

Browns Are Feted on Their Golden Wedding Day

The home Dr. and Mrs. Harry R. Brown was the scene of a merry party Sunday, June 26, when 31 relatives joined them in observing their Golden Wedding anniversary.

A bounteous dinner and buffet supper was presided over by Mrs. John Minor, Mrs. Frank Holliday and Mrs. Wendell Decker, who had arranged the party. The very lovely gold and white cake was the creation of Alice Lotz.

From Idaho, California

Coming from Grangeville, Idaho, was L. P. Brown who witnessed his brother's wedding in that city on June 26, 1910. He and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Brown of Wendell, Idaho, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy of Chico, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Billups of Stockton, brothers and sisters for the Browns, were weekend guests.

Nieces and nephews were Mr. and Mrs. John Minor, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holliday and Dick, Mrs. Barbara Houser and Susan, all of Kelso; Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Decker, Jane and David, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mizer and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Brown, all of Portland; Mrs. Ellen Hartmenn of Stites, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs.

Harold Werhan, John and Karen, of Spokane; Mrs. Pauline McCall of Yakima; Mrs. Vernice Mizer and Mrs. Muriel Blythe of Clarkston, Wash., and Harold Brown of Stevenson.

Even a Money Tree

The guests disregarded the request for no presents and many beautiful and useful gifts were received; including a money tree.

Some of the guests had never visited in Stevenson and were delighted with the garden in its lovely setting overlooking the river. They promised to come again soon.

On Thursday evening, friends surprised Harry and Cle, as they are known, by dropping in with a beautiful and delicious cake, coffee, and ice cream and a lovely corsage. The cake and corsage were creations of Mrs. Hazel Shippy.

In this group were Helen Lee, Lois Beckon, Kathryn Brady and Hazel Shippy.

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CLEO BROWN
WAS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
IN STEVENSON FROM 1933-1951
WHERE SHE PERFORMED 7944 CEREMONIES.

Following are accounts of one ceremony where she married
three generations on the same day on Oct. 19, 1945

Three Generations Take Wedding Vow

STEVENSON, Wash. — (UP) — A daughter, mother and grandmother, were all happily married today after being united in a triple wedding ceremony Thursday before Justice of the Peace Cleo Brown.

The daughter, Beverly Jean Hayes, was married to Melvin Haldeman, the girl's mother, Ruth MacLean, became the wife of George R. Redmond, and the grandmother, Anna E. Haines, was married to Charles H. Smith. Brides and grooms were from Portland.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE
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Family Seems to Prefer This Marrying Justice

STEVENSON, Wash. (AP) — Justice of the Peace Cleo Brown has decided there must be something special about his (*her*) marriage service. A Portland couple whose names seemed familiar, were married recently. After the ceremony the bridegroom and his relatives insisted Justice Brown perform the nuptials — nobody else. Just a week before Brown married a daughter, her mother, and a grandmother from bridegroom Robert C. Jacob's family.

Advertising Pays, Justice Finds

There's nothing like a contended customer to boost business — unless it's six contended customers.

Justice of the Peace Cleo Brown at Stevenson, Wash., was the recipient of more "business" last Thursday after he (*she*) married a daughter, mother and grandmother, all from Portland. The additional "business" was a wedding involving a cousin of the three brides, Robert C. Jacobs of 7126 N. E. Clackamas street and Miss Phyllis deLaie, also of Portland.

The daughter, mother and grandmother married by Brown last Wednesday were Beverly Jean Hayes, Ruth M. MacLean and Anna E. Haines, all of 5741 N. E. Glisan street. The cousin went to Brown, because, he said, the justice of the peace had been recommended.

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Girl, Grandma, Mother Brides

Daughter — mother — and grandmother, all of Portland were married in a triple ceremony by Justice of the Peace Cleo Brown at Stevenson, Wash., after Skamania County Auditor Mabel J. Fosse issued licenses and Court Commissioner R. M. Wright waived the customary three-day wait.

The daughter, Beverly Jean Hayes, of 5714 N. E. Glisan street, was married to Melvin Arrhur Haldaman. The girl's mother, Ruth M. MacLean, also of 5714 N. E. Gliszan steet, became the wife of George R. Redmona of 2225 S. E. Hathorne avenue. And the grandmother, Anna E. Haines, also of 5713 N. E. Glisan street, was married to Charles H. Smith of 2180 W. Burnside street.

3 GENERATIONS ARE MARRIED AT SAME CEREMONY

In the Auditor's office where so many romances converge for a marriage license, anything may happen. But one item for Ripley's column occurred Monday when Miss Beverly Jean Hayes, 16, and Melvin Arthur Haldaman, 27, both of Portland, appeared for a arriage license. The mother and grandmother of hte bride were present to give consent due to her youthfulness, and this was done.

Their license in hand, the mother, Ruth M. MacLean, 35, and George R. Redmond, 32, surprised the youngsters by applying for a license. The witness in this instance was Anna E. Hines, 52, grand-mother of Miss Hayes and mother of Mrs. MacLean.

But here, the County Auditor broke a record when she issued a license (pending waivers) to the grand-mother who, with Charles H. Smith, 58 years old, became the propective groom. The sextet visited the Court Commissioner's office, obtained the necessary permit to be married at once when Justice Cleo Brown was called upon to perform the triple ceremony.

THE SKAMANIA COUNTY PIONEER
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Story of Triple Wedding Was Printed in Iwo Jima Inquirer

A copy of the Iwo Jima Inquirer, the first and only paper published on the island where U. S. Navy personnel (including Vernon Kitchel) are waiting transportation when they have sufficient points, came to The Pioneer last week. And believe it or not, a news dispatch from Stevenson telling of the recent triple wedding here, was printed in full. The wedding ceremony, as pioneer readers recall, was performed by Justice Cleo Brown.

In a letter accompanying the paper, Kitchell writes:

“Of course you must realize what effect this had on me, finding something accidently from the home town, indeed was a surprise. Each day of course I read the sheet but for more important data such as the lowering of the navy critical point score. If you will read closely you will find that even in

this issue they lowered the points two.

“I have been here now for 5 months and as the point situation now stands it looks as though ‘the Kitch’ is stuck for another couple. I haven’t received The Pioneer for some time now, however get clippings of important matters such as ‘the Goepels’ being home and others. I can almost feel my hands in some pockets again.

“Nothing much is happening here, in fact it is pretty slow. All flying is knocked off and for excitement one can indulge in a little softball, football, or try you luck at fishing off these rocks and I might add fishing isn’t so good. I’m even a little stiff from football. Made a trip to Jay-pan after the signing on the Missouri and saw quite a few of the sights of Tokyo and Yokohama . . . it really looks a mess.

“I suppose now the snow is covering the hills on the Oregon side, or maybe even Stevenson. What ever the weather I’ll be glad to see some of it.”