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MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cherrington, of Decatur City, Celebrated Their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cherrington, of Decatur City, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home last Thursday surrounded by all of their living children except one daughter, Mrs. H. C. Brueggen, of Salina, Kansas, who was unable to be present.

At noon a big family dinner was served, those present being Mr. and Mrs. E. Moore, of Shenandoah, Mrs. Thomas Guthrie and children, Cecil, Dale and Willard, of Blockley, Mrs. Tincie Shelton and children of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Parrish and children of Leon, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McIntosh, of Leon, Willard Cherrington of Daykin, Nebraska.

The afternoon was spent with a family reunion, and in the evening over 200 of their friends spent the evening from 7 to 10 o'clock with them. The lawn at the Cherrington home was very prettily decorated with Japanese lanterns, and the Decatur orchestra composed of Mrs. Harrington, Miss Alma Blades, Miss Dorothy Brittan, Glen Riley, Clyde Chamberlin and Dewey Long, furnished excellent music during the evening. A song by a quartet, a recitation by Miss Marie Tullis, a solo by Mr. Bruce Townsend, and a solo by Miss Ruby Allen added to the pleasure of the gathering.

Then came the impressive wedding ceremony when this estimable couple renewed their wedding vows of half a century ago. Led by W. C. Stempel the aged groom and bride marched to the lawn while the strains of the wedding march were softly played by Mrs. Harrington, being followed by their children and grandchildren, who formed a half circle back of the bride and groom, and then an impressive double ring ceremony was performed, the gold wedding ring being a gift from the children. Little Pauline Parrish and Helen McIntosh, granddaughters, officiated as ring bearers and Miss Gladys Shelton, another granddaughter, presented the bride with a big boquet of bride's roses.

After the ceremony and congratulations dainty refreshments were served the big party of guests, and when they departed it was with the wish that this aged couple would live to enjoy their diamond wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Cherrington were the recipients of many beautiful gifts to commemorate the happy occasion, among them being $15.00 in gold in a gold jewel case, a gift of the business men of Decatur, a gold trimmed water set from the Decatur G. A. R. of which Mr. Cherrington is a member, two engraved sterling silver spoons from the Decatur W. R. C. of which Mrs. Cherrington is a member, two sterling silver spoons from the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church, and numerous gifts from individuals.

Mr. and Mrs. Cherrington were married at Camba, Ohio, July 29, 1865. They came to Iowa in September, 1868, and settled on a farm at Spring Valley, Decatur county, later moving to the farm south of Decatur City, now owned by T. A. Sutherlin. In March, 1889, they moved to Decatur City, where they have since resided. To them were born ten children, two of whom have passed to the great beyond, Mrs. Ida Guthrie and Homer. Seven of their living children were with them on this joyous occasion, Mrs. E. Moore, of Shenandoah, Mrs. Thomas Guthrie, of Blockley, Mrs. Tincie Shelton, of Decatur, Mrs. J. A. McIntosh, Mrs. J. S. Parrish and Charles Cherrington of Leon, and Willard Cherrington of Daykin, Neb., one daughter, Mrs. H. C. Brueggen, of Salina, Kansas, being unable to be present.

Mr. Cherrington was born in Jackson county, Ohio, July 16, 1842, being 73 years and 13 days old and Mrs. Cherrington, whose maiden name was Mary Evaline Johnson, was born in Jackson county, Ohio, August 31, 1844, lacking but a few days of being 71 years of age. Both are hale and hearty.

Mr. Cherrington enlisted in Co. K, 36th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Aug. 9, 1862, and served his country with honor for two years and eleven months, when the war ended, being mustered out at Cumberland, Maryland, June 29, 1865.

MR. AND MRS. C. K. CHERRINGTON

Celebrate Golden Wedding.

On Sunday, July 25th, friends and relatives to the number of one hundred and seven gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bright to help them celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The day was spent in social chat and music. They all departed wishing them many more anniversaries. Mr. and Mrs. Bright received many nice and useful presents.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Vanderpool, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Snook, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Springer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bright and son, Mrs. Charles Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wells and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harger and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. Will Bright and family, John Woodard, Lew Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Forest Snook and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wookey and son, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dingman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Link Woodard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Binning, Mr. and Mrs. George Redman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hamilton and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mullens and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Petticord and family, Mrs. Sarah Petticord and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. John Rumley and family, Orr Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Frost and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pray and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Bright and son, Lulu Bright, Mary Ward, Claude Petticord, Ralph Phipps, Earl Bright, Charles Koger, Francis Ward and Burrell Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bright were married at Lewisburg, Arkansas, and from there they went to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where they resided about a year. In 1865 they came to Decatur county, Iowa, where they have resided ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Bright have eight surviving children, all of whom were present except two.

Will Give Away a Piano Player.

Attention is called to the announcement in this paper of Bell & Painter, the enterprising Rexall druggists that they will present a beautiful piano player to some one of their customers on Feb. 1, 1916. Contestants for the handsome prize are being enrolled and the piano player is on exhibition at their store. Drop in and see it and learn all the particulars of the contest.

We can use some choice first mortgage farm loans. Farmers & Traders State Bank, Leon.

New Traffic Arrangements.

Last Saturday evening during the band concert a new traffic arrangement was tried out at the southwest corner of the square, the authorities desiring to avoid the congested condition which affects this corner on Saturday evening. A flag had been placed at the street intersection and all autos and other vehicles were required to drive to the right side of it in either going straight along the street or turning the corner, and pedestrians were required to cross only on a line with the sidewalks instead of cutting the corners, whch practice did not give vehicle drivers an opportunity to drive according to law. Only a few drivers and pedestrians made any objections to complying with the new regulation, and the names of these were taken down and repetition will probably result in their being cited to appear before Mayor Farquhar. This plan is now being used in practically all of the cities and many of the smaller towns, and wherever tried out it has been highly successful. Everybody should assist all they can in driving and walking so as to prevent accidents, and the big crowds of people with the numerous autos and vehicles on the streets of Leon on Saturday evening, made it necessary that something be done before there was a serious accident. Several minor accidents have taken place, and we have been fortunate that no one has been killed or badly injured. Parents should also assist by instructing their children not to run across the streets on Saturday evenings at places away from where the sidewalks are, as auto drivers are not supposed to be looking for pedestrians all over the street, but are required to drive with caution and keep a sharp look out at all street crossings. If everybody will do their part the new arrangements will work out in fine shape.

Circus Date Changed.

Ralph Darmellett, contracting agent for the Yankee Robinson Shows, was in Leon yesterday making contracts for the appearance of the circus at Leon on Thursday, Aug. 19th, the date having been moved up one day on account of cancelling their appearance at Albany, Mo. This circus exhibited in Leon last year, and gave the best of satisfaction, and is said to be bigger and better than ever this year.

"Meet me at Cherrington's."

WON CALIFORNIA TRIP

Miss Ida Hazlet Winner of First Prize in G. B. Price's Contest Which Closed Saturday.

MISS IDA HAZLET.

Miss Ida Hazlet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hazlet, of Eden township, won the capital prize in the big voting contest which G. B. Price, the north side clothier, has been conducting for several months, leading her nearest competitor, Miss Lua Record by more than 2,000,000 votes. The contest closed Saturday night and during the last few days there was some lively hustling by the three leading contestants who were assisted by their friends in large numbers. The contest was a big success and Mr. Price is well pleased with the contest. When the contest closed at 10 o'clock, the judges selected to count the votes, E. G. Monroe, Geo. T. Ogilvie and Francis Varga, immediately commenced their big task of counting the millions of votes which had been cast, but by the use of adding machines they were enabled to announce the result about midnight.

The following is a list of the contestants and the prizes which they won:

1st Prize, choice of a trip to the Panama Exposition at San Francisco, the equivalent of the trip in cash or a $300 piano, Miss Ida Hazlet.

2nd Prize, a beautiful $50 diamond ring, Miss Lua Record.

3rd Prize, a handsome gold watch, Miss Ruby Harvey.

4th Prize, 26-piece Rogers silverware in case, Miss Marjorie Mullinnix.

5th Prize, toilet case, value $12.50, Miss Edna Watsabaugh.

6th Prize, handsome gold handled umbrella, value $10, Miss Lou Sears.

7th Prize, beautiful locket and chain, value $10, Miss Hazel Moore.

8th Prize, manicure set, Miss Irene Stone.

9th Prize, handsome silver carving set, Miss Cleo Hill.

10th Prize, engraved necklace, Miss Rhea Butler.

There were 44,849,275 votes cast for the ten prize winners, besides many votes cast for contestants who dropped out before the contest closed. The following is the number of votes received by each of the ten prize winners:

Ida Hazlet	16,288,655
Lua Record	14,106,260
Ruby Harvey	11,579,540
Marjorie Mullinnix	810,915
Edna Watsabaugh	791,780
Lou Sears	542,705
Hazel Moore	499,785
Irene Stone	108,600
Cleo Hill	72,535
Rhea Butler	68,500

Thanks—I desire to thank all my friends who assisted me in winning the capital prize in Mr. Price's contest. It being impossible for me to thank each one personally I take this method of telling you how grateful I am for your support.

Ida Hazlet.

I desire to thank each and every one of the hundreds of friends who gave me their support in Mr. Price's voting contest. While I did not win first prize, the beautiful diamond ring which I received will ever remind me of your friendship, which I again assure you is highly appreciated.

Lua Record.

Jurors for August Court.

The following list of jurors for the August term of the district court which convenes at Leon on Monday, August 23rd, was drawn last week, the trial jurors being summoned to appear on Wednesday, August 25th, at one o'clock:

Parsons, John, Leon.
Grenawalt, J. R., Fayette.
Umphress, Clarence, Garden Grove.
O'Boyle, John, Hamilton.
Sims, J. A., High Point.
Biddison, C. G., Leon.
Bethards, G. W., Woodland.
Fox, Thomas, New Buda.
Boynton, E. S., Franklin.
Holmes, E. J., Decatur.
Reed, J. A., Fayette.
Daughton, R. J., Richland.
Blair, G. W., Fayette.
Putnam, C. O., Hamilton.
Rew, A. A., Fayette.
Perkins, A. H., Woodland.
Miller, Alfred, Burrell.
Sparling, J. A., Garden Grove.
Murry, C. T., Long Creek.
Brown, Orville, High Point.
Shaw, Downing, Garden Grove.
Richards, C. R., Franklin.
Vanderpool, J. R., Long Creek.
Kirkwood, H. C., LeRoy.

Daylight Flour.
Gammon Bros. Mill.

NAVIGATING GRAND RIVER.

Two Young Men Try Navigating Grand River on Raft and Are Rescued Several Hours Later.

Last Thursday old Grand River was up on one of her numerous highs this year and three young men, Francis Ward, Frank Young and Theodore Mullin, living northwest of Decatur City, constructed a raft and started on a journey down the river. After going about three-quarters of a mile Mullin got cold feet and left the raft while passing through a corn field and swam to shore. Ward and Young stayed with the raft until they reached the farm of R. E. Lee about three miles down the river when the raft struck a tree and went to pieces, the water being about ten feet deep. The young men caught hold of the tree and after remaining there for some time Ward tried to swim to shore but could not make it and landed in a willow tree a quarter of a mile below. They were finally discovered by some farmers and a boat secured at John Sellars and manned by Jack Tillett and Harry Cartwright the boys were finally rescued, but they were badly eaten up by mosquitoes and were mighty glad to set foot on solid ground again, having spent several hours hanging onto trees.

Clean-Up and Weed-Cutting Day, Tuesday, August 10th.

The civic improvement committee of Leon, for the year 1915, originated with the Commercial Club. The Club appointed a committee in charge of the work. This committee took the matter up with the various organizations of the city, resulting in the appointment of committees. The committee from the several organizations met and perfected a permanent organization.

The object and purpose of the committee it to awaken and quicken the spirit of civic pride; to encourage the business men to keep their places of business and the streets and alleys adjoining attractive, clean and sanitary; to stimulate the residents to beautify their homes and grounds by keeping their lawns and parkings mowed, the streets and alleys free from rubbish and weeds, trimming the trees and shrubbery and doing the many other inexpensive things that tend to beautify and appeal to the aesthetic nature of the observer.

Leon is well located on rolling ground, with good drainage. We have our water, sewers, almost two and a half miles of paving, our Harvey park, innumerable beautiful shade trees, a new court house, passenger depot, public library, almost new school buildings with ample grounds, many good churches and any number of modern and beautiful homes. With a little effort on the part of everyone Leon can be made the most attractive as well as the best little city in southern Iowa.

The committee have selected Tuesday, August 10th, as the second clean-up day for the year 1915, with particular reference to weed cutting. They request every one to assist them in making the day a success and in accomplishing the desired end.

His Car Turned Over.

Charles Newlin, the well known traveling man of this city, had some real auto experience early Sunday morning when his Ford car turned over with him north of Green Bay. Mr. Newlin and a traveling man named Woods were enroute to Osceola in Mr. Newlin's car and while running at a pretty fair speed one of the front wheels dropped into some soft sand at the side of the road, which turned the car out of the road and when Charley whipped the car back pretty suddenly to miss going off of a culvert, the car turned upside down with them. Mr. Woods jumped or was thrown out and received a severe cut on his knee besides being quite badly bruised up, and Mr. Newlin was pinned under the car which was upside down, but escaped without injury aside from numerous bruises which left him pretty sore. A physician was called from Osceola to attend Mr. Woods, and he was taken to Osceola in a car, while Mr. Newlin after getting his car righted, cranked up the little old Ford and drove it to Leon, the damage to the car consisting of a broken windshield, demolished lamps and a bent radiator, but the expense of repairing the car will only be a few dollars. Both the gentlemen are congratulating themselves on escaping from being killed or seriously injured.

Elected Balance of Leon Teachers.

At a meeting of the Leon school board held Tuesday evening the board elected Miss Georgia Scott, of Omaha, Neb., as one of the assistants in the High School and Miss Bernice Bruce, of Cedar Falls, as one of the primary teachers. This completes the corps of teachers for next year and the members of the board heaved a sigh of relief when the last one was elected, for they have held many meetings in their efforts to complete the list of teachers. The board also decided on the date for the commencement of school, Monday, September 6th.

All the Boys Have Kites.

Leon is full of kites as the result of Cherrington's kite day last Saturday, when a Japanese kite was given away with each glass of orangeade sold. Mr. Cherrington had provided more than five hundred kites, but the youngsters were waiting at the door when the store opened that morning and before evening every kite was gone, and half a thousand kids were mighty happy with them.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

Items Taken from the Files of The Reporter Published a Quarter of a Century Ago.

The new Adventist church was dedicated with appropriate services last Sunday.

Rev. Simpson, of Humeston, has been engaged to fill the Presbyterian pulpit for the next six months, preaching his first sermon last Sunday.

Frank the little two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Gardner, of "Ocean Farm," passed away last Tuesday.

County bridge superintendent J. E. Leeper had finished a fine new steel bridge erected over Weldon near Spring Valley.

The firm of Newlin Bros. & Marshall has been dissolved, Mr. Polk Caldwell purchasing the interest of Mr. Marshall in the business.

At their regular meeting last Friday night the city council passed ordinance No. 53, to regulate and control buildings used and occupied for the sale of original packages. A license of $50 per quarter is charged for each original package house, and the two now running in Leon have paid their first quarter in advance.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Horner are rejoicing over the arrival of an original package nine pound boy at their home last Saturday night.

F. D. Close went to Mt. Pleasant Saturday on business.

Mrs. F. C. Taylor, of Chicago, was visiting her sisters, Mrs. M. J. Warner and Mrs. J. R. Bashaw.

Mrs. J. S. Caldwell, of Corona, Kansas, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. J. Allen.

Lew VanWerden returned Friday from Wichita, Kansas, where he had been visiting a week with a brother.

Mrs. L. V. Prichard, of Goshen, Mo., is visiting at the home of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. A. Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Landis, of Westerville, were in Leon the first of the week. They will soon take up their permanent residence in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Wickersham have moved their goods to Des Moines where they will make their future home.

Mor Sankey is home from Des Moines, looking as handsome as ever. We expect to see him go into business here before many moons.

Mrs. Sue Young Rinehart, of Olathe, Kansas, was in town over last Friday night, enroute for Garden Grove, where she will visit relatives and friends for a while.

Mrs. E. K. Pitman has been lying at death's door for the past week, but at this time there is a slight change for the better.

Mrs. J. A. Caster came home Tuesday from Savanna, Illinois, called from there by a telegram announcing the serious illness of Mr. Caster's mother, Mrs. E. K. Pitman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Warner departed Tuesday morning for their home at Ellinsburg, Washington, where Mr. Warner has been engaged in the practice of law for the past year.

Mr. John L. Claver, one of the old residents of Eden township, died on July 28th, his death being caused from a cancer on his face, from which he had suffered for several years. He was 74 years, 7 months and 5 days old, and came to Decatur county in 1856.

"The Goddess" Tonight.

The second chapter of "The Goddess," the new Vitagraph serial which commenced at the Idle Hour theatre last Thursday, will be shown at the Idle Hour this evening, the first show starting at 7 o'clock. The opening chapter was witnessed by a large crowd both at the afternoon matinee and the evening shows, and it bids fair to rival any serial ever shown in Leon in point of interest. The popular little actress, Anita Stewart, who is a great favorite among Leon theatre goers appears in the leading role as Celestia, the Goddess. The play is something entirely out of the ordinary and the interest in the serial will increase with each chapter. Don't miss seeing the early chapters so that you will get the complete story. Remember the afternoon matinee at 3 o'clock, the admission for all to the matinee being only 5 cents. The prices for the evening shows are 10 and 15 cents.

Decatur County Eighth Grade Commencement.

The commencement exercises of the Decatur county common schools will be held at the Methodist church at Leon, Friday, August 13, at one o'clock. Diplomas will be presented to about one hundred eighth grade graduates. The address will be delivered by Macy Campbell, a former Decatur county man, now director of Rural Education in Iowa State Teaches' College. Parents and friends of the graduates, teachers, school directors, and other interested in the progress of education in Decatur county, are cordially invited to be present.

Bar Bikes and Motorcycles.

Use of bicycles or motorcycles in the rural delivery service is prohibited by an order issued by Postmaster General Burleson effective January 1, 1916. In announcing his order, Mr. Burleson holds that vehicles of these types do not have the carrying capacity needed for the parcel post service and do not afford necessary protection of the mails in bad weather. The order will affect about 8,000 carriers who now use the bicycle or motorcycle to cover their routes.

WEEDS AND OTHERS EVILS.

Weeds.

There is a general movement on foot to rid the city of noxious and allied weeds. Contrary to our last instructions on this subject, we find the 35th and 36th general assemblies of Iowa makes it the duty of each owner or occupant of any lands or city lots to cut and destroy all noxious and other weeds in the roads or streets abutting such lands or lots, between the first day of July and the first day of August each year or any time before to prevent their maturing.

Let us make Tuesday, August 10th a general weed destroying day at the latest as it is now past the lawful time.

If property owners do not comply with the weed law they are liable to the city for the service of cutting them.

Pedestrians.

We wish to call attention to the danger especially to women and children, in crossing the streets in any other place than at the regular crossings while the motor vehicles are moving in considerable numbers, the vehicles have the right of way to the street intersections inside the near line of the street crossings and when pedestrians use these intersections for near-cuts, they do so at the risk of accident to themselves and those in their charge, also causing annoyance and risks to the drivers of vehicles that are unnecessary while adding greatly to the confusion. We especially allude to the street intersections at the band stand, before, during and after the concerts on Saturday nights, where there have been some narrow escapes especially by the younger ones.

The older people should set the example and instruct the younger by actions as well as words.

We tried the proper manner of street crossing last Saturday night under the instructions of the city marshal and while it took some time for the people to catch on to what we were trying to do for them, the general results were most encouraging and we hope in the future all will observe and help make this a safety first rule.

Motor Vehicles.

While motor vehicles and other vehicles have the right of way to certain parts of the street intersections, the state has prescribed rules and laws governing their method of using the same, see 35 G. A. of Iowa. Following the plan used in other cities we will place a marker in the center of the paved portion of the intersections thereby giving more room for turning than there was where last set.

There will be no excuse for evading this rule as there will be room for the largest car to turn if they go at it with that intention.

City of Leon, Iowa,
Geo. R. Farquhar, Mayor.

Baby Pictures Attract Attention.

The big display window at Cherrington's is attracting unusual attention this week, being full of baby pictures. Some time ago Mr. Cherrington announced he would give a prize of $5.00 for the best baby picture taken by an amatuer photographer, and the winning baby would be presented with a gold ring. The contest awakened a decided interest among local photographers, and 96 contestants entered pictures. The contest closed Saturday night and Monday morning three judges, Dennis Mullin, S. E. Gross and S. S. Skirvin, all traveling men, who knew none of the contestants or babies, awarded first prize to the picture of Frederick, the little son of Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Hume, the picture being taken by Artie Phipps with a 3A Kodak, Artie doing his own developing and printing, and it would be hard to make a clearer or better picture than this one. All of the pictures entered in the contest are displayed in Cherrington's show window and they make a decidedly interesting showing.

New Ford Prices.

There has been much speculation as to what prices the Ford Motor Co. were going to make on Ford autos for the coming year, and the announcement of Estes & Co., local dealers in this issue sets the matter at rest. The touring cars will be sold at $440, runabouts at $390, and town cars at $640 f. o. b. Detroit, Michigan, and while no assurance is given that these prices will not be advanced, the Ford company guarantees that they will not be reduced prior to August 1, 1915. The reduction in price is just $50, the amount of the rebate given to purchasers of Fords the past year.

Mrs. Lewis Pullen Died Monday Evening.

Mrs. Lewis Pullen, one of Leon's well known residents, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Brown, at Eldorado Springs, Mo., Monday evening at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Pullen has been in failing health for several years, and a few weeks ago in company with Mr. Pullen went to Eldorado Springs to spend the summer. Her remains were brought to Leon yesterday afternoon. Funeral services will be held at the M. E. church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Decatur Chautauqua, August 18th to 24th.

The Decatur Chautauqua will be held August 18th to 24th, and an unusually good program has been contracted for. Watch for big announcement and program in next week's Reporter.