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This Was Yesterday

By ISABEL M. CAMPBELL



UNWILLING HOST TO a Bear, Trapper Jim Fells of Bezanson had a tale to tell that winter.

"To be forced to live in his attic for many hours while a huge bear took possession of his cabin was the experience of Jim Fells who has arrived from the Liard River where he was assisting Tom Mould, old-time trapper of the area, on his trap line," Editor J. B. Yule of The Grande Prairie Herald-Tribune reported to readers.

"Fells told the following story to the writer: 'Between 4:30 and 5:00 o'clock in the evening of January 7, I was preparing to feed my dogs when they began to bark. I went out to investigate and saw a very large bear coming in the direction of the cabin.

" 'The bear paid no attention to the dogs and helped himself to several loaves of bread which were in a tub near the door on the outside. This gave me a little time to work. I threw a sleeping bag and my rifle up into the attic. The bear broke the windows of the cabin then threw his weight against the door, busting it open.

" 'He then devoured all the food I had and started to wreck the inside of the cabin. He broke dishes and tore down everything on the walls. During the night he pulled the bedclothes onto the floor and made a bed for himself and evidently went to sleep.

" 'As I had only a .22 rifle I was afraid to use it as it is dangerous to attempt to kill a large bear with such small arms, so I decided to wait. I made an opening in the roof and now and again I would take to the roof.

" 'Between 12:00 and 1:00 o'clock next day I heard someone whistle and I called for help. Two strangers were coming in the direction of my cabin from the highway. To them I explained my predicament. I had difficulty making them believe that there was a big bear inside that refused to move. The men went to their truck and got a 30.30 rifle. As the bear still refused to move I shot and hit him behind the ear. He started to go through one of the windows when the visitors finished him.'

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Hectic curling pace picking up

The South Peace heads into a hectic two-month curling pace during February and March as local rinks cram in their various spiels.

In addition, zone, district and provincial playoffs will be taking up time in some of the rinks, notably the women's and senior women's Alberta finals in Grande Prairie next week, and the Alberta junior men's finals in Fairview in mid-February.

Last weekend, in addition to Wembley, two other area spiels were held.

Donna McDonald captured the West Smoky Legion spiel at Bezanson with a decision over Danny Patterson in the first event. Dale Woolsey was third and Chris Miller fourth.

Henry Ford took the **second** event, defeating Larry **Fells**. Andy McNally was third and David Kimble fourth.

Gary Sarmaga won the third event over Gordon Heasler with Grant Moon third and John Sarmaga fourth. There were 16 rinks in all.

The Bezanson women's spiel is scheduled this weekend with a 20-rink limit. Entries can be phoned to Larry **Fells** at 532-6596 or 532-7734. The men's spiel is planned Feb. 16-18.

DEBOLT WINNER

Brian Moore defeated the Stad Enterprises rink skipped by Jack Robertson in an all-local final at the DeBolt men's spiel Sunday. Robertson, down one with last rock

coming home, missed a takeout to drop the closely-played game. Marv Moore was third and Tom Couchey fourth in the first event.

Bev Reddicopp defeated Dean Robertson in the second event final with Keith Widfield third and Lonnie Moore fourth. Stan Johns of Grande Prairie won the third event over Ray Garon. Gale Resources was third and Greg Moody fourth. There were 18 rinks in the competition.

The next major spiel for DeBolt is the women's annual event planned Feb. 16-18. Entries can be phoned to Heather Moore at 957-3742. There is a 20-rink limit.

That same weekend, two other specials are on tap. The

Wanham women's spiel goes Feb. 15-18 and entries can be phoned to 694-3910 or 694-3960. The Hythe men's spiel is Feb. 15-18 and entries can be called to 356-3824 or 356-3064.

Meanwhile, the deadline for the city Saturday afternoon commercial league spiel is Saturday. Entry fee is \$20 and includes a Saturday evening banquet. This is the last regular week for the league. Entries can be given to Wade Webb.

The Sexsmith Ladies Bonspiel will be held Feb. 17-18 at the Sexsmith club with evening curling scheduled for the evenings of Feb. 15-16 as well.

Phone entries to Audrey at 568-2271 or Lenora at 568-3884.

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Bell Heasler takes high hand

By Bea Fells

BEZANSON — We held a whist drive on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 20, with a very small attendance of only five tables. Winners were: Bell Heasler first high, Lorice Stark second high; First for men was George Lavrick, with Gordon Heasler second. Paul Schau won the door prize, Willie Monroe and Frances Goodland won travelling prizes.

February 26, we had a potluck supper with just our regular bunch showing up, but had lots of delicious dishes. Afterward, we had a few games of carpet bowling and a few tables of cards of your choice. Then our card party started, with seven tables. Prizes went to Sis Arnold, high for ladies; Edna Schau low. Men's high first was won by Gordon Edgerton and low by Gordon Heasler. Travelling prize to Bea Fells and Lloyd Nellis.

Our monthly meeting was held Feb. 28 with 20 members in attendance. There was much

discussion on the recreation grants, but no decisions until we know more about it. Edna and Phyllis Stewart told us about their trip to Lethbridge concerning the club.

It was decided to have a tea and bake sale at the Legion Hut on Saturday, March 30, but that has since been changed to April 20 at the Legion Hut at 2 p.m. Everyone welcome.

After the meeting, there were several games of carpet bowling and three tables of cards.

The VON nurse was there to take blood pressure checks, and also showed how to do a foot bath and cut toenails properly. She will be out once a month, the second Thursday of each month. If there are enough people interested in foot care, she will come for that too.

Winners at the March 5 card party, with 7 tables, were: Elsie Ames, high; Armyna Menard, low; Gordon Heasler, high; George Lavrick low. Lloyd and Lorna Nellis took the travelling prize.

The March 12 card party saw Elsie Ames,

Lloyd Nellis and Harry Nellis all in attendance for their birthday cake. There were eight tables and winners were: Elsie Ames, high; Gladys Rees, low; Orvil Nellis, high; Bob Arnold, low. Travelling prizes to Bob Arnold and Sis Arnold.

Card parties are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. and carpet bowling or fun day every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Think you have
arthritis?
See your doctor.
Ask for help.



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Bezanson church groups hold tea and fashion show

Contributed by
BEA FELS

BEZANSON — Bezanson church groups held a Mothers Day Strawberry Tea and Fashion Show May 11. There was a very nice turn-out and lots of goodies for the tea.

The fashion show was organized by Faustina Fashions Ltd. and Chandawns from the Prairie Mall in Grande Prairie.

The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the ladies who took part in the tea and show and for the donations.

The door prize was donated by Fenton's

Greenhouse — a hanging basket of impatiens, won by Dorothy Lamerl.

Robideau Greenhouse donated a variety hanging basket of green hanging plants which was won by Bertha Dillabough.

Peggy Robideau won the hat from Faustina; Rosalee Cissell won the beads from Chandawns. Other donations for raffle were given by Lynn Oe, Sharon Kimble and Mrs. Ruch. Other winners were: Louise Kimble, Betty Ford and Nita Sarmaga.

JUST MARRIED

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Westin (nee:

Annette Weegar) who were married May 18.

The May 7 card party saw four tables in action. Ladies' first — Bea Fels; second — Hazel Newman. Men's first — Art Rees; second — Max Franks.

Five tables were in play at the May 14 card party. Ladies' first — Bea Fels; second — Armyna McNally. Men's first — Paul Schau; second — Willie Monroe. Travelling prizes to Willie Monroe and Lorna Nellis.

Tuesday night card parties will carry on all summer.

All members who still have barbecue raffle books out, please turn them in by the end of the month.

The Golden Years monthly meeting will be held May 30, 1:30 p.m.

Fashion show in Bezanson

Submitted by Bea Fells

BEZANSON — Ladies Auxiliary of Bezanson held a Tea and Fashion Show at the newly-decorated Legion Hut with a nice turn-out.

The ladies in the fashion show looked lovely in the new fall fashions. Sponsored by Jean Donahue, of Maxi Styles of Grande Prairie.

Make up by Sharon Gaunt of Bezanson, while Rosalie Cissell from "Tender Touch Hair Styles" in Bezanson, was hair stylist.

Peggy Robideau was narrator for the fashion show and Patty Withers played soft music.

Ten members from Golden Years Club went to Debolt to play whist Oct. 17. It must have been our lucky night. We came home with four winners — Mildred Parish, high; Bell Heasler, low; Art Patterson, high; Max Franks, low; Gordon Heasler, travelling prize; Gerta Lennis travelling prize.

Elsie Ames returned from Vancouver on Oct. 4. She reported beautiful weather and an enjoyable time.

The Jim Fells Memorial Crib Tournament was held at the Legion Hut Oct. 5, with 38 players coming from Grande Prairie, Wembley, Sexsmith, Goodwin, Debolt, and Clairmont.

The winners were: Ted Doucette of Goodwin winning first, taking home a small trophy and having his name on the big one. Leota Derksen of Debolt was second high, winning \$15. Bert Balderson of Sexsmith won \$10 for third place.

There was a card party with seven tables on Oct. 7.

On Nov. 2 the South Peace Crib Tournament will be at the Legion Hut. All members of senior clubs are welcome to attend. Must come with a partner. Registration starts at 10 a.m. — playing at 11 a.m. Dinner will be served about 1 o'clock. Price is \$4 a person.

Get-well wishes to Jack Lavrick from us all.

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Rec Centre possibility brightens in Bezanson

By Bea Fells

The Golden Years Club annual meeting Jan. 23 saw much discussion on a recreation centre. We can see the light, we think, for something being built in the near future.

The meeting saw election of officers as follows: President Paul Schou, Secretary Edna Schou, Treasurer Bea Fells, Vice-president Polly Patterson, Social convenors — Elsie Ames and Bell Heasler.

We would like to thank our past executive for the very good job they have done for the last four years. Thanks to Edna Anderson, secretary; Gordon Heasler, president; Buster Patterson, treasurer, and Polly Patterson, vice-president.

The Golden Years Club of Bezanson holds card parties every Tuesday at 8 p.m., as well as Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Come and join us anytime.

The card party Jan. 21 saw Hazel Weager winning Ladies' High and Molly Lavrick, Low. Men's High went to Gordon Edgerton and Low to Art Patterson. Gordon Edgerton won the men's Travelling Prize and Lorna Nellis the Travelling Prize for ladies.

There is a tea coming up in March, and a smear tournament in February. Dates will be announced later.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moore came to the Legion Hut, and he gave us some information on a rec. centre and of ways to get help with it. We thank you Mr. Moore.

CRYSTAL CREEK PARTY

Saturday night saw a card party at Herman and Louise Kimble's of Crystal Creek with 10 tables. Winners were: Ladies' High — Stella Kimble; Low — Mae Branch; Men's High — Herbert Kimble; Low — Alfred Wales.

Grace and Wilfred Menard, Elsie Ames, Mae Branch, Myrtle Schamhorn and Bea Fells attended from Bezanson. The party was arranged by the Just Us Club of Crystal Creek.

Myrtle Schamhorn is visiting her mother Stella Nellis of Bezanson and her sister Mae Branch from Louisiana for a week.

Our deepest sympathy to Blanche McLaughlin and family, Marvin and Mae Jensen and family, and Lindsay Minto and family on the passing of Lindsay's mother, and Mae and Blanche's sister, Florence Minto.

Bezanson seniors host appreciation night

By BEA **FELLS**

BEZANSON — On Feb. 15 Bezanson Golden Years Club hosted an appreciation supper for snowplow operators, school caretakers, school bus drivers, librarians and secretaries. Following a delicious supper, each guest was presented with a Valentine token, hand-made by members of the Golden Years Club.

The seniors are especially grateful for the help we had from Phyllis Stewart towards the supper. We also want to thank the County and the snowplow men for cleaning our driveways in the winter months.

Card party on Feb. 11 winners were: Armyna McNally ladies high. Low was Frances Goodland. Men's high Gordon Edginton. Low was Paul Schau. Travelling prizes to Buster P. and Hazel W.

Thursday afternoon fun and games had 14 members out to carpet bowl and play cards. Every Thursday is fun day. Come and join in the games.

On Feb. 13, 14 members went to DeBolt to play cards. There were 10 tables of cards. The winners were: Barbra Turner high, Mae Branch and Cora Welander tied for low. Marion Lowen (playing as a man) had high score and Robert Mellum low. Lots of goodies for lunch, and a good time was had by all.

Dorothy Allen spent a few days in Edmonton recently, having accompanied Phyllis Stewart, while Phyllis attended the Agricultural Service Board Conference. Dorothy visited with friends and acquaintances, including her Aunt Molly Studholme.

Elsie Ames and Bea **Fells** spent a week in Edmonton, staying with Ronny and Lisa Podulsky. While there

parents Paul and Marylou were on a cruise.

Get-well wishes go out to Carlyle Miller, Mrs. Annie Ruch, and Bertha Dillabough. And get-well wishes to Blanche McLaughlin who spent time in the hospital.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Carlyle Miller and families, and Joe and Lorraine Gunson and families on the passing of their mother Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. Miller has been a resident of the Peace River country for many years, making her home in Bezanson, DeBolt and the last years in Grande Prairie, also in Swanhaven hospital, where she passed away.

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Sympathy extended

Contributed by Bea Fells

BEZANSON — Congratulations to our eight Grade 12 graduates from Sexsmith High School.

Calvin Oe is going on to college in Stony Plain where he is taking computer engineering technology.

Welcome back to Grant and Cathy Bulford and family.

Deepest sympathy goes out to Donna and Jim Ford and families in the loss of their daughter Charlene and granddaughter.

Deepest sympathy to Lorraine Gunson and family on the passing of Joe Gunson (husband and father).

Card party Sept. 9 at the Legion Hut with the Golden Years Club saw seven tables, and winners: Playing as men were Edna Schau, men's High, and Hazel Weegar, men's Low; Ladies' high was Ruth Patterson, low was Dorothy Allen. Travelling prizes to Lorna Nellis and Robert Mellum (Debolt).

Eight tables were in play Sept. 16. The winners were: Ladies' high — Hazel Weegar, low — Bea Fells;

men's High — Art Boe of Debolt, low — Bob Arnold.

Travelling prize to Sis Arnold.

Card parties every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Everyone welcome. Prizes were donated by Marion Lowen.

Twelve members of the Golden Years Club went to Debolt Sept. 11 to play cards. We always enjoy the friendly card games at Debolt.

Sixteen members went to Dawson Creek on our bus to a whist tournament. After touring a lot of Dawson looking for their seniors rec centre, we were escorted to the centre by the RCMP which added a little zest to our trip.

The day was beautiful, had many good card games and visits and nice lunches.

Beaverlodge won the tournament and Bezanson was second. Mrs. Rigler and Mrs. Sedore had high score as a couple.

The Bezanson Golden Years Club will hold the South Peace Crib Tournament at Bezanson Hall on Nov. 15 (Saturday).

Alf and Yvette Robideau have been enjoying a month's holiday in southern Alberta and B.C.

Congratulations to Chriss and Jean Miller on the completion of their new home.

Also, congratulations to the newlyweds of our district — Benny and Sherrie Doll.

Gladys Rees and Nora Neuman spent two weeks visiting their sister Mrs. Klausen and other friends and relatives out there.

If anyone would like to send any news for the paper just phone me at 532-6513.

Cribbage tourney goes November 29

Submitted by BEA **FELLS**

BEZANSON — We took the Golden Years Club bus to Grande Prairie for a shopping day on Nov. 5 and had a good day. One more such day is planned before Christmas. Will tell more about it later.

The Jim **Fells** Memorial Crib Tournament will be held at the Legion Hut on Nov. 29. Registration at 12 o'clock. Start play at 1 p.m. Lunch halfway through play. Single play \$3 each.

The card party which should have been held on Tuesday, Nov. 18, will be held instead tonight, Nov. 19, due to a

special meeting being held for the community at the curling rink.

The card party on Nov. 11 saw five tables in play. Winners were: Men's High — Elsie Ames; Low — Willie Monroe; Ladies' High — Edna Anderson; Low — Helen Fenton.

Get-well wishes to Art and Ruth Patterson from all of us. Hope to see you back in circulation real soon.

Deepest sympathy to Cora Welander and family in the loss of Sigfried Welander, husband, father and grandfather, loved by all.

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Bezanson thriving hamlet

What did Bezanson ever do (or not do) to the Herald-Tribune?

The most recent cause of my chagrin was eliminating mention of the Christmas program at Bezanson school Dec. 18 (Herald-Tribune Dec. 5).

I know Bea Fells does write a regular report on our community and it is either published late and/or cut severely. If it weren't for Mildred Lawrance including some of our happenings as if we were a suburb of Five Mile Creek, Bezanson would rarely get mentioned.

The area structure plan for the hamlet was adopted last year. Installation of sewer facilities was completed last summer. New families have moved in, new homes built, the store has been painted inside and out and a new floor laid, among other events. Eighty new post office boxes have just been added.

The county completed two miles of road north of the store this year. The county division in which we are situated has the second-largest population of any division.

What this community does well is eat. The Bezanson CWL provided a supper Nov. 2 where 450 people were served. On Nov. 22 the Legion served a wild game

supper where anyone could sample squirrel, bear, elk, buffalo, cougar, eel, stingray, alligator, partridge, salmon, whitefish plus the usual items for less daring appetites. Seniors plan their feast for later.

Bezanson boasts an active Legion, curling rink, agricultural society (with a junior component), 4-H club, ski hill, concerned parents' group, Golden Years club, Cub and Guide groups, and supports three church organizations.

The school is active in athletics. It recently hosted the county volleyball finals where Bezanson boys and Sexsmith girls won trophies. The building itself is used by square dancers and further education classes.

The old townsite has been declared a park and historic site by the province; plans for its development have been prepared by the regional planning commission under the sponsorship of the Bezanson Agricultural Society. It is hoped the area will become a source of pride for coming generations.

One of its added attractions is its position adjacent to the Adams Ranch, one of the better-known Alberta buffalo ranches.

Obviously, people in Bezanson would like readers to know they

exist. Anyone in the area is encouraged to contact Bea Fells with information that will assist her in writing a newsworthy column. With some concern from the Herald-Tribune, this part of the Peace may debut.

Lest the Crystal Creek area feel neglected now, I attempted to find out about their usual Christmas program but have heard of no plans yet.

PHYLLIS STEWART
Bezanson

Editor's Note: Information on county school Christmas concerts was obtained from the county. A typographical error in the story listing city and district concerts omitted the Bezanson event, scheduled Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m., and for this we apologize.

Bezanson district news regularly appears in the weekly Countryside newspaper and usually, though not necessarily, in Wednesday issues of the Herald-Tribune (today, for example) in what may be a re-edited version. There is no intention to treat Bezanson any less kindly than other districts.

Both the Herald-Tribune and Countryside have, in the past year, provided detailed coverage of Bezanson community events such as the historic site.

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Spirit River wins Bezanson tourney

Contributed by BEA **FELLS**

BEZANSON — Spirit River Club was the winner of the big trophy when Bezanson Golden Years Club hosted the South Peace Crib Tournament Nov. 15.

Second-place winners were Willie Monroe and Frances Goodland as a team.

The 60 crib players from the six clubs attending had a very friendly and enjoyable afternoon.

Thank you all for coming and making it the success it was. Also, thanks to our kitchen help. They did a real good job. Helpers were: Allie Weegar, Lorna Nellis, Betty Ford, Molly Lavrick and Anita Sarmaga.

The doily raffle was held, with Dorthea Mansfield winning the first and second draws and Hazel Weegar the third draw.

Bezanson school boys won the volleyball tournament for the county schools this year on Nov. 15. Congratulations Boys!

The Wild meat supper Nov. 22 was a big success. Some of the dishes were very tasty. They had moose, deer, alligator, squirrel, cougar, bear, frog legs, and quite a few different kinds of fish. There was also beef, ham, turkey and chicken.

A card party on Nov. 25 had six tables. The winners were: Ladies' High — Ruth Patterson, 145; Low — Molly Lavrick; Men's High was Art Patterson, 145, and Low, Willie Monroe.

SYMPATHY TO SARMAGAS

Deepest sympathy to John and Sadie Sarmaga, also Anita and Stan Sarmaga, on the passing of their sister Annie Herrick, also an old school friend of many from Bezanson.

The G.Y.C. held their annual meeting Nov. 27 with 19 members in attendance. There was much discussing our drop-in centre, which is beginning to shape up for the near future.

We had our annual seniors' Christmas Party last night. Supper and social evening, card playing, carpet bowling and shuffleboard.

The curling rink at Bezanson opened with a mixed bonspiel on Nov. 26. The rink is open to anyone wanting to get in the square draw. Get in touch with anyone on the ag. board.

The Jim **Fells** Memorial Crib Tournament was held Nov. 29 with 29 players. The winners were: first - Edna Anderson, second - Bell Heasler, third - Pete Dorksen of DeBolt. It was an enjoyable afternoon.

Sis Welander from Edmonton spent the weekend visiting her mother Bea **Fells**, also new great-nephew Tyler **Fells**; also Louise and Herman Kimble (aunt and uncle), and Grace and Wilfred Menard. We all joined in a card game at Menard's.

Club is back at it

Contributed by BEA **FELLS**

BEZANSON — The Golden Years Club is back at the card parties Tuesday nights and Thursday afternoon fun days.

A quilting bee was held at Phyllis Stewart's on Jan. 15. There were 11 present who put four quilts together. Phyllis donated all the wool bats for the quilts and the linings. Thanks very much Phyllis.

We had a potluck lunch at noon, enjoyed by all.

The G.Y.C. has been canvassing the business places in Grande Prairie for the last two weeks for donations toward the drop-in centre which we plan to get started as soon as possible. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. So far we have done very well, but still need a lot more.

We are planning an auction sale in the spring and also have a raffle on the go. Plan on a bake sale and a supper in the future.

A card party held Jan. 20 with six tables saw the following winners: ladies' high was Marion Lowen and Hazel Weager; men's high was Bea **Fells** and Lloyd Nellis.

Birthday greetings for January people were: Gordon and Bell Heasler, Frances Goodland, Olive Stewart and Grace Nellis.

A card party Jan. 27 saw seven tables — winners were: ladies' high Ruth Patterson and Lorna Nellis; men's high Willie Monroe and Art Reese. Travelling prizes: Ruth Patterson and Max Franks.

G.Y.C. held the monthly meeting on Jan. 29 at the Legion Hut with 18 in attendance.

There was a lot of discussion about our plans for the drop-in centre, and also planning for things that are on our agenda for the spring, like an auction sale, potluck supper and a raffle. Thanks to all the people who volunteered to go canvassing in Grande Prairie, to all the business places.

Thanks to all the merchants who so willingly helped us out.

Bezanson seniors expect housing units in spring

By BEA FELS

BEZANSON — A meeting was held with the Alberta Housing for Seniors recently with 14 members present. Mr. Hodder, with Alberta Housing, was there.

After much discussion, it was decided we did need the housing unit here. If all goes well there should be four units next spring or early summer, which made us all happy after all the effort that has been put in to trying to get the homes for the last four years.

Our drop-in centre is coming along nicely, but we still need to raise a lot of money to finish it. It will take time, but will be nice.

The Golden Years Club is still looking for donations of one's choice, or \$24 for a square foot of our drop-in centre. Donations may be made to Elsie Ames, Polly Patterson, Edna Anderson, Gordon Heasler, Paul or Edna Schau or Bea Fels.

The Golden Years Club will hold a pancake breakfast at the Bezanson Hall on Sat., Nov. 14, from 9 to 11 a.m., in conjunction with the Community Craft Sale put on by the Ag. Society of Bezanson. Tables, at \$5 each, will be sold to clubs or individuals. The craft sale starts at 10 a.m. and goes all day.

Our annual Jim Fels Memorial Crib Tournament was held with 28 taking part. Everyone enjoyed the crib and the lunch served in the afternoon. There were 12 games played. The winners were: Bea Fels first, Elsie Ames second, Gordon Heasler third. Thank you Grande Prairie, Clairmont and De-Bolt for attending to make it a success.

Terry Johnston and daughter Christine spent a week in the Queen Charlotte Islands, visiting Sharon and Dale Gaunt (who moved up there from Bezanson last summer).

The Golden Years Club Tuesday cards go every week. Everyone welcome. Thursday afternoons is carpet bowling, cards or visiting. Come and join in the fun.

There was a card party on Oct. 20 with five tables playing. Winners were: Ladies first Vera Severson of Grande Prairie, Ann Bulford second, men's first Max Franks, Marion Lowen second, Ruth Patterson travelling prize.

New executive

By Bea Fells

BEZANSON – The draw was made for the pull ticket raffle Nov. 24. The quilt was won by Marion Lowen from DeBolt, suitcases by Shane Sidbo of Grande Prairie, sweater by Judy Ford of Bezanson and the case of grease by Roy Anderson.

The past executive of the Golden Years Club was: President Paul Schau, Secretary Edna Schau, Vice-president Polly Patterson, Treasurer Bea Fells. Thanks to you all for your services in our club.

New executive is President Buster Patterson, Vice-Pres. Bob Arnold, Secretary (pending) Edna Anderson (stand-in for a month), Treasurer Bea Fells.

Polly Patterson and Bell Heasler are on the entertainment committee and Frances Goodland is in charge of card parties.

Sis Arnold looks after sending birthday, get-well and sympathy cards.

A party for Walter and Angie Waldner was held on the occasion of their 40th anniversary. With many friends and relatives attending, a lovely lunch was served by family and friends. A real enjoyable evening was had by all.

Another happy gathering was held recently in honor of Howard Withers – his retirement party and birthday party. I believe you hit the golden age, eh Howard?

Beatrice Mable Fells August 25, 1918 - February 9, 2005



Beatrice Mable Fells, longtime resident of Bezanson and Grande Prairie, Alberta passed away peacefully on February 9, 2005 at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Grande Prairie at the age of 86 years, surrounded by family and friends.

Bea was born in Grande Prairie, Alberta to Edwin and Florence Robideau on August 25, 1918.

Bea married Jim Fells December 28, 1936. They homesteaded in the Fitzsimmons area. They moved to Bezanson in 1945, and raised four children.

Bea will be sadly missed by her family; Larry, Bev, Rod, Glenn, Colleen, Tyler and Dallas Fells; Bernice and Cliff Sydbo; Sandy and Keith Seewalt, Carlee, Jason, Ashlee and Austin Bradley; Jody, Dave and Jannell Matwichuk; Lorna, Maygan and Dana Welander; Darcie Dube, Tarri Thompson, Step-grandchildren; Shirley, Jim, Travis, and Trina Gayes; Joan Sydbo; Shane, Karla, Catlin, Ashlee, and Carl Sydbo; Peggy, George, Jim, Berk, and Sarah Ross; Tracey, Frank, Colten, and Brayden Vant Erve; Marylou, Paul, Ron, Michelle, and Josh Podulsky; Lisa, Roland, Erica, and Lucas Glatz; Shawn Eckstorum, Sister and best friend Louise Kimble, special nephew Melvin Kimble, brother Ray (Jean) Robideau, two special aunts; Maggie, and Peggy Robideau and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Bea was predeceased by her husband Jim, mother Florence, father Edwin, stepfather Bud Gallant, brother Albert, sister Audrey, brothers-in-law Herman and John, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. from the Bezanson Community Church in Bezanson with Pastor Lew Wiegel officiating.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Beatrice to the Bezanson Curling Club, c/o The AG Society, Box 189, Bezanson, AB T0H 0G0.

Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel & Crematorium Telephone (780) 532-2929

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