

GOLDEN WEDDINGS CELEBRATED



MR. AND MRS. J. R. SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith. One of the grandest and most long-to-be-remembered events in Lamoni's history occurred Tuesday evening at the Coliseum, when Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith received one hundred and seventy of their friends and relatives to help them celebrate their golden wedding.

The guests assembled in the main auditorium and from there marched to the beautifully decorated dining hall in the basement to the strains of a march played on the Victrola, operated by Leighton Teale. The basement was decorated in the cold shade of gold and white together with palms, ferns and chrysanthemums. A large gold wedding bell hung over the bride's table, at which were seated the entire family of six children, seventeen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

While the excellent two-course turkey dinner was being served by twenty-four of Lamoni's loveliest young ladies all dressed in white the following program was rendered:

Toastmaster, G. W. Blair. Original reading by Miss Marjorie Layhorne, dedicated to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith.

Song, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," Saxo male quartet. Toast, "Memories of Associations from Boyhood," W. A. Hopkins.

Reading, Maud Way Smith, written by Vide E. Smith, dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith.

Toast, "Reminiscence of the Past," Dr. J. B. Horner.

Song, "When I was Twenty-one and You Were Sweet Sixteen," Saxo male quartet.

Reading, Mrs. Helen Silasbee-Smith, written by Mrs. Alice Cobb dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith.

After dinner Mr. and Mrs. Smith took their places in the front of the room, with Mrs. Sherman of Burlington as maid of honor and Dr. Sherman as best man, and again renewed the vows of fifty years ago, G. W. Blair officiating. Then old fashioned congratulations followed. All the men had the pleasure of kissing the blushing bride and the ladies kissed the groom, wishing them many more happy years of married life.

The bride wore a beautiful white silk poplin with dainty lace and pearl trimming.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith received many beautiful presents suitable to the occasion, and in evidence of their appreciation the guests were received at the home from 2 till 5 on Wednesday afternoon to view the many tokens.

Out of town guests were in attendance from Burlington, Indianola, Leon, Pleasanton, Davis City, Mt. Ayr and Kellerton.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are among the early settlers of New Buga township there they settled in the autumn of 1866. When they settled in New Buga township they bought 160 acres of land where they lived continuously till they moved to Lamoni a few years ago. To this original 160 acres Mr. Smith kept adding till at one time he had 900 acres here all in one body besides a farm of 320 acres in Bloomington township. At the present time Mr. and Mrs. Smith own the old homestead and an elegant home in Lamoni. Mr. Smith is also a stockholder and vice-president of the Farmers State Bank of Lamoni.

Mr. Smith was born in Lewis county, New York, April 3, 1841; Mrs. Smith was born in northern Illinois in July, 1844.

At the age of fifteen years Mr. Smith started to make his own way. He left New York and came to La Salle county, Illinois, where he lived till manhood. When about 21 years of age he went to Jo Davies county, Illinois, where he married Miss Eliza A. Graham on November 3, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Smith continued to live in Jo Davies county until they moved to New Buga township, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of eleven children, three dying in infancy. Those living being: Mrs. Gertrude Teale, Mt. Ayr, Iowa; Mrs. Minnie Keller, Mrs. Louisa White, Clarence F., Theodore J., and Arthur H., all of Lamoni.

While living on the farm Mr. Smith was quite an extensive dealer in stock, buying and feeding. This business alone amounted to around \$50,000 per year. In those days there was no such thing as a check book, everything was paid for in cash, so Mr. Smith had to have a considerable amount of ready money about him all the time. While engaged in the stock business, Mr. Smith was always considered as one of the leaders, and was at all times willing to impart what information he could to his friends and neighbors, for the betterment of the business. We think it can be truly said of J. R. Smith that he was one of the leaders at all times in his community in advocating improvement and progress. He has right lines not hesitating to give his time as well as his money.

them. In the early days while living on the farm the Jim Smith home was known far and wide as one of the most hospitable places in this section of the country.

In the evening of their lives Mr. and Mrs. Smith are surrounded by their children and grandchildren together with a host of friends that could not be numbered who only wish for them many more years of happiness, contentment and prosperity.—Lamoni Chronicle.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams.

Sunday, Nov. 8th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams, of Burrill township, was the scene of a pleasant surprise the event being their fiftieth wedding anniversary; when their children, relatives and friends to the number of seventy-three took possession of their home with well filled baskets and the day being an ideal one a picnic dinner was enjoyed on the lawn. When all were seated around the beautiful spread Mr. Williams returned thanks to God who gave so bountiful to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were married at Dubuque, Iowa, Nov. 3, 1864, living there two years, then coming to Decatur, Iowa, in 1866, when their eldest son was a small babe and they have lived on the place, now their home 33 years, the 21st of last February. Mr. Williams is seventy-three years of age and his wife seventy-one. They are hale and hearty and enjoyed the surprise immensely.

Mr. Williams played and sang the hymn, "Mary to the Savior's Tomb," two verses without a waiver in her voice which was remarkable for one of her age. Several useful presents were thankfully received by them. Their six sons and fourteen grandchildren, who are Ed Williams, wife and two daughters, Frank Williams, wife and two children, Tommy Williams and daughter, Mrs. Williams not being able to come, Dan Williams and wife and three children, George Williams, wife and daughter, and Mill Williams, wife and five children, all of Decatur county, were present.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Dan Myers and son, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tenney and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Will Stout, Bruner and son, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruner and son, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Ryan and three sons, Mr. Clark and Mr. Amos Vanderflugh. Those from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Ed McGahuey, of Kellerton, Mr. and Mrs. John Priest and family of Shannon City, Elwood Bruner of Osceola, Mrs. J. M. Duncan of Des Moines, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bender of Dubuque, Mrs. Story, Misses Rosy and Mary Dewhirst of Ottumwa, John Dewhirst of Waterloo, and Pierce Hill, of Barup, Minn.

The Christmas Thought.

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Historic Buildings Sold.

Last Saturday two of the most historic buildings in Lamoni were sold and will be wrecked and moved out of town.

David Keown bought the building known as the Center school house for \$215 and will move it onto his farm. In the history of this building it was the first grain office in Lamoni and later was used for an office of a lumber company and a school room in one end, later the school board bought the building and remodeled it for school purposes exclusively.

The old high school building has been the home of the majority of our young people and some of the old ones too at some time in their life. This building was sold to Barney Nelson for \$300. The out buildings and fences sold for enough to bring the total sale up to \$445.35. Thus ends the career of two noble buildings in Lamoni.—Lamoni Chronicle.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils in Leon Schools Who Have Been Neither Absent Nor Tardy During the Month October.

NORTH BUILDING.

1st grade, Miss Adaline Crawford, teacher.—Ransom Adair, Gladys Baker, Paul Barnhizer, Martha Bennett, Edna Elwell, Milo Hamilton, Cleo Hamilton, Iris Hamilton, Florence Hatfield, Katherine Hurst, Louis Long, Edna McHarness, Helen McIntosh, Harold Metz, Elizabeth Minor, Bertie Pickering, Margaret Louise Stout, Clair Spicer, Raymond Spicer, Stephen Smith, Howard Worley, Raymond Ripple.

2nd and 3rd grades, Miss Harriett Beavers, teacher.—Gertrude Hatfield, Mabel Brooks, Francis Smith, Helen Hansell, Hazel Smith, Everett Scott, Louise Smith, Margaret Adair, Ruth Potoff, Irene Harris, John Harris, James McHarness, Truman Merwin, Francis Wallace, Wesley Reeder, Margaret Alexander, Vera Johnson, Lena Smith, Hortense Warner, Harry Jenkins, Kenneth Met, Dean Newlin, George Post, Marion Pease, James Darr, Jennie Benefiel, Clifford Pickering.

3rd and 4th grades, Miss Josephine Cooney, teacher.—John Woodmansee, Jack Ferrin, Willard Johnson, White Hurst, Roy Barber, Paul Clymer, Marion McIntosh, Rainard Hornor, Inez Rhoades, Leslie Ashbury, Helen VanWerden, Louise Bradford, Ruth Johnson, Opal Pickering, Marjory Long, Lenora Phillips, Willetta Stutzell, Winnie Cooper, Audrey Barber, Marjorie Pullen, Lorrill Barnhizer, Virgil Cherrington, Homer Ackerley, Gleason Starr, Harold McHarness, Frank Coleman, Harold Pickering, Edgar Hansell, Velma Thompson.

5th grade, Miss Wynne Cash, teacher.—May Adair, Bernice Alexander, Mae Clemensen, Ruth Elwell, Leona Hatfield, Verda McLaughlin, Frances L. Penniwell, Vera Potoff, Genevieve Wilson, Pauline Woodmansee, Eschol Stewart, Ted Smith, Benjamin VanWerden, Truman Wallace, Harold Reeder, Howard Pickering, Howard Martindale, Louie Jenkins, William Ferren, Curtis Bennett.

6th grade, Miss Olive Gwinn, teacher.—Chloie Akas, Reginald Aldredge, Dorothy Akas, Curtis Bigley, Thomas Bradford, Lawrence Bullard, Floy Coons, Gladys Dale, James Daughton, Florence Gates, Gladys Gillham, Oscar Gray, Floyd Hewlett, Juanita Hinds, Warren Hullinger, Cleo Jacobs, Lester Kalkofen, Margaret Lorey, Gladys Martindale, Maurine Merwin, Otis Mullin, Marion Mullinnix, Minnie Phillips, Virgil Ripple, Etid Rhoades, Harold Sears, Maurice Sears, Margaret Shields, Sarah Shular, Clark Smith, John Stockton, Clarence Swanson, James Swin, Mildred Walker, Dorcas Zimmerman.

7th grade, Miss Nellie Mullin, teacher.—Asa Barber, Lucile Buchanan, Marjorie Cester, Martha Cester, Beulah Clumpitt, Robert Crouse, Oren Elwell, Fernie Estes, James Hansell, Eldon Harden, Imogene Harden, Stanley Hatch, Edward McKay, Hazel McKay, Sarah McKern, Clifford Merwin, Mildred Merwin, Fred Musselman, Vada Owens, Lester Painter, Pearl Perks, Merle Pickering, Vaughn Smyth, Leland Stutzell, Maurine Turner.

8th grade, Miss Hattie V. Moore, teacher.—Clara McHarness, Jennie Chaney, Opal Stuteville, Himena Russell, Lou Sears, Anna Bunch, Abigail Alexander, Helen Gammill, Mabel Smith, Maurine Penniwell, Hazel Hatfield, Hattie Johnson, Maude Gunter, Lincoln Follmer, George Imhoff, Otis Stuteville, Norborne Harris, Fern Thompson, Mae McKerp, Tempel Brown, Ralph Biggs, Ray Robertson, Ray Marshall, Walter Stover, Arthur Gardner, Dwight Smith, Martin Bidson, Forest Grimes, Dillon Frost, Lawson Grey, Harry Gillham, Ruth McEndree, Dwight Zimmerman.

9th grade.—Clella Anderson, Doyle Brown, Irene Buchanan, Mabel Carithers, Josephine Coder, Earl Dodge, Amanda Follmer, Jessie Follmer, George Garber, Georgia Garber, Carl Gittinger, Roy Gunter, Warren Hill, Dorothy Hoffman, Marjorie Hoffman, Georgia Hull, Stephen Hurst, Glen Kuntner, Maude McMorris, Marjorie Mullinnix, Julia Mullin, LeRoy Nordyke, Frederick Parrish, Thelma Pickering, Lulu Record, Leah Rubin, Ralph Sage, Alta Sears, Ruth Shields, Iris Smith, Merle Stephens, Sibyl Stevens, Irene Stone, Doris Stoner, Zella Stuteville, Chas. VanWerden, Roy Wiley, Clarie Roberts.

10th grade.—Grace Barrett, Marie Campbell, Ethel Carithers, Homer Dale, Elizabeth Daughton, Alvie Dur-ell, Jane Follmer, Pearl Gammon, Dennis Grogan, Michael Grogan, Ad-Ad Hogue, Helen Imhoff, Elza Kalkofen, Nancy Kemp, Alma Kindblade, Harry Lemley, Irving Little, James McHarness, Joe McMorris, Max Morgan, Francis Pearson, Barbara Penniwell, Beulah Potoff, Walter Scott, Marion Slade, Ethel Smotherman, Hazel Starr, Teresa Tullis, Glenn Walker, Edna Watsabaugh, Ray Wiley, Harry Woodard, Thelma Woodmansee.

11th grade.—Lois Ackerley, Robert Beardley, George Chastain, Lucile Christofel, Ethel Coffin, Fred Eppley, Neva Evans, Freda Ferren, Raymond Goodman, Gerald Hamilton, Winifred Hamilton, Cuba Hayes, Carney Howell, Helen Jones, Joe Keshlear, Dewey Long, Harry Muck, Myrtle Phipps, Leslie Pullin, Lulu Run-coe Scott, Lulu Shields, Marjorie Shular, Neil Smith, Mabel Stover, Hazel Stuteville, Bruce Townsend, George Youngs.

12th grade.—Nina Bowman, Mary Boyce, Myrtle Boyce, Lola Brazelton, Lulu Bright, Leal Buchanan, Grace Campbell, Rollie Holt, Lyda Davis, Grace Duroll, Lela Easter, Elma Forbes, Clara Garber, Myra Garber, Martha Hoffman, Dorothy Hull, Bert Kemp, Fern Melvin, Nina Olsen, Neal Qulett, Bryna Robbins, Helen Run-

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