

50 Years of Wedded Bliss



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strickland

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strickland recently celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary in the Fellowship Hall of New Bethel United Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland were married October 14, 1934 in Dillon, South Carolina.

The Anniversary was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Strickland's daughters-in-law, Josephine S. Locklear and Jane Ellen S. Oxendine. Also, other hostesses were nieces of Mr. and Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Bonita Freeman, Mrs. Jeanette Freeman, Mrs. Rose Marie Freeman, Mrs. Patricia Freeman, Mrs. Shirley Dial and Miss Barbara Anne Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Strickland received various lovely and practical gifts. From the grandchildren, Mrs. Strickland received a diamond cluster engagement ring and

Mr. Strickland received a gold watch.

Tributes were paid to the couple by the Revs. Dwight Freeman, Anthony D. Hunt, Bobby Mitchell, nephews of the couple; the Rev. James Woods, Bishop of the Methodist Conference and former pastor of the couple; Rev. Elton B. Hunt, close personal friend; and their church pastor, Rev. Alonzo Oxendine.

Tributes were also presented by the couple's granddaughters, Denna Jo Anne, Melanie Nicole, Millicent Celeste, Angela Dale, Nikia, and Candace Strickland.

The guests of about one hundred in attendance were welcomed from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church for a buffet meal prepared in addition to the hostesses by other family members and friends. Photos were by Mr. Kenneth Freeman, nephew of the couple.

Virginia, Beach, Va. Setting

Westwood Hill Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, Va. was the setting for the Saturday, October 13, 1984 wedding of Sarah Ruth Stoll and Dwayne Anthony Olbris.

The Rev. Larry Shoaf of Virginia Beach officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carl Stoll, Jr. of 1505 Hopkins Dr.,

Elizabeth City, N.C.

The bride graduated from Northeastern High School in 1978 and graduated from North Carolina State University in 1982. She is employed by the M & T Company as a Jr. Logistics Technician.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anthony

Olbris of 716 Rochelle Arch, Virginia Beach, VA. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lowery of Lumberton, N.C. Mr. Olbris is a graduate of Norfolk Christian High School in 1978 and is presently employed at United Parcel Postage Service of Virginia Beach, Va.

The bride's gown was deep satin and chantly lace. The wedding gown was her mother's.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Elizabeth Esther Stoll, of Elizabeth City, N.C. She wore a long gown of daphne rose.

Bridesmaids were Cathy Cooper of Virginia Beach, Va., Tammy Taylor of Burlington, N.C., Debbie Branning of Norfolk, Va., Joan Redding of Cincinnati, OH and Cheryl Williams of Elizabeth City, N.C. They wore wine colored gowns similar to that of the maid of honor.

The best man was Golber Hardin, cousin of the groom, from Lumberton, N.C. The ushers were Joemark Branning of Norfolk, Va., Jonathan Stoll of Elizabeth City, N.C., Leigh Goodwin of Norfolk, Va., Mike Sharpe of Norfolk, Va., Franklin Algood of Norfolk, Va.

The groom wore a black tails and white tie. The best man and the ushers wore the same.

The flower girls were Mary Margret Cooper of Virginia Beach, Va. and Wendy Anne Lowery, the cousin of the groom, of Lumberton, N.C.

The ringbearer was Nick Delaplaine of Virginia Beach, Va., a close friend of the groom.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner which was held on October 10, 1984 at the church social hall.

The wedding reception was held at the church social hall and hosted by the bride's parents.

The flowers for the wedding were all made by Bobby Bell, cousin of the groom, of Pembroke, N.C.

Out of town guests were from Lumberton, N.C. Pembroke, N.C., Asheville, N.C., Elizabeth City, N.C., Richmond, Va., Fairfax, Va., Charleston, S.C., Champhill, PA, Burlington, N.C., Cincinnati, OH, Winston Salem, N.C.

After the honeymoon, spent in the mountains of Virginia and North Carolina, the couple will reside in Chesapeake, VA.



Sarah Ruth and Dwayne Anthony Olbris

NEWS FROM AROUND PEMBROKE

by Mrs. Bazie Hardin

Mrs. Stella H. Allen was honored Tuesday night with a surprise party for her birthday October 30th held at her home and given by relatives.

Among those who attended were the honoree's husband, Rev. C.C. Allen, Sr., Ms. Alma Garrity, Ms. Eula Mae Sanders, Mrs. Henry Ford Smith and daughter, Miss Leslie Smith, Mrs. Hilda Faye Hunt and son Ronnie, and Rev. and Mrs. C.C. Allen Jr. and family of Hope Mills. Refreshments consisted of birthday cake and ice cream.

Rev. Willard Oxendine is a patient at the Rehabilitation Center of the Cape Fear Valley Hospital of Fayette-

ville. Among those visiting Rev. Oxendine other than his wife, were a brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Oxendine.

The annual homecoming was held Sunday at the North Side Church of God of Fairmont. A song service was held in the afternoon with several groups participating. Among those attending from the Pembroke area were Mrs. Shirley Smith and daughters, Miss Leslie Smith and Mrs. Tony Jones and children, Kimberly Renee and Kindrick Ford. The guest speaker was the Rev. Larry Hunt. The pastor is the Rev. Leon Young. Also attending this

event was Mrs. Julia Strickland, Miss Wanda Brayboy, Ms. Bertha Locklear and Mrs. Clara.

Mrs. Eunice Demery returned home Friday from Southeastern General Hospital where she was hospitalized for several days with a part of the time spent in the Intensive Care Unit. Mrs. Demery is still under the care of her doctor and needs a lot of rest.

The Visitation Committee of the Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church, composed of Mrs. Buster Burke and Mrs. Leonard Chavis, visited Tuesday in the homes of several sick shut ins. Also visiting the sick with the committee was Mrs. Iola Lowry.

For the men of the Mount Olive Pentecostal Holiness Church: don't forget to make plans to meet at the fellowship hall of the church Saturday, November 10 at 8 a.m. for breakfast and then to do an old fashioned clean up of the church and the lawn in getting ready for the annual homecoming to be held Sunday, Nov. 11.

The Rev. J. Danner Lee of Falcon will be the guest speaker in addition to local singing groups who are invited to attend. Special singers will be the Good News Singers of Greensboro. The pastor is the Rev. Johnie Pollard.

Among those from the Pembroke community who attended the funeral services of Mr. Dewey Oxendine held Sunday at the Oak Grove Holiness Church were Mrs. Molly Locklear, Mrs. Nola Deese, Mr. William X Oxendine and Mr. Bazie Hardin Sr.

Dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mrs. Vandy Jones were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Locklear and Mrs. Judy Lowry.

BIRTHDAY PROVERBS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Phillipians 2:14 "Do all things without murmuring and disputing."

CHEROKEE CHAPEL CHURCH NEWS

by Mrs. Jessie B. Chavis Publicity Chairman

Last Sunday Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church, Wakulla held its last worship service for the 1984 conference year.

Pray and praise service began at 11 a.m. conducted by Jennings Bullard, followed by the administering of "Love Feast" to the congregation by the Stewarts: Carl and Clyde Chavis, Jennings Bullard, Kernes Locklear, Crawley Locklear and Clayton Locklear.

Scripture reading followed by the pastor, Rev. Julian Ransom, reading from Joshua 1:1-5.

Special music was rendered by the church adult choir, using the selection "When I Get Home."

Rev. Ransom brought his farewell message of the 1984 conference year in the presence of a large audience, using for his subject "Move Out of the Wilderness."

Rev. Ransom reminded the audience in the beginning that God gave Joshua a great command to move out of the

wilderness and go into the land of Canaan.

Rev. Ransom also emphasized four wildernesses that will crush the hearts of men and women spiritually: 1. Coveting; 2. Worldliness; 3. Pride; 4. Neglecting of Gift and Talent.

Rev. Ransom ended his message with a closing prayer announced the closing song, "I'll Live in Glory" with Jennings Bullard giving the dismissal prayer.

Among the visitors were Mrs. Myrtle Locklear of the Prospect community and Mrs. Stedman Edwards of Fayetteville, NC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lumber River Methodist Annual Conference will convene Friday, Nov. 9-11 at Hopewell Methodist Church, Rowland, N.C.

Rev. Ransom thanked the people of Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church for the cooperation given to him during the past conference year and the kindness shown to his family. "A wonderful year," said Rev. Ransom.

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REFLECTIONS...

by Alta Nye Oxendine
Well, the election is finally over! No more "mud-slinging" -or worrying whether our favorite candidates are going to win.
As it turned out, "my" man made it back to the Senate. But I stayed up for hours waiting for the results.
Now I feel like just sitting back and taking it easy. But I know it's not fair to elect our officials, then leave them to tackle all those difficult jobs without giving them any support.
For Christians-the first thing we can do is to pray for our leaders-from the town officials to the President of this nation. Those who are newly-elected or re-elected. And those who are finishing out their present terms.
Also-let's not forget to pray for Walter Mondale, Geraldine Ferraro, and all the other candidates who "put up a good fight" but lost.

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