comfort came to Crawford county in Sept. 1855 and settled near Dow City bringing his wife and three daughters, Mar. L. being the oldest. Morris McHenry came to Mason's Grove in the May following. There were no towns in the county then and people lived in the groves for the wood and shelter. Mr. McHenry came on foot from Council Bluffs and reached the home of Mr. Comfort in the evening

had enough other offices. In the winter of 1858 was held the first District Court in and for Crawford County—Hon. M. F. Moore, Dist. Judge; Morris McHenry, Clerk in the absence of the regular Clerk, Mr. Purdy. In May 1858 Mr. McHenry moved to Denison and took charge of the Treasurer and Recorder's office. Judge Dow having been elected to that office so that he could appoint Mr. McHenry as deputy, for the people still wanted him to do the business. He retained that office until 1872 when he declined a re-election. The office that he prized most was Superintendent of the M. E. Sunday School to which he was elected on coming to Denison. He held that office most of the time until 1877 when he resigned and moved out of town and was succeeded by Gov. L. M. Shaw.

On December 25th, 1859, he was married to Mary L. Comfort, daughter of Hon. S. J. Comfort, at Denison. There was at Denison only two preachers, Rev. J. W. Denison of the Baptist church. He had a job to marry John Purdy, Clerk of the Dist. Court at Coon Grove some three miles south of town. The Methodist minister, Rev. D. P. Billings, not having been fully ordained could not act, so the choice fell on the Methodist Class Leader, Mr. John B. Huck-

house, and the great number of their friends, only the near relatives could be invited, but their hearts are large and warm enough to hold us all. One item of interest is that Uncle Morris and Aunt Mary were married in the house where C. K. Meyers is now living. The house has been added to, but still is the same.

Among the relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Sears McHenry, L. Seemann, S. J. Woodruff, A. Halsey, C. F. Cassaday and Leon Cassaday, Dr. L. M. Coon and mother of Denison, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jackson of Omaha, Frank Jackson of Eagle Grove, J. A. Williams and family of Council Bluffs, Mrs. T. G. Bruner, a sister of the bride, of Douglas, Wyo., Mr. and Mrs. Frank McHenry and Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Morrison of Dow City.

## DEATH OF JULIUS W. KUSEL

Parents Receive the Sad News From Olive California of the Death of This Promising Young Man.

The hearts of many Denison friends and relatives were saddened last week by the news of the death of Julius W. Kusel which took place at his home in Olive, Cal., on December 22nd. It was just two months before that he and his happy bride left Denison for their western home where he was well established in the mercantile business. A more complete obituary notice, together with a portrait of this splendid young man will appear in our next issue. In the meantime we would extend our most sincere sympathy to his heart-broken loved ones.

## A PROGRESSIVE DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sims Entertain in Honor of Their Children.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sims gave the young people a delightful progressive dinner at their lovely home last evening. About thirty young people were invited and they were seated at five tables. Dinner was served in courses and after each course the guests "progressed" to another table. Music and games followed the delicious repast. The out-of-town guests were the Misses Brown, daughters of Senator Norris Brown of Nebraska and Mr. C. Carpenter of Marion, Iowa, all of whom are house guests at the Scriver home.

## MR. SANTA CLAUS VISITS DENISON

GENIAL GENT GREETED WITH GUSTO BY  
GREAT GATHERINGS.

## FOREST OF CHRISTMAS TREES

Churches, Homes, Lodges and Clubs Catch  
Christmas Spirit and Rejoice  
Together.

The church people of Denison always see to it that the Christmas time is remembered. Their liberality is noteworthy and they are ready to sacrifice much in preparation for the great event. This is well, for most of us look back on the Christmas exercises we have seen, and taken part in, as very bright spots in life. A review of what was done this year shows as follows:

### The Presbyterian School Celebrates.

The children of this school felt well satisfied with the exercises on Christmas Eve. With Prof. Fellows as superintendent seconded by enthusiastic officers this school is up and doing. The gifts were displayed on a large oak tree whose branches had been nicely decorated. It was brightly lit with lights in many colors and was a beautiful sight. The children gave a cantata called, "The Guiding Star." Mr. Sears McHenry led the singing and this meant that there was enthusiasm. The popular pastor, Rev. DeFree, spoke on the significance of the celebration in his usual entertaining manner and the hour was one of joy.

### The Methodist Way.

The Methodist school with its over three hundred enrollment entered into the Christmas festivities with a will. The program was in charge of Mrs. C. L. Voss and her assistants, the Misses Gulick and Willetta Strahan, of the primary department. The little ones responded well to their training and, of course, their childish ways caused much amusement. They got in the habit of clapping their hands at the close of every number, and so even applauded loudly when Charley Halsey finished reading the bible lesson telling of the birth of the Christ child. Dr. Senseney spoke briefly and to the point. It is the custom of

this school to make a gift at Christmas time for the orphans home of the denomination at York, Neb., and this was not neglected. The tree was a tall evergreen well lit up and looked fine. There were presents for the little ones and nice oranges and big popcorn balls for all. Prof. VanNess presided during the exercises.

### With the Good German Lutherans.

The celebration of Christmas Eve in the German Lutheran Zion's church this year was a remarkably splendid one. A beautiful tree was provided and the visitors were greatly pleased by a rich program of singing, dialogues, speaking etc. These were participated in by pupils of the Lutheran school. At the conclusion of the children's services these and many of the adults were delighted with fine and various Christmas gifts. Pastor Frese and Prof. Beneke always see to it that the children have a good time at Christmas.

### The Episcopalians on Monday Night.

The Episcopal school held its Christmas services and tree on Monday evening, Dec. 27th, and the church was well filled with parents and friends of the children. In the absence of the rector, Rev. C. A. Corbett, the services were led by Dr. W. T. Wright. Directly preceding the offertory the Christmas solo, "The Song, the Angel's Song," was sweetly rendered by Miss Edna Wright. This was followed by a short Christmas cantata entitled, "Santa Claus' Party." This was very well given and the children are to be commended for the excellent way in which each and every one took their parts. Then came the distribution of gifts from a large and beautifully trimmed tree. Each child who had been faithful throughout the year was remembered with a nice present, a box of candy and an orange. The services were closed by the singing of that grand Christmas Hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, That Glorious Song of Old."

### St. Rose of Lima, Catholic Church.

The Roman Catholic church of the world makes much of the Christmas anniversary. It is not left to the children but the grown people are expected to attend the mass and worship with response and prayer. The church at Denison did not fail to follow the custom. A marked feature of the early mass was the singing by a chorus of thirty children's voices. At the later one, a choir under direction of Miss Beat-

rice Lally brought out the magnificent music for the occasion in a way to win much praise. There was a tree and exercises by the children at the convent school at which they had a good time. The program was as follows:

Full Chorus, "Do a Bit of Kindness Now."

Recitation—Master Eddie Flinn  
Lullaby—Little Girls  
Pantomime, "Star of Bethlehem"  
Song, "Santa Claus"—Little Folks  
Recitation—Burnice Kinney  
Christmas Motto—Minims  
Song, "Away in a Manger"  
Instrumental Solo, "Mountain Pink."  
Piano, Grace O'Connor; violins, J. O'Connor, Josie Kinney.  
Vocal Solo, "Wait Mr. Postman," sung by Frances Leahy. Accompanist, Josie Kinney.

Stocking Drill—J. Flynn, Jas. O'Connor, Leo Adams, Q. Adams, L. Lally, F. Kelly, Jos. Collins, W. Brusnahan, H. Servoss, L. Finnegan.

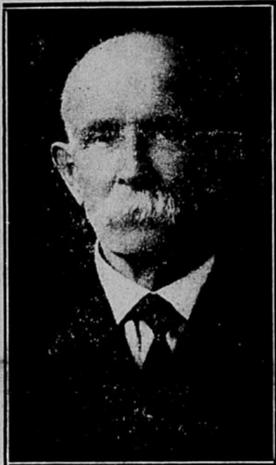
### Current Events Club Christmas

Christmas afternoon found sixty-six happy and expectant little children at the library club room all in answer to the invitations sent them by the Current Event Club for a Christmas party. A beautiful tree with fine dolls for each little girl, games, books, toys of all kinds were ranged around the tree together with many warm and useful things. Oranges, apples, nuts, cakes and candy refreshed the inner child. Mrs. Sims, president of the club gave a very simple, but beautiful explanation of God's gift of his only son to earth and then the gifts were presented to shining and happy little faces.

The idea of this Christmas party originated with Mrs. P. D. McMahon, and with Mrs. Kott as chairman of the committee. Mesdames McMahon, Romans, Boylan, McAndrews, Curry, Cook, Johnstone and Bartscher carried it to such a delightful conclusion. Many friends outside the club gave in the most open-hearted way of gifts, time and money. It is hoped that this tree on Christmas day may be made a yearly affair. Under the leadership of Mrs. Sims the Current Event Club is taking an active part in civic and altruistic improvement and this Christmas party for children is certainly one of its most successful efforts in this respect.

Mr. Clayton Carpenter of Marion, Iowa, is spending the holidays at the W. J. Scriver home in Denison.

Glen Ainsworth of Omaha spent Christmas with his parents in Denison.



UNCLE MORRIS McHENRY



AUNT MARY McHENRY

and owing to the absence of Mrs. Comfort, his future wife cooked his first supper in Crawford county. He reached Mason's Grove the next evening and crossed the Boyer river to Mr. Benjamin Dobson's house. There being no bridges the crossing was made with the horses and wagon on a ferry boat on Dobson's mill dam. There being no surveyor in the county although Mr. H. C. Laub had been appointed, but never qualified as he had no compass. He made a bargain with Mr. McHenry that he would go to the County Judge at Coon Grove and get sworn in, provided McHenry would work on his farm while he was away. This McHenry was glad to do. Mr. Laub had become quite a friend to the young surveyor and had been sending him quite a number of hard mathematical problems for him to solve which McHenry had worked out to Mr. Laub's entire satisfaction. Mr. Laub appointed McHenry deputy surveyor and he thus entered upon his life work. At the August election following (1856) he was elected County Surveyor. Not finding enough surveying to occupy all his time, at the solicitation of the Mason's Grove neighborhood, he opened a pay school in a log school house fitted up by Jo Dobson and himself and boarded around during the winter of 1856 and 1857 thus happily passing the Hard Winter. This was the first school in the county.

In October of 1856 the first church in the county was organized of which Mr. McHenry was a charter member. Rev. William Black of the M. E. church was pastor. His "circuit" took in Crawford, Carroll, Calhoun, Sac, Ida, Monona and apart of Woodbury county. In the spring of 1857 Mr. McHenry helped organize the first Sunday School in the county. Geo. C. King was superintendent, McHenry was one of the teachers. At the April election in 1857 he was elected County Assessor and assessed the whole county at an expense to the county of \$50.50. At the August election of 1857 he was elected County Treasurer and Recorder (one office then). He surveyed the town of Denison in the fall of 1857. Not having surveying for the winter of 57 and 58 he taught school again at Mason's Grove, his future wife being one of the big girls and read in the Fifth Reader. He did not hold on to the Treasurer and Recorder's office to which he had been elected because the judge thought

step, who was a Justice of the Peace. Thus were married two county officers on the same evening—Uncle Morris says he took solid Comfort when he was married and has had solid Comfort for fifty happy years. In the year 1866 he bought the right of way through Crawford county for the Cedar Rapids & Missouri River R. R. now the C. & N. W., also lands for town sites at Carroll, Maple River Junction, West Side, Vail, Denison and Dow City. The two latter were not used because arrangements were made with Mr. Denison and Mr. Dow for other lands.

The Golden Wedding was celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 25, at their home in Dow City. None but relatives having been invited and no presents, printed in plain letters on the cards, a good many valuable presents were quietly slipped in. Congratulations and presents coming both from the Atlantic and Pacific coast. One of the most gratifying features was the hearty congratulations to Uncle Morris and Aunt Mary from the great body of nephews and nieces outside of the family. Uncle Morris says he was born of poor, but respectable parents on the 29th day of July 1831, in McHenry Valley, Allegany Co., New York. He is of Scotch-Irish descent, but in Schleswig he passes as Der Deutscher from Dublin. Mary L. Comfort was born in Adams county, Illinois, Oct. 30, 1842. Both Mr. and Mrs. McHenry are active and cheerful, both are live members of the Methodist Sunday School. Uncle Morris having a class of six or eight boys. Uncle Morris is still county surveyor and is now actively at work on the ditch to straighten the Boyer River. Aunt Mary still keeps her windows full of flowers as of yore. To this union five children were born, the oldest, a little girl, passing away at the age of ten months. Those living are William C., Charles, Mrs. May Wilder and Morris McHenry, Jr. There are thirteen grand children and three great grand children. Their children were all present except W. C. who was absent on account of sickness in the family. The children and grand children were there for dinner which was one of the best ever served in Dow City. In the afternoon and evening other relatives to the number of about fifty gathered to enjoy the sunshine of this home and all were served with delicious refreshments. Because of the limited room in their

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