



GITZEL

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Hold Bridal Shower

DeBOLT (Correspondent) –
A bridal shower was held at
the Legion Hall recently for
Irene Ringle and Walter Git-
zel, whose marriage will take
place on Friday October 29.

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Miss Inger Singstad of Norway has been visiting at the home of her uncle, Tony Singstad of here.

Mr. and Mrs. David Welch and family have returned from a holiday to Camrose and Jasper Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Deitrich and family have returned from a camping trip to various points in British Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Riding and family motored to Dauphin, Man., and also Tesdale, Sask., where they visited friends and relatives.

Mrs. Stan Clark and children visited her parents in Moose Jaw, Sask.

A number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Gitzel** to honor his father, Mr. Otto Gitzel, on his birthday. Out of town relatives were Mrs. Lorene Goebel and children, Mr. and Mrs. Enil Schram, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schram, Mrs. Mary Schram, Mr. and Mrs. George Sewell of Spruce Grove, Cathy Given of Edmonton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Elk Island Park, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gitzel and Mr. and Mrs. E. Snider of Thorsby, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gitzel and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Gitzel of Grande Prairie.

Mrs. Lila Gunby who has been ill in the Grande Prairie Hospital for the past month is recuperating at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Matlock of here.

GITZEL - Mr. Otto Fredrick **Gitze** resident of the Grande Prairie district for the past 46 years passed away at Grande Prairie on June 9, 1976 at the age of 77 years. Funeral Services for th late Otto **Gitze** will be held from the Debolt United Church, Debolt Alta. on Monday June 14, 1976 at 2:30 p.m. Interment to follow in the Debolt Cemetery. Arrangements by the Oliver Funeral Chapel. Donations to the Heart Fund would be appreciated in lieu of flowers.

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DeBolt woman killed in crash



Rescue crews try to free the victims of a head-on collision on Highway 34 near DeBolt, about 56 kilometres east of Grande Prairie. The accident happened yesterday afternoon. A DeBolt woman was killed in the crash.

Car and pick-up hit head-on

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A DeBolt woman died yesterday afternoon in a head-on collision with a pick-up truck on Highway 34.

The accident happened near DeBolt about 56 kilometres east of Grande Prairie.

Emma Gitzel, 80, and her son-in-law Dave Palser, also of DeBolt, were travelling in a small car that collided head-on with a pick-up

truck, said Walter Gitzel, Emma Gitzel's son.

He said his mother was a long-time DeBolt resident.

Gitzel was dead upon arrival at QEII Hospital after being flown there by helicopter, said Grande Prairie RCMP.

Palser was flown to an Edmonton hospital by air ambulance after the mid-afternoon accident. His condition is unknown.

Two Valleyview-area men in the pick-up were transported to hospital with injuries which aren't believed to be life-threatening, RCMP said.

Gitzel's small Plymouth was travelling eastbound near the DeBolt Esso Service when it collided with the truck. The pick-up came to rest in the north ditch. The Plymouth ended up in the centre of the highway.

Gitzel was driving the car.

An emergency team from DeBolt, which included three nurses, arrived

on the scene first.

Paramedics from Grande Prairie used the jaws of life to free Gitzel and Palser. Gitzel was freed first and then flown to Grande Prairie.

Palser was freed about half an hour later and flown from the scene in a second helicopter.

Emergency personnel detoured traffic around the scene for over an hour.

Grande Prairie RCMP are investigating the accident.

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EMMA LOUISE GITZEL (SCHRAM)

Mrs. Emma Louise Gitzel passed away at DeBolt, Alberta, on Tuesday, April 3, 1990, at the age of 80.

Emma was born in Stony Plain, Alberta on January 23, 1910. She moved to the DeBolt area in 1931.

She leaves to mourn her passing Florence (Robert) Given of Grande Prairie, Donald (Doreen) Gitzel of Nanton, Loreen Goebel of Sherwood Park, Walter (Irene) Gitzel of DeBolt, and Alice (David) Falser of DeBolt; 11 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren; also her brother Emil (Amy) Schram of Spruce Grove; sisters: Clara Bearham of Edmonton, and Evelyn (Ken) Wrangler of Spruce Grove; and several nieces and nephews.

Emma was predeceased by her husband

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Trappers program proving popular

Interest shown by newcomers for week-long course seen as a good sign

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After coming back to life last year, the local branch of the Alberta Trappers Association continues to snare interest from area enthusiasts.

Highlighting the progression the local group has made since its revival in August is that the Standard Wild Fur Management program it is hosting this week has attracted a full participation level.

Local branch director Walter Gitzel said Tuesday that about 25 would-be trappers turned out for the first session of the course Monday night in the Prime Realty office building.

"I was very pleased when we started the local branch back up again, because it was dead for so long. We are very pleased with the response we have gotten," Gitzel said of the program, which continues through to Saturday.

The course is being offered to allow local trappers to earn certification, as they can not lawfully operate a trap line without it, Gitzel explained.

While Monday's session comprised a basic overview of what would be covered throughout the week and offered some information regarding the fur industry as a whole, the sessions began to get a little more in depth Tuesday night, Gitzel continued.

Tuesday's gathering centred on topics relating to fish and wildlife and the class got a first-hand opportunity to learn how to skin beaver.

Tonight, the trapping and skinning of coyotes will be discussed.

The course continues Thursday with the students heading out to place some traps on a line south of Grande Prairie they will utilize for more practical learning Saturday. They will also discuss how to skin smaller animals such as marten, squirrels, mink and rats.

Friday night will feature a re-

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view of what was learned throughout the week and Saturday, the students will take to the trap line to put the information to practice.

A positive sign the reorganization of the association – which came after a decade-long hiatus – isn't likely to be a short-lived endeavour, is that a high number of program attendees this week are younger in age – in their late teens or early adulthood – said Gitzel.

"That bodes well in keeping this activity alive locally," he said.

"It's nice to have the support of the trappers who have been doing this a long time, but you can't survive without bringing in new faces," Gitzel, who lives in Bezanon and has operated a line near Valleyview for more than 40 years, said.

This week's sessions are the first to be held since the local branch of the ATA was rekindled.

Another set of sessions will likely be held in two year's time to ensure it draws sufficient interest, said Gitzel.