

The Community Post Celebrations



Ralph and Joan Holdheide today and in 1954

50th anniversary celebration

Ralph and Joan Holdheide, of Fort Loramie will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 10 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Michael's Church in Fort Loramie. A dinner and reception, hosted by their children will follow at the Knights of St. John Hall in Maria Stein, with open house from 2 to 4 p.m.

Ralph Holdheide and the former Joan Winner were married on Oct. 9, 1954 in Frenchtown. The late Rev. Charles O'Leary officiated. Serving the bride as attendants were: Mildred Winner Prenger, her sister, Wilma Holdheide Albers, a sister-in-law, and Rita Pohl Huwer, a friend. The groom's attendants were: Leonard Prenger, a brother-in law, and Alvin Holdheide, his brother. Ushers were Gregor Holthaus, a brother-in-law, and Urban Winner, the bride's brother. Drivers for the wedding party were Wilfred Albers, a brother-in-law and Jerry Holdheide, the groom's brother.

The couple are the parents of two daughters, Diane (Nick) Bens-

man and Carol Holdheide of New Bremen, and two sons, James Holdheide of Minster and Dave (Sharon) Holdheide of Fort Loramie. They have five grandchildren.

Holdheide is the son of the late Raymond and Josephine Evers Holdheide. He has five brothers: Alvin Paul and Leonard of Maria Stein, Jerome of Newport and Werner of St. Henry. He has one sister Wilma (Wilfred) Albers of Celina.

Mrs. Holdheide is the daughter of the late Joseph A. Jr. and Anna E. Schulze Winner. She has a sister Mildred Prenger of Coldwater and a sister-in-law Rita Winner of Versailles. Two brothers are deceased. A sister is also deceased.

The Holdheides retired in 1995 from Holdheide Electric and Dairy, a business they started in 1971. The couple enjoys traveling, camping, playing cards and spending time with family and friends. Ralph enjoys fishing and Joan enjoys volunteering.