

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Warren Spend 50th Christmas in Butte



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH WARREN

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Warren, have been celebrating Christmas in Butte more than 50 years. Mr. Warren came to Butte in 1886, while his wife came in 1883.

"Christmas was a sacred day then," said Mr. Warren. "It wasn't commercialized like it is now, and as for a good time, I think we had more real enjoyment than the younger generation does today."

Mr. Warren, who is a native of Cornwall, England, said that singing of Christmas carols played a prominent part in celebrating the yuletide season when he was a young Butte miner. "A group of us would get together about 10 days before Christmas and practice up on our carol singing," he said. "Then on Christmas eve, we would go from house to house in the community and serenade those inside. We were always invited in for a few minutes of Christmas festivity and refreshments. Intoxicants were out of the question and no one ever thought of such a thing as getting drunk."

Christmas day saw reunions of families and a gathering of the various clans.

Is Now 75

Mr. Warren left Cornwall in 1884 and came to America. He stopped only briefly in New York and pushed on to Bakersfield, Calif., where he hoped to get a job as a ranch hand. Instead, he took a job as a helper in a boarding house where he remained for a year, leaving for Helena where he had a brother. He arrived in Helena a few days prior to the opening of the Grand Central hotel, said to have been the finest hotel west of Denver at that time. He got a job working in the hotel and witnessed the grand opening. A little later he went to work at the Gloucester mine (pronounced Glouster), and in 1888 went to Butte. He got a job as ropanman at the Mountain View mine and has been there ever since, being employed now as a watchman. He was 75 years of age on Sept. 28 last.

Mrs. Warren came to Butte with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ham, in 1883. She was born at Calumet, Mich. Her parents moved first to Virginia City, Nev., and to Butte shortly after. "The Butte hill was dotted with boarding houses in those days," said Mrs. Warren. "There were hundreds of miners to be fed. Very few were married. My mother had no intention of starting a boarding house but got into the business by request. It came about this way: When my family arrived in Butte they found several old friends who had boarded with us in Calumet and they all liked my mother's cooking. So they prevailed on her to take them in as boarders."

Meets Future Wife

Speaking of the matter of Christmas caroling, Mr. Warren said that is how he met his future wife. "I met her one night when we were singing outside a house where she was visiting," he explained. "The group was invited inside and we had a jolly evening. We were married a year later."

Mr. Warren said the Mountain View mine was Boston & Montana company property when he went to work there as a cableman. He later was placed in charge of that department.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren are the parents of three children, one of whom, Joseph Warren Jr., is cashier at the Consolidated railway ticket office in the Owsley block. The other two are Mrs. Ernest Hodge, who lives with her husband in Centerville, not far from the home of her parents, while the third, Mrs. Austin Mahan, is living with her husband and two children in California. Joseph Warren Jr. is married and lives with his wife and two children at 17 Harrison avenue, Meaderville.

RECORD WHEAT CROP FORESEEN

FALL PLANTING INDICATES LARGE ACREAGE SEEDING IN STATE

Fall planting of winter wheat, exceeding 1,460,000 acres, indicates a record Montana harvest in 1941, according to the federal agricultural marketing service.

Seeds of winter rye will be smaller than average.

J. G. Diamond, senior statistician, continued in his report: Increased winter wheat acreages in recent years have been accompanied by a downward trend in spring seedings. During the 10-year period, 1928 to 1937, winter wheat seeded acreage represented but 26.3 percent of the spring wheat acreage, in 1940 it represented 44.3 percent and in 1941 will likely exceed 50 percent.

Reasons for the shift include the better average yields per acre for winter wheat as compared with spring wheat and changes in tillage practices and machinery which have resulted in an extension of winter wheat territory.

Winter wheat acreage this fall shows an exceptionally good stand of grain with the crop condition at 91 percent of normal.

This figure has been exceeded only three times since 1915.

Severe drought conditions in the spring for unusual winter damage could upset the present favorable prospects, Diamond said.

A true friend's love is to be estimated not so much by what he gives but rather by what he gives up for another.

1940 CHRISTMAS MERRY ONE FOR DILLON RANCHER

EYESIGHT IS RESTORED AFTER 18 YEARS IN THE DARK

Christmas day was a merry one for C. E. Barnes, 66-year-old Dillon rancher. He was able to see for the first time in 18 years the glowing, shimmering and dazzling of the Christmas tree with red, green, yellow and blue lights, instead of feeling the prickly, sticky Xmas of evergreen, cool with ornaments and hot with globes which his fingers might accidentally touch. And he will see those neighbors whose voices he knows so well.

More than seeing Christmas; more than looking again at his faithful wife who has guided him through those dark 18 years; more than seeing his new home for the first time, or reading newspapers, magazines and books, he wants to see to write his name. That "C. E. Barnes" in flowing ink is the outstanding thing in the world to him, now.

Thursday, Nov. 7, was as important a date as Christmas to Barnes. That was the day Dr. L. G. Dunlap operated on the cataract over his left eye at an Anaconda hospital. A few days later, when the bandage was removed, Barnes, almost unbelievably, saw the doctor, the first person he had seen with his eye since 1922. Next he saw his wife, happy-faced, her blue eyes glowing like stars under her white hair. "You got older since I saw you last," Barnes said.

But it was not as simple as just an operation for cataract removal. His right eye's vision failed 45 years ago after a ranch accident. He lived then with one eye and had the reputation among ranchers of the Big Hole basin of seeing more with his one eye than they did with both theirs. Then he slowly lost the sight in his left eye from the growth believed to have started after he received a bump on his eye.

Barnes learned to "see" with his fingers, feeling familiar objects at the ranch, following his dogs to the barn to milk the cows as best he could. One of his dogs was killed by a car. That was as bad as losing his eyesight.

His wife cut his meat and helped him eat, took him by the arm on visits to cities, searching for someone to help him. Side by side, they went to Portland, Kansas City, Milwaukee and other places.

On one of his many trips of hope through the years, Barnes and his wife came to Dr. Dunlap. But the doctor told him there was no immediate remedy. Somehow Barnes had suffered an injury to his left eye which caused a tubercular condition to develop.

But Dr. Frank Terrill at the state tuberculosis hospital at Galen agreed to treat the eye in the hope of saving it. So, again side by side, Barnes and his wife made the 186-mile round trip from Dillon to Galen regularly for 13 months. He received treatment. His eye strengthened so that Dr. Dunlap was ready now to operate.

"I am learning to look again," Barnes said in an interview recently in Dr. Dunlap's office in Anaconda where he was waiting for glasses to help him see to write his name.

"I guess it's like having a broken leg. When you lose your sight so long, you have to learn to see again just like the man with a broken leg has to learn to walk when he gets well," Barnes said in talking of his early experiences at seeing again.

"He can feed himself," Mrs. Barnes stated proudly. "He sure is different. He acts happy."

She joked with her husband about how he didn't know his neighbors the other day until he heard their voices; how he loved to look at the stars at night; how he went all over their ranch home where they moved a few years ago and which he now saw for the first time.

"The house was better looking than I thought," Barnes interrupted. His wife told how he looked at the Metlen hotel in Dillon and said that was the only building that looked the same, that all the others had changed. She said he liked the color in the new cars.

"They were all black before," Barnes said.

A few days ago, when someone asked a Dillon resident if he knew C. E. Barnes, he was asked, "Do you mean the old blind man?"

When told of this, Barnes laughed, saying, "I can see all right now."

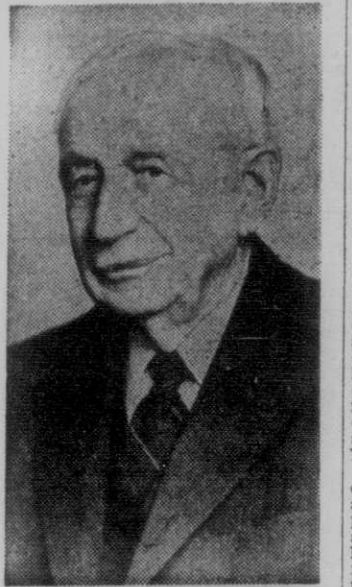
DEER LODGE PAIR WED SIXTY YEARS

PIONEER MONTANA COUPLE HOLD MANY ENVIABLE RECORDS IN TREASURE STATE

Married in Deer Lodge Dec. 23, 1880, at St. James' Episcopal Church; Were Second Couple Married in That Church; Have Resided in Same Home All But 8 Months of Life.

Sixty years of being happily married will be the remarkable goal reached by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin W. Trask, well known and beloved pioneer residents of Montana and Deer Lodge, Monday, Dec. 23. Mr. and Mrs. Trask were married in Deer Lodge at St. James' Episcopal church Dec. 23, 1880. They were the second couple to be married in the church. Rev. H. C. Hutching officiated. Attendants were Miss Annie Lawson and William Hawley, both of whom have since passed away.

Mrs. Trask came to Montana in 1870



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and Mr. Trask arrived here the previous year.

In addition to the distinction of remaining married for over half a century, Mr. and Mrs. Trask have resided in their present home all but the first 20 years.

As he put on his hat and left the doctor's office, Barnes went down the hall, his wife beside him. She offered her arm as was her habit for nearly 20 years.

Barnes courteously lifted her hand from his elbow. He could see the way, now. There were the stairs a little to the left. Outside he saw a blue car go by.

"They sure make them pretty now," he murmured.

Then he got in the front seat of their truck in which they made so many trips. His wife took the driver's seat.

"Well, goodbye," he said, waving his hand. "It's going to be a nice Christmas now."

eight months of their marriage. At first the comfortable Trask home was little more than a cabin and frame addition, but as they worked together in the early years of their marriage they built the present house. Mrs. Trask has many of her wedding presents, including lovely old vases of rare design and coloring unobtainable in shops these days and silver and glassware which would be a delight to a collector of lovely things. Mrs. Trask has used the articles throughout the years and their condition speaks well of her excellent housekeeping.

Another distinction which the couple enjoys is the fact that last year Mr. Trask celebrated the 70th year of being the owner and operator of the same hardware business. He is recognized as the oldest hardware dealer in the United States in point of active service. The store is still one of Deer Lodge's largest business houses and is operated by Mr. Trask and his two sons, Warren and Frank, both of whom have been with their father for the past 30 years and more.

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An interesting legend that Judge Irvine was fond of telling related to Medicine Tree Hill, the first large hill above the old McCarty bridge on Hell Gate river, and a well known landmark of the old days.

According to this legend, many years ago a young Indian, while slowly ascending the hill, saw that he was being pursued by enemies. Being tired, he approached the tree and hung his medicine talisman on the limb of the tree. He at once fell into a soothing sleep, from which he was suddenly awakened by the yells of his enemies, who had discovered him and began shooting at him. To the young warrior's surprise not an arrow touched his body, all seeming to veer off and fly into space before reaching him.

As he was entirely surrounded by enemies, this surprised him greatly, but believing he was being protected by the power of his "medicine," he quickly replied to the arrows of his enemies with those from his own bow, and he was delighted to see that every arrow he shot found its mark and killed an enemy. His quiver soon was entirely empty, but, as though by magic, more arrows came to his hand, enabling him to continue the battle against great odds in numbers.

Young Warrior Killed

One Indian, seeing that the "medicine" of the young man was too strong and that he could not be killed while possessing it, grew desperate. He rode at top speed toward the tree, and as he passed it, snatched the young man's medicine bundle and carried it off, throwing it away. The very next arrow aimed at the single-handed warrior reached a vital spot, and he sank to the earth to rise no more.

This legend until comparatively recent times was current among the Indians of the western slope, who seldom passed the tree without hanging some article upon one of its limbs as a token of religious awe from their superstitious natures and to keep green the memory of the medicine-wrought tragedy enacted beneath its shade.

WHITEFISH—W. G. Locker, retired Great Northern locomotive engineer who was enroute here from Seattle to spend Christmas with his son and daughter-in-law, was taken ill and was removed from the train at Spokane, where he died. He was accompanied by Mrs. Locker.

Zinc mines in Mexico have been hit hard by the war in Europe.

Whitefish Ski Course Is Given Publicity

The current number of "The Goat," official paper of the Great Northern railway, carries a page devoted to Hell Roaring mountain and the ski course built there in 1937 by the Whitefish Lake Ski club.

"Hell Roaring mountain is named after the torrent of water that comes tearing down the side of the mountain in a series of waterfalls and empties into Whitefish lake through three mouths, says the article. "It is the skier's paradise. It is seven miles north of Whitefish and has everything that goes to make for ideal skiing conditions. Northern Rocky Mountain Ski association championships in downhill and slalom will be held on Hell Roaring mountain Feb. 15 and 16."

NASHUA—Nashua Royal Neighbors elected Dora Dykstra as oracle; vice oracle, Mary Demko; chancellor, Lena Scholl; recorder, Lola C. Fisher; secretary, Alice Goday; marshal, Flora Deane Holmquist; assistant marshal, Alice Keil; inner sentinel, Della Sevier; outer sentinel, Gertrude Dishart; Rose Brocksmith and Essie Mitchell, marshals.

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