

## Mary Helen Watson Weds J. H. Thigpen In Kinston Ceremony

### Vows Spoken In Christian Church Sunday, December 21

In a setting of green and white, Miss Mary Helen Watson of Kinston became the bride of Lieut. John Hugh Thigpen, Jr., at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 21 in the Gordon Street Christian Church at Kinston with the pastor, the Rev. J. Clinton Bradshaw, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Taliaferro Watson of Kinston and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thigpen of Edenton.

Simple church decorations included arrangements of greenery and numerous lighted tapers on tall white standards. Pews were marked with white satin bows.

Wedding music was presented by Mrs. T. V. Moseley, organist, and Miss Virginia Lewis, soprano. Vocal selections included "Entreat Me Not" and "Through the Years" before the vows and "Wedding Benediction" afterward.

The bride was attended by Miss Cora Myers of Pantego, her roommate at Atlantic Christian College, as maid of honor, and by Miss Susan Thigpen of Edenton, sister of the bridegroom and a senior at Wesleyan Conservatory at Macon, Ga., as bridesmaid.

They wore nylon net over taffeta, trimmed in velvet and pearls, Miss Myers wearing green and Miss Thigpen, red. The dresses, designed with a full ballerina-length skirt and strapless bodice, had stoles worn as jackets. Each headdress was a bandeau of plaited velvet with a nose-veil matching each dress. They carried white Testaments topped with white carnations mounted on white net foundations and daintily showered.

The bridegroom had his father as best man. Ushers were three brothers of the bride, Messrs. Paul Watson of Kinston, David Watson, who attends Atlantic Christian College, and Thomas Watson, a student at East Carolina College; and Marion Swindell, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, of Hertford.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a ballerina-length dress made by her mother of Chantilly lace trimmed in pearls and worn over satin. The molded bodice featured a scalloped yoke of silk nylon net outlined with pearls, long sleeves pointed at the wrist and a full skirt attached to the bodice in voluminous pleats. Her

veil of French illusion was edged with Chantilly lace and held in place by a cap of lace trimmed in pearls. She carried orchids atop a white Bible.

Mrs. Thigpen is a junior at Atlantic Christian College majoring in religion and mathematics. She is a member of Delta Sigma sorority. Before entering Atlantic Christian College, she attended Meredith College, Raleigh, following graduation from Grainger High School. The bridegroom is a graduate of Edenton High School and attended the University of North Carolina for three years, where he became a member of Kappa Psi pharmaceutical fraternity. The past June he was graduated from Reese Air Force base at Lubbock, Texas and is now stationed at Mitchell Air Force Base, Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y.

For the marriage the bride's mother wore a dress of plum colored crepe with brown accessories. Her grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Barksdale of Sandersville, Ga., was attired in a grey dress trimmed with black velvet and designed with black velvet jacket. The bridegroom's mother was gowned in teal blue moire. All three wore purple orchids dusted with silver.

Following a wedding trip, the couple will make a brief visit in Kinston before going to Hempstead. The bride's traveling costume was a brown dress featuring an accordion pleated skirt and a tan wool jacket designed with gold and brown stripes and a gold belt. A brown velour hat trimmed in gold and brown skin shoes, with a red top coat and the orchid used at the wedding, completed the outfit.

Following rehearsal Saturday even-

ing the bride's parents entertained at a cake-cutting to honor the couple. Guests were received at the home on Jones Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Walker greeted callers as they arrived.

The cake, beautifully decorated and topped with a miniature bride and groom, was cut by the prospective bride and groom and then served by Mrs. Thigpen, mother of the bridegroom. Mrs. Lloyd Hemby presided at the punch bowl.

A pink and green color note was affected in decorations. The bride's table was centered with a lovely floral arrangement flanked by pink candles. In the living room, the mantel had pink tapers at either end with a bowl of pink and white mixed flowers in the center. Approximately 50 attended the party.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keeter announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dorothy Keeter, to Henry Allen Powell, son of Mrs. Henry Powell and the late Mr. Powell. No date has been set for the wedding.



**AFTER CHRISTMAS:** The time right after Christmas brings a let-down feeling to many, the Christmas rush and festivities are over and it is time to start thinking about the activities of the new year.

But the time after Christmas can be—and should be—a time to remember those who remembered you with Christmas gifts and cards. Writing thank-you notes while the Christmas spirit is still not so far away is a good, satisfying way to spend any spare moments.

Those few days after Christmas and at the beginning of the New Year are also a good time to remember any sick friends or shut-ins who could not enjoy the Christmas season as you did. Just a personal note, a word to let them know you are thinking of them, can bring a great deal of joy.

The Christmas tree must come down after another Christmas, and the decorations will have to go back into storage. Check the ornaments and lights before you pack them away, discarding any broken or burnt out bulbs, so that the decorations for 1953 will be ready when you need them.

Check your table linens to see that they are free from candle wax and other stains. Candle wax may be readily removed by scraping off the excess and then by placing a blotter over the wax and pressing with a hot iron.

Special attention should also be given the floors after the Christmas celebration. A thorough sweeping may be in order to remove any stray needles or fragments of broken ornaments.

**BIBLE CLASS MEETING**  
The Young Women's Bible Class of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night at the church. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock and all members are urged to be present.

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