

(Handwritten date: Monday, October 6, 1941)

BAKER - LAUGHREY WEDDING SOLEMNIZED

Miss Edith Corrine Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Baker of 342 North Eleventh street and Harvey Wilton Laughrey of San Diego, California, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess J. Laughrey of Monroe, were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the First United Brethren church in this city.

Attendants were Miss Eldora Baker, sister of the bride, maid of honor and Miss Norma Baker, also a sister of the bride, bridesmaid. Lester Laughrey, a brother of the groom, served as best man. Paul Johnson was the ring bearer and Norma Johnson, the flower girl.

Ushers were Rev. Sylvester Martin, Glen Habegger, Kenneth Hawkins, and Joe Laughrey, another brother of the groom.

The double ring vows were received by Rev. Otis Baker, brother of the bride, who was assisted by Rev. G. T. Rosselot, pastor of the church.

During the ceremony Reuben Wynn sang "Because" and as the bride and groom knelt at the altar, Mr. Wynn sang "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," as a benediction hymn. Miss Irene Light was the organist.

The bride chose a gown of white slipper satin of fitted coat style and fashioned with a long train trimmed with Chantilly lace. She wore a tiara of seed pearls and orange blossoms. She wore a single strand of pearls, a gift from the groom, and carried a shower bouquet of white lilies.

The maid of honor wore a fitted marquisette and lace gown with a pink shoulder length veil and carried a bouquet of pink glads. The bridesmaid wore a fitted aqua blue French marquisette trimmed in peach velvet. Her veil was also shoulder length and she wore a necklace which was a gift of the bride. Her corsage was also of pink glads.

The flower girl wore rose taffeta and carried a basket of flower petals while the ring bearer was dressed in a black suit with a white blouse and carried a white satin pillow on which were the wedding rings.

The groom, who is a corporal in the communication division of the U.S. marine corps, wore the blue dress uniform of the marine corps. All men of the bridal party wore red carnation boutonnieres. The organist and both mothers, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Laughrey, wore corsages of roses, snapdragons and baby mums.

After the wedding, a reception was given for 120 friends and relatives. Mrs. Hubert Gilpen and Mrs. Harold Baughn assisted in entertaining while the Misses Patty Baughn, Mable Death and Ruth Baker served.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Nellie Grimsley, Clinton, Michigan; Miss Edith Pfeiffer, Star City; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Christiffel, Phillip McCague, Miss Christiffel, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gephart, Norman Army, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson and family, all of Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Habegger of Berne; and Mr. and Mrs. Menno Roth of Bluffton.

Mr. and Mrs. Laughrey will be at home in San Diego after October 11. For traveling the bride wore a tailored suit of blue serge with matching accessories.

The bride was formerly occupied as a stenographer in the law office of Hubert McClenahan in this city. The groom graduated from the Monroe high school and is now a corporal in the United States marine corps.

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ERNST SCHLICKMAN MARKS 85th BIRTHDAY

Ernst Schlickman of 311 North First street was receiving congratulations and good wishes today on his 85th birthday anniversary from residents of this community, where he has lived for many years. Mr. Schlickman, who was seriously ill last winter, is greatly improved and able to sit up the entire day. He enjoys reading and also

remarked that he had been a reader (cut off)

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...IN SHOOTING FRAY IN COUNTY FRIDAY

Jesus Velez, 78, in Critical Condition - Man Held on Open Charge

Jesus Velez, 78, Mexican beet worker, who was gravely wounded last Friday when a bullet was fired through his body, is reported to have lost ground this afternoon in his return to recovery, according to attaches at the Adams County Memorial hospital. His condition was reported as being "just fair" and that it is not as good as it had been a day or two ago.

Jesus Chavez, 41, alias Prado Chavez, a Mexican beet worker, is being held on an open charge in the Adams county jail at Decatur pending the outcome of a bullet wound he is alleged to have inflicted on Jesus Valez, 78, with a revolver during an argument at Valez' home in Curryville southeast of Decatur at 8:30 Friday morning.

Valez, according to latest reports is still in a critical condition at the Adams county memorial hospital, although his condition has shown slight improvement. The bullet passed entirely through his body, entering at the groin and passing out at the back of the hip.

The bullet was shot from a .41 caliber old model revolver allegedly fired by Chavez, who also goes by the name of Prado, according to the Spanish custom of using both parents' names.

Officers who investigated the shooting were Ed Miller and Deputy Leo Gillig, of Adams county; State Patrolman Truman Bierie and Deputy Sheriff Robert Miller, of Bluffton.

They were informed that Chavez, who is a tenant on Velez' small farm, got into an argument with Valez over rents. Valez is also reported to have accused Chavez of killing a goat owned by Valez. During the heat of the argument Chavez is alleged to have drawn the old revolver and to have fired the weapon which struck Valez in the abdomen and passed on through his body.

Immediately after the accident Chavez and his wife drove away in an automobile and were the objects of an extensive search which ended about an hour later when Chavez appeared at the Adams county court house in Decatur and surrendered.

The wounded man was rushed to the Adams county hospital.

Valez is well known to police in both counties by reason of law violations in the past. He served a penal farm term in recent years for possession of marijuana, or "loco weed."

Since Chavez is unable to speak English, they will need an interpreter to get his version of the argument that led up to the shooting. On the basis of preliminary investigation, authorities said Valez's death probably would mean filing a first degree murder charge against Chavez.

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