

Susan Lynn Kerker, Gerald F. Bade Exchange Marriage Vows

WEST UNION (Special)—In a candlelight ceremony at First Methodist church Thursday, May 16, Susan Lynn Kerker became the bride of Gerald F. Bade. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Kerker and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bade all of West Union.

The Rev. E.E. Bayes heard the couple repeat their vows in the 7:30 p.m. double ring ceremony before an altar marked with yellow and white flowers.

Mrs. Tom Vance, accompanied by Mrs. Dora Meyer, sang "I Love Thee" and "Wedding Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a semi-fitted A-line gown of peau de soie with alencon lace yoke, bell-sleeves and a long lace train pleated onto the back of the yoke. Her bouffant shoulder-length veil was trimmed in organza flowers and pearls. The bride carried a ball of white daisies.

Janet Kerker, West Union, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, while Debbie Bemiss, Cedar Rapids, served as bridesmaid. The attendants wore pale gold crystalline satin gowns. Their flowers were best balls of yellow daisies. Best man was Lee Brown, De-

troit, Mich., and George McCarthy, Racine, Wis., was the attendant. Ushers were Luther Peterson, Cashton, Wis., and Paul Borge, Great Falls, Mont. The men wore black tuxedos.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Kerker wore an aqua tunic kit dress and the bridegroom's mother wore a one-piece rose knit ensemble.

A reception was held in the church parlors after the ceremony. A three-tiered cake, topped with bells, was on the serving table.

When the couple left for a wedding trip, the bride chose to wear a blue and white ensemble.

After May 20 the newlyweds will live in West Union. The bride, a 1966 graduate of North High, is a student at Upper Iowa University. Her husband, a 1964 graduate of North High, will be a 1968 Luther College graduate.

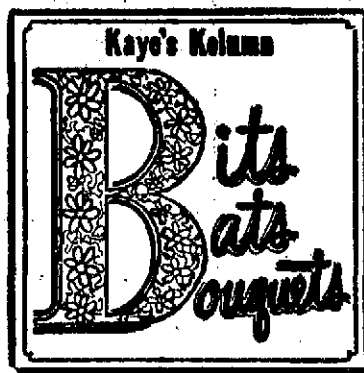
Award Given Helen Moeller

Helen (Mrs. Lester) Moeller, author of the book, "Tornado," has been notified that she has been given the Biennial Award as Honor Pen Woman of 1968 at the National convention of the National League of American Pen Women.

The convention was held in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Moeller's book deals with her own personal experiences with mental illness.

Methodist Circle At Lamont To Meet

LAMONT (Special)—Ruth circle of the Methodist church will meet May 23 with Mrs. William Pech. Mrs. Billy Pech will be co-hostess. Rosalind Brown will have the lesson.



It was just another day... maybe a little warmer than it had been but I still had my sweater on in the air-conditioned office.

It was sunny early in the morning and during the noon hour it began to cloud up. I recalled the newscaster's announcement of "heavy rains" in the late afternoon. Finished some errands, scurried home to bake a cake for Jeff who was to be 13 on Thursday, ran up to the hospital to see my aunt, picked up the children, mailed a package and got home and began supper.

The children called to me from the living room that Conrad Johnson was giving a severe weather bulletin. I immediately I tuned my transistor to the local station (no matter what people think, the Register and the station personnel are friends and work well together) and heard the announcer say that a funnel had been spotted near Hazelton. Stepped outdoors and began looking for funnels or dark clouds

but saw none. Saw some swirling formations and called the kids to see them. . . and by that time, TV went out so Jeff suggested we go to the basement. We took our candles and kerosene lamp and went to the southwest corner. By that time I got the lantern lighted, it was over. Outdoors again to see what had happened. . . I picked up four large hailstones to toss in the freezer (something to talk about later, I suppose) when our neighbors told us it was really bad downtown.

My sister and her husband and children came by and suggested we check the damage. Ironically, workmen were completing the West Charles black-topping that day and the viaduct which had been closed, was open to traffic. The sight past the viaduct was beyond belief! We could see trees uprooted on Third Ave. N.W., and damage to businesses and home along West Charles. We didn't have to go through town to realize how fortunate we had been to escape the wrath of those horrible winds. Concerned for the safety and welfare of relatives and friends in other parts of Oelwein, we broke up into our own families, and went by foot into tornado-struck Oelwein.

We walked through broken glass, over timbers and signs, to the REGISTER office. There Jim joined other volunteers in boarding up businesses on East Charles and leaving Jan safe with members of the Register family, Jeff and I walked to Mercy Hospital to look in on my aunt, a patient there.

Throughout the morning people stopped to ask where dump trucks were needed, clothing, shelter, etc. And though there were reports of looting, the many, many, other unforgettable acts of helpfulness and cooperation of everyone, authorized personnel, volunteers, students from Upper Iowa college, wrecking crews and bulldozer operators. . . the town was coming back!

It might be hard for those of you who know me to believe that I remained calm. . . it wasn't until we downtown Wednesday night that the horror of it all struck me. . . but that passed. . . then Thursday morning the sight of the Sacred Heart seniors returning from what was to have been their fun-filled annual class trip to Chicago undid me again. I can't imagine what those boys and girls and their chaperones thought as they came into Oelwein from the East in their three chartered buses. It was hard to keep from sobbing with them. They'll never forget their class trip and neither will any of us forget 4:47 p.m. May 15, 1968.

The scenes along the way we'll never forget.

Ambulances and emergency vehicles were already in Oelwein and volunteers were in action. Homes were being checked block by block, patrolmen had set up barricades to the east of Oelwein and were allowing only emergency vehicles in. . . pedestrians used the streets keeping out of the paths of the ambulances with their eerie sirens and flashing red lights. . . patrol cars were on duty at the hospital.

We could see no confusion at the hospital. They had plenty of help and were doing wonders under the conditions. Patients were tagged as they were treated, those seriously injured were admitted or transferred, others treated and released. Red Cross officials were on hand, blood donors were there, doctors and registered nurses had reported for duty, personnel stayed on to help out. . . given permission to go upstairs, I visited my aunt to reassure her we were all well.

We took 2nd St. S.E. back to town. . . the scenes were repeated. Damaged homes, uprooted trees, smashed cars, downed poles.

On the way back Jeff and I kept saying, "Oh look at this. . . Oh look at that. . . oh, don't step on any wires. . . we passed the row of apartments. . . we could see the damage to Dorothy and Ben's, the Fischers. . . to Iowa Portable Mill, Preston Building Center, Iowa Motor Company, Lincoln and Meyer, Earl Moore garage and St. Mary's Episcopal church.

We got back to the office where personnel had finished picking up the broken glass, securing doors, etc. Seeing that no more help was needed, we headed home.

By this time, Mother realized the severity of the storm and was beginning to worry about notifying out-of-town relatives. Jeanne and Don arrived from Independence. They returned to their home to make calls for us.

It was dark but we had candles, battery-operated lanterns and our trusty transistors.

We thanked God who had spared us and prayed for those who were not so lucky—for Mrs. Damon, whom we had known.

Somehow the wind and rain filled night passed. . . it was morning and cold!

At the office, the executive committee and personnel went ahead with plans to get a paper printed. . . the night before the Waterloo Courier had offered to help us out. The Independence Bulletin Journal made its facilities available to us.

R. O. (Bob) Link had two telephone lines open for us. . . we were able to call out, but because the bell wasn't ringing, we could not answer the phones. Dee made the out-calls like a pro, Lois and her daughter brought hot chocolate, sandwiches and donuts. Helen had cheese and crackers.

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Lutheran Women Hear Rev. Olson

The Rev. Andrew Olson, St. Sebald congregation, Strawberry Point, was the special guest when the American Lutheran church Women met for a 9:30 a.m. coffee in the church fellowship hall Wednesday.

The Rev. Olson, a missionary in Brazil before returning to the United States, showed pictures and souvenirs of his stay there. He also showed slides depicting life in Brazil. He pointed out that 80 per cent of the population is white but the largest share of the people are immigrants.

He said that two-thirds of the people are under 25, one-half of the population cannot read or write and the missionaries have to teach the value of some education, even limited.

The speaker also said, "Out of 100 children who go to school, 18 will graduate from grade school. Fifty per cent of the 18 that graduate from grade school will pass the examination to get into high school and two percent of those that are college age, go on to college."

"These people are very hungry for the gospel and education, so the need is very great and the work is very worthwhile."

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Pair Wed 50 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Soules

The open house planned for Sunday, May 19 at the First Presbyterian church for Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Soules, 404 7th Ave. SE, has been postponed until later. Mr. and Mrs. Soules will note their 50th wedding anniversary that day. Mr. Soules and Gladys Vivian Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

(Cottage Studio Photo) Alonzo Lane, Aurora, were married at the Congregational church at Winthrop, May 18, 1918. They have three children: Richard, Stanley; Warren, Lamont; and Margaret. Mrs. Richard Adsit, Waterloo. They also have 13 grandchildren. Details for a celebration will be announced later.

Institute To Honor Volunteer Workers In Tuesday Ceremony

INDEPENDENCE (Special)—Dr. S.M. Korson, superintendent of the Mental Health Institute, Independence, announced the annual volunteer recognition ceremony will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. One hundred eight regularly scheduled volunteers who gave 5772 hours of service to the hospital during 1967 will be honored.

Certificates and pins will be presented by Dr. Korson. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Charles E. White, director of professional education and research at the Institute. Dr. White is a fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.

Volunteers to be honored are Mary Wolgamot, Eleanor Hayford, Mimi Jain, Wilma Wubben, Josie Donnelly, Margaret Fratke, Linda Ludden, Edna Moore, Leila O'Brien, Irene Loughren and St. John's High school, Independence. Also Ann Goff, Rose Snoble and Gertrude Birchard, Hazelton; Clara Potter and Pauline Stocker, Oelwein.

Methodist Circle Makes Plans For Minister's Farewell

Plans for the farewell party for the Rev. and Mrs. E.M. Egeland were discussed when a circle of Grace Methodist church met with Mr. H.J. King for a 1:30 p.m. desert luncheon Wednesday. Twelve members and two children were present.

The courtesy will be held in the church social hall Sunday, May 26, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Mildred Smith opened the session by reading "God's Garden." Devotions were given by Mrs. LaVern Short who read Mother's Day poems. She also gave the lesson, "The Bible's Timeless and Timely Insights," taken from Reader's Digest.

Executive letter was read and discussed. A cheer card was signed to be sent to Mrs. Bernice Fickle. Next meeting will be a 1:30 p.m. dessert Tuesday, June 18, at the home of Mrs. C.F. Lagerstrom.

Residents Warned That Food Spoilage Should Be Checked

Residents of tornado devastated areas are warned that food spoilage may occur in refrigerated units with power failure of one day or more.

Foods most likely to spoil quickly without refrigeration include cream-filled pastries, tongue, ham, luncheon meats and salads. Even though these foods may look and smell alright, they are not safe without proper refrigeration and should be destroyed. Cooked foods, such as stews or leftovers stored in deep freezers, should not be used if thawed. Other foods should not be frozen and should not be eaten if the freezer temperature rises to 50 degrees or if an off odor or mold develops.

Linda Elaine Edwards, Charles William Moats Marry In Colorado

STRAWBERRY POINT (Special)—Linda Elaine Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell K. Edwards, Loveland, Colo., and Charles William Moats, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle D. Moats, Strawberry Point, were married April 21.

The 2:30 p.m. double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Presto Chidress at First Methodist church in Loveland.

Kathy Edwards and Jayne Edwards, Loveland, sisters of the bride, were the maid of honor and bridesmaid. Kenneth Moats, Monticello, brother of the bridegroom was the best man. Attendant was Edward Miller, Golden, Ohio, and Robert McIntyre and Thomas Dunn, both of Strawberry Point, were the ushers.

Mr. and Mrs. Moats are living in San Diego where he is with the United States Navy. The bride has been employed at the Loveland public library.

Mission Society Meets At Aurora

AURORA (Special)—Mission Society of the First Baptist church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Louise Van Note. Devotions were led by Mrs. Glen Garetson. Roll call was answered with a Bible verse beginning with "M."

The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Van Note.

Plans were made for a shower for Darlene Martin. Committees appointed were decorating, Mrs. Maxine Hawkins; food, Mrs. Van Note and Mrs. Glen Garetson; and game, Mrs. Morris VandeVoorde. Plans for painting needed in the basement were discussed.

Women's conference will be at Ames, June 28 and 29. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Garetson June 19.

West Union Church, Social Groups Schedule Gatherings

WEST UNION (Special)—Church and club meetings planned for the week of May 20-May 24 have been announced.

Past Noble Grands will meet at the home of Mrs. Dale Gordon, Randalia, Monday, May 20 at 8 p.m. Roll call will be answered with "a place of interest."

The Evening Stars, Bethel United Presbyterian church, will meet in the home of Mrs. Donald Oldenberg, Monday, May 20 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. David Hand will entertain members of the Birthday club, Tuesday, May 21 at 8 p.m. Roll call will be responded to by an exchange of plants or seeds. Mrs. Henry Mittelstadt is in charge of the program.

The Rebekah club will meet at the home of Mrs. Blanche King, Tuesday, May 21 at 2 p.m. The program will be conducted by Mrs. Rachel Lee. A 4 p.m. dessert luncheon will be served.

Mrs. Harry Olesen will entertain members of the Hillcrest Club Wednesday, May 22 at 2 p.m. Roll call will be answered with a "Wildflower". Mrs. Clem Meyer is in charge of the program.

The Kitchen unit, Palmer Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will meet at Boot Hill Supper club Wednesday, May 22 6:30 p.m. for an end of the year dinner-party. Reservations should be made with Mrs. Charles Clark.

Mrs. George Springer will entertain members of the Gleamers unit, Palmer Memorial Hospital auxiliary, Thursday, May 23 at 2 p.m.

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