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Jones-Hughes Marriage Announced

The marriage of Miss Barbara Ann Jones and Mr. William Neil Hughes took place June 11th at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Elliott.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jones of Murphy, Route 4, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hughes of Jacksonville, Fla., and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Bobo, Sr., of Murphy.

Rev. Elliott performed the double-ring ceremony and the only attendants were Miss Mary Francis Kephart and Mr. Gordon Wesley Jones.

The bride wore a dress of white lace and carried a white Bible topped with white Madonnalilies and ribbon streamers.

After the ceremony, the couple received their guests and refresh-

Valley River Garden Club Meets Today

ANDREWS — The Valley River Garden Club meets today at the home of Mrs. Clyde Jarrett at 3 p.m. Mrs. John Christy will be co-hostess.

Flower arrangement will be the theme of the program. Mrs. Zeb Conley and Mrs. A. B. Chandler Sr. will comment on each arrangement.

New year books will be given to members decorated by Mrs. John Whisenhunt with dog wood design in water colors.

ments were served.

The couple will reside at McCall Apartments after a brief wedding trip.

Mrs. Hughes is a recent graduate of Murphy High School and plans to attend Young Harris College this fall. Mr. Hughes will be graduated from Western Carolina College this summer and is employed by the Cherokee County Board of Education.



HAMPTON REUNION

The six brothers and one sister, sons and daughter of the late George W. Hampton gathered at the Hampton Memorial Church May 29 for the Decoration services and Homecoming held at the church.

Reading from left to right: J. H. Hampton, Mrs. J. W. Dyer, Dr. G. D. Hampton, Fred Hampton, John Hampton, Luther Hampton, (the youngest 62 years old) and Baxter Hampton. Add their ages together and you will get 492 years.

Words of Life

By J. ALTON MORRIS, Pastor
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What does it mean to be a Christian in building a Christian home? The Christian has a very definite responsibility to at least four institutions in the world in which he lives. These institutions are the home, the church, the school and the state. The home, perhaps, is the place it is most important and most difficult to be a real Christian.

The home is a changing institution in a changing world. We know the home will continue. God has ordained it. The Bible tells us, "It is not good for man to be alone." The Christian should be concerned about the kind of home that is to continue.

The home is changing in size. For example, the average family unit in the United States declined from 4.8 in 1920 to 4.1 in 1930, 3.8 in 1940, 3.42 in 1949, and 3.34 in 1950. We are all anxious to know what the 1960 census will reveal

about the size of the family of today. The type of home has changed. Someone has said, "The home has changed, at least in modern America, from a patriarchal home to a democratic, if not a matriarchal, type of family."

There are changed attitudes toward the home. These changed attitudes are concerning the size of the family, the purpose of the home and the permanency of the relationship. It is more or less the natural thing to divorce, according to the present-day acceptance. There are places where divorces are secured so often and so readily that someone has spoken of our American method of "progressive polygamy."

The purpose of the home is the propagation of the race. God said to the first man and woman, "Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth" (Genesis 1:28). The purpose of the home is to have intimate, understanding fellowship. It is better physically, socially and morally for men and women to marry. God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a help meet (someone answering to him) for him" (Genesis 2:18). The home is for the purpose of promoting the cause of Christ. The Christianization of all of life should be the purpose of the Christian home.

The success or failure of the home is relative. By this, we mean that no home is ever a complete success or a complete failure. However, we may test the success of a home by the following five things: its stability, its happiness, its permeating spirit, its retrospect and its product.

Dr. T. B. Maston, in his book, "The Christian in the Modern World," has listed seven things as the secrets to a successful home. They are: Make careful choice of companion. Prepare thoroughly for marriage. Get a good start. Have a plan. Carry the courtship attitude over into marriage. Work and play together. Each do well his particular task.

In order that this article may be the most help possible to those who read it, in conclusion, I would like to take the fourth thing mentioned by Dr. Maston—Have A Plan—and elaborate on it. One couple, when married, agreed on the following twenty-five year plan for their marriage:

To own our own home.
 To have four children.
 To be successfully established in a profession.
 To be regular and active members of a church and to try to love what Christian teaching means to us.
 To take an active part throughout the years in educational, religious, and civic affairs of our community.
 To have acquired a sufficient amount of life insurance adequately to provide protection for the family and assure us a retirement income for our old age.
 To celebrate our Golden Wedding together.

(This achievement of this celebration would have to await another twenty-five years together.)

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