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God Shows in Your Face

You don't have to tell how you live each day;
You don't have to say if you work or you play;
A tried, true barometer serves in the place,
However you live; it will show in your face.

If your life is unselfish, if for others you live,
For not what you get, but how much you can give;
If you live close to God in His infinite grace -
You don't have to tell it, it shows in your face.

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John Struyks Observe Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. John Struyk of Boyden, Iowa celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on December 26, 1952.

A dinner was served to the immediate family at noon. The tables were beautifully decorated with centerpieces of golden chrysanthemums and gold tapers. Their seven children and their families were present. They are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Juber (Cora) and their children Harold, Leila and Evelyn of Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Struyk and Jackie of Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Struyk and their children Dennis who is a student at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, Sandra and Larry of Sanborn, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Struyk and their children Billy, Curtis, and Steven of Cedar Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Van Aalsburg (Nellie) of Sanborn, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bogaard (Leona) and their two sets of twins of Hospers, Mr. and Mrs. Arie Struyk and Robert who is a student at Hope College in Holland, Mich. of Boyden. Harold Juber, a grandson, is stationed at Kulland Air Base, Albuquerque and he was home on furlough with his parents at Melvin and was able also to attend the anniversary of his grandparents.

The Struyks had open house for their friends and guests from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., approximately 100 persons attending in the afternoon.

Then again in the evening about 120 guests congratulated them. The evening program was held in the parlors of the First Reformed Church of Boyden. The church parlors were decorated with flowers and candles. A three-tier wedding cake decorated the anniversary table. A wonderful and inspiring program was presented by the grandchildren and friends including such numbers as vocal solos by Robert Struyk and by Sandra Struyk, and a violin solo by Curtis Struyk. Three of the grandchildren gave a sketch "Memories" and there were remarks and congratulations by the children. After the program a social time was enjoyed and a two-course lunch was served.

Some of the out-of-town Kleinjan-Struyk guests who were in attendance are: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Juber who are grandchildren of Melvin, Cornelius Struyk, a brother, of Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Douwma, a sister, of Ocheydan, Ia, and their daughter Mrs. James Aelts of Sibley and their sons Mr. and Mrs. Don Douwma of Worthington and Lawrence Douwma of Storm Lake, Ia. Also in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Arie Kleinjan and Ruth of Orange City, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Feirstein and Mr. and Mrs. Art Struyk, children of Wm. Struyk, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Koole, Mrs. John Brower, Miss Nellie Struyk, and Elizabeth Den Hartog, all of Sheldon.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Struyk, upon this happy and rare occasion from the Kleinjan-Struyk Family Reunion. We who attended your golden-wedding anniversary felt greatly privileged by the happy time we enjoyed. We were greatly inspired by the wonderful program and testimonies of your children and grandchildren. As we looked upon your fine family we were greatly impressed by their talents your children possess, and by the great Christian influence which is radiating from your family. As God has been your strength in the past so may He continue to be your strength and shield.

W H O ' S W H O
in the Kleinjan-Struyk family

Otto Van der Pol

Mr. Otto Van der Pol was born September 22, 1913, near Hospers, Iowa. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Douwa Van der Pol of Hospers. His mother was the former Gertrude Kleinjan, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kleinjan of Sheldon. He has a sister, Bertha, now Mrs. Henry Dykstra of Lynden, Washington and two brothers, John Van der Pol of Primghar, Ia. and Oscar Van der Pol of Eversen, Wash. He also has a half brother, Peter Rensink of Deming, Wash. Another half brother, Henry Rensink, was killed in the Pacific area during 2nd World War.

Otto received his education in the rural schools near the farm which was his home. During his young manhood he worked with his father on the farm.

On August 11, 1941 he was united in marriage to Miss Agatha Van Dyke of Hospers. At this time Otto was engaged in driving a milk truck for Pilley's. They lived in Hospers. Here their little son Dennis came to bless their home though a couple months before Otto could look into the face of his oldest child he was called by Uncle Sam to serve in the armed forces of our country. He was called to arms September 1, 1942 and he received his discharge on August 11,

1945. He served in the Quarter Master- Truck Division and he was stationed in Newfoundland. It is easily understood that Agatha, his wife, has developed into such a fine cook when we consider that Otto acted as cook during his services in the army.

Upon his return home he went back to farming. They lived for a year on the old Rensink-Van der Pol homestead. The following Otto bought a farm near Hartley, Ia. Here little Donna Mae was welcomed into their home four years ago. Three years ago they sold the farm and moved to Sheldon where they bought the comfortable home in which they are now living. Otto is engaged in work in the Sanborn Creamery.

And, by the way, Otto is the vice-president of our Kleinjan-Struyk Family Reunion this year.

News of our Service Men

Army Pvt. James A. Aeilts has recently qualified as a surveyor upon graduation from the U.S. Army Engineer School in Murnau, Germany. He studied the use and repair of surveying equipment, as well as the fundamentals of surveying during his course. He entered the army in Feb. 1952. His wife is the former Elaine Ann Douwma of Sibley, Ia. Elaine's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Douwma of Osheydan. Her mother is the former Anna Struyk.

A/2c Harold F. Juber of Kulland Air Base, Albuquerque, N.Mex. was home on a furlough over the holidays. He had the privilege of attending the golden wedding anniversary of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Struyk, during his furlough.

Airman 1/c Floyd Kleinjan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kleinjan of Edgerton, who is stationed at Manila, Phillipine Islands, recently had a ten-day trip to Hong Kong. He enjoyed a wonderful trip and sent home many Chinese novelties, including kimonos, bags, ties, etc. Floyd has also recently been entertained in the homes of some Ref. Church missionaries. Most of these missionaries were in China but were forced to leave when the communists invaded China. Now they are working among the Chinese speaking people in the Phillipines. Floyd spent the New Year's holiday in the homes of the Rev. Joseph Esther and the Rev. Mullenberg.

A/3c Gerald De Roos was privileged to spend both Thanksgiving and Christmas in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. G.P. De Roos of Springfield. He is stationed at Fort Worth, Texas and he is specializing in working on magnetos for the air force. He graduated from Chanute A.F.B., Ill. in December and was transferred to Carswell A.F.B., Texas

Bobby Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Marshall of Phoenix, Ariz. stopped for a short visit in Chicago in the home of his uncle William Kleinjan. Bobby was on his way to Germany.

David Coles, who received his discharge from the armed forces, about Thanksgiving time, has accepted a job running a truck for the Old Home Bread Company. His wife is the former Elaine Struyk. David and Elaine are making their home in Sheldon.

B I R T H S

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Juber of Melvin became the parents of a baby son born Dec. 29, which was only a few days after the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Struyk. Harvey is a grandson of the Struyks. This now makes Mr. and Mrs. John Struyk great-grand parents for the first time. The baby has been named Michael Ray.

A son, Vern Willard, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tolsma of Springfield on Dec. 31. Elmer is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Tolsma. Vern Willard's grandmother is the former Mary Mesman.

Lyla Mae was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ike Odens of Springfiels on Oct. 18. She joins a little sister, Ilene Kay. Mrs. Oden is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. De Roos.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Maassen of Holland, Mich. became the parents of a baby daughter born on Dec. 6. She has been named Ruth Ann and is their first child.

Those on the Sick List

Mr. Roy Ford of Laurens, Ia has been laid up for quite a while on account of an arm operation. We are glad to report that he is up and around again. Roy's wife is the former Thressa Kleinjan, daughter of the John Kleinjans formerly of Sanborn, Ia.

Harlan Westenberg, little 8-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Westenberg of Woodstock, Minn. had his tonsils removed at the Slayton Hospital on January 22. Harlan's mother is the former Helen Kleinjan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kleinjan of Edgerton, Minn.

Mr. Ed Kleinjan of Edgerton who has been ill with Heart Black is much improved. He is feeling very well and is beginning to gain back his weight though his pulse remains a stubborn 30-32.

Mrs. Henry Wassink of Edgerton remains about the same. She cannot be up and about as she would like due to a palsied condition.

Mr. Nick Kleinjan, who has spent several weeks in the Pipestone Hospital due to a broken leg, is now staying in the home of his son, Shirl, who lives at Pipestone. He is recovering slowly.

Mrs. Chas. Schoolmeester, the former Mae Kleinjan, daughter of Mr. Peter Kleinjan of Edgerton, has been confined to her bed again due to her heart condition.

Mrs. Ed Mesman and daughter Edna of Springfield were sick with the mumps during January.

Betty Mesman, who is being treated in Hot Springs for results of polio, was home for Christmas and New Years. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garret Mesman of Springfield, S.D. took her back to the polio center at Hot Springs on January 4. Betty continues to improve but it will be some time before she is cured. The doctor,

however, assures a complete recovery. Betty is eleven years old. Her address is

Betty Ann Mesman
West River Crippled Childrens' Hospital
Hot Springs, South Dakota

T H I S and T H A T

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Struyk of Sheldon are again spending the winter in Tuscon, Ariz.

Jeanne Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford of Laurens, Ia. is working in the laboratory of the hospital in Onawa, Ia. Jeanne's grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. John Kleinjan formerly of Sanborn.

The children and grandchildren gathered in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mesman of Springfield, on Dec. 4 and also on Jan. 15 to observe the birthdays of both parents. Mr. Mesman is now 78 years old and Mrs. Mesman is 76.

Annamae Koole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Koole of Sheldon, has been elected corresponding secretary of Alpha Sigma social sorority at Morningside College. Annamae is a senior at Morningside in Sioux City and she is majoring in Music Education.

The Rev. Henry Ten Clay of Grandville, Mich. has declined his call to the Reformed church of Ripon, California.

David Muyskens, son of Rev. and Mrs. G.B. Muyskens of Chandler, Minn. had the opportunity of accompanying two of the instructors of Northwestern Jr. College of Orange City, to help in the services at the Gospel Mission in Sioux City. David is a freshman at Northwestern and is a member of the Gospel Team which the college sponsors.

Mr. Pierce Maassen who is in his last year in the seminary of Holland, Mich. assisted Uncle Sam working in the post office during the rushing holiday season.

Mrs. Martha Van Maanen has been visiting in the home of her son Everett in Sacramento, Calif. since October. Everett is a supervisor over several district schools in Sacramento and his wife, Carol, is teaching. The Everett Van Maanen family and their mother, Mrs. Martha Van Maanen were Thanksgiving dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kleinjan of Alameda, Calif.

Daniel Wiersma, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiersma of Volga, is attending the California Agricultural College at Davis. The Daniel Wiersmas and the Floyd Kleinjans spent Christmas with the Everett Van Maanens and then the Van Maanens spent New Year's Day with the Wiersmas.

Mrs. Martha Van Maanen planned to leave her son Everette's home in Sacramento, Calif. in February and return to South Dakota. She will spend some time in the home of her brother, Peter Kleinjan of Sioux Falls, however, before she returns to her farm near Arlington, So. Dak.

Rev. Herman Maassen of Chatham, Ont. Canada had some speaking engagements near Fulton, Ill. in January which gave him and Mrs. Maassen an opportunity to visit their daughter Gertrude and family, the Rev. Delbert Van der Haars of Fulton. During their visit the Van der Haars drove their parents to Madison, Wisconsin where they visited their daughter and sister, Leona. Leona's husband, Clarence Bosthuam, is an instrument mechanic for jet planes in the Air force and is stationed near Madison. Leona is working in the Ohio Surgical and Hospital Supply Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Kleinjan and family of San Pedro, Calif. visited in the home of their sister, the Edward Marshall family of Phoenix, Ariz. They also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dukes of Tempe. Mrs. Dukes is the former Esther Den Hartog. The Dukes showed their guests the new home they are building in Phoenix. At her last writing Esther said they have the roof of their house completely shingled now.

Mr. Peter Kleinjan, Sr. is living at 515 W. 3rd St. in Long Beach this winter. He is in fine health and he hopes he may be given the strength again in June to meeting all the relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Maassen of Chatham, Ont. Can. and Rev. and Mrs. John Maassen of Kalamazoo, Mich. visited in Holland, Mich. on Dec. 16 to make acquaintance with little Ruth Ann, the new baby daughter who came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Maassen on Dec. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Marshall and Charlotte of Phoenix, Ariz. moved into their newly built home at 3232 E. Coronado Road. It is a pretty two-bedroom house and Howard and Edna are very proud of their new home.

According to a letter from the Netherlands, received by Leonard and Nellie Struyk, it was learned that at Rhoon and Pernis or the area from which the Kleinjan-Struyk relatives have come, was not seriously hit by the recent floods and storms of the North Sea.

On Saturday, February 21, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dukes of Tempe, Arizona were pleasantly surprised when a car of South Dakota cousins drove on the yard of the new house which they are building in Phoenix. The Dukes were planting shrubbery on their yard when the car arrived. Those in the car were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vande Berg of Clear Lake, S.D., Mr. Gerrit Kleinjan of Volga, and Mrs. Martha Van Maanen of Arlington, S.D. They were lucky to have escaped the snow storm which struck our section of the mid-west on February 20.