

### Sonders Observe 50th Anniversary

VERDIGRE—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sander celebrated their Golden Wedding with an open house at the ZCJH hall in Verdigre, Sunday, Dec. 18.

A family dinner was served at noon. A two-tier wedding cake centered the dinner table and was decorated in gold and white.

Bouquets of flowers for the occasion were sent by Mrs. Sander's sister and family of Baltimore, Md. Candles also were a part of the decorative pattern.

The gift table, presided over by Mrs. Dewey Woods of Verdigre and Marie Fenny of Orchard, was decorated with gold streamers.

Mrs. Edward Sander and Mrs.

Vernon Sander were in charge of the guest book. Mrs. Otto Dvorak poured coffee. Mrs. Henry Prokop cut the cake and Mrs. Henry Vakoc of Verdigre and Mrs. John Sorenson of Page served the cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Sander were married at Creighton, December 14, 1910 and lived their entire married life in the Verdigre community. They are the parents of four children: Mrs. Dewey (Mary) Woods of Verdigre; Mrs. Bill (Doris) Pavey of Omaha; Edward, also of Omaha and five grandchildren. A son Marvin, is deceased.

The Sonders retired to Verdigre some years ago after a long time farm residence. They both enjoy good health.

Relatives and friends attended from Center, Creighton, Orchard, and Omaha, Council Bluffs, Ia., Garvouis Mills, Mo., Valley Springs and Sioux Falls, S. D.

### Scout Numbers Increase; Need More Members

There are 600 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers in the Sandhills District at the present time as compared to a few years ago when there were only half that number.

Scout leaders are not satisfied with that number, however, according to Jerry Dempsey, Sandhills District Scout executive. Sixty percent of the boys in this district are not yet in an organization and the leaders are working to make Scouting available to all communities.

### Mrs. Robert Martens Named Dimes Director

Mrs. Robert Martens of Atkinson has been named the 1961 Holt County March of Dimes director. Local chairmen will be named by Mrs. Martens at a later date.

### Mrs. Bowden Honored On 98th Birthday

Mrs. Della Bowden, 98, was honored at a combined Christmas and birthday party on Christmas day at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ewalt Spangler and son, Delmar.

Dinner guests were: Mrs. Eva Kurtz of Pasadena, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dodd and Ronell of Sioux City, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Clyde and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nelson and family and Mrs. Andrew Wettlaufer and grandsons, Norman and Darryl Wettlaufer, all of O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Spangler and family of Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnson and family, all of Verdigre.

Two large cakes in honor of the birthday anniversary were table centerpieces.

### Services Held for Mrs. Nellie Lewman

ORCHARD—Mrs. Nellie Lewman, 76, died Sunday evening at St. Anthony's hospital in O'Neill, where she had been a patient for a few weeks following surgery.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the church of Christ in Orchard. Burial was in the Orchard cemetery.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Joe Daas of Chambers and Mrs. Clifford Potter of Ewing, and a number of grandchildren.

### Old Christmas Trees Make Good Bird Feeder

Why not use your old Christmas trees as bird feeding stands? This suggestion has been made by County Agent Neal Dawes. He

points out that the trees make wonderful places to tie bits of suet, bread and dry fruits as food for birds. Finding food is always a problem when snow covers the ground.

Mr. Dawes also warns residents that most Christmas trees have become dry by this time and are serious fire hazards. He urges that the trees be burned if the needles have started to drop. A better suggestion, though, is to prop the tree against something or stick it in the ground as a bird feeder.

**Has Surgery**  
Walt Grosse of O'Neill underwent surgery Thursday at the Veterans hospital in Grand Island. He will remain there for medical care two weeks. After a month's recuperation at home he will return to the hospital for further surgery. Friends wishing to send cards, may address them for Room 313.

### Services Held At Orchard for Mrs. R. Russell

ORCHARD—Funeral services for Mrs. Roy Russell, 88, of Ulysses, formerly of Royal, were held Saturday afternoon at the Hamilton Funeral home in Orchard. Burial was in the Royal cemetery with the Rev. Duane Lenz officiating at the services.

Mrs. Russell died Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Plainview hospital after a long illness.

Olive Emma Worley was born January 18, 1892 near Ulysses. Her early life was spent on a farm nearby and she finished high school in Ulysses. She attended Peru State Teachers college and Nebraska Wesleyan University, after which she taught

school at Wausa and at Lander, Wyo.

On July 31, 1916 she was married to Lewis D. Curtis and to this couple were born two daughters. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Lois, August 9, 1943 and her husband, June 25, 1958.

In 1959 she was married to Roy Russell of Ulysses and they made their home in Ulysses.

Survivors include her husband, Roy; a daughter, Mrs. Keith Morrill of Royal; one grandson, Edwin Morrill; a sister, Mrs. Rose Arnett of Phillips, and two brothers, Willard Worley of York and Ben Worley of Corvallis, Ore.

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