

Weddings - Engagements

Altha - Rogers

LEICESTER — Pamela Faye Altha of West Fork, Ark., and Jerry Don Rogers of Leicester were married Friday, Nov. 27.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Altha of West Fork.

The ceremony took place in the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers of Leicester. His father was best man.

Matron of honor was Carol Leigh Ponder of Chapel Hill.

A reception followed.

The bride has a bachelor's degree in dance education from the University of Arkansas and is employed as a dance instructor at Bounds Dance Studio in Chapel Hill.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Western Carolina University with a bachelor's degree and is employed by Stephen's...After All supper club in Chapel Hill.

The couple will live in Chapel Hill.

Weeks - Sams

LEICESTER — Karen Lucille Weeks of Asheville and

Frank Dennis Sams of Leicester were married at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, in Western Chapel United Methodist Church.

Performing the ceremony were the Rev. Ray Himes and the bride's father. She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas W. Weeks of Asheville. Her father gave her in marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sams of Leicester are parents of the bridegroom.

The bride's sister, Mary Susan Weeks of Asheville, was maid of honor.

Ronnie Cantrell of Leicester was best man.

Ushers were Staff Sgt. Theodore M. Sutton of Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., brother-in-law of the bride, and Tommy King of Leicester.

A reception was held.

The bride is a 1981 graduate of Erwin High School.

The bridegroom graduated in 1977 from Erwin High School and is employed by Carolina Battery Co. in Candler.

Sprinkle, Cosby

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Sprinkle of Marshall have an-

nounced the engagement of their daughter, Sabra Louise, to Jeffery Allen Crosby of Del Rio, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Crosby of Indian Harbour Beach, Fla., are parents of the future bridegroom.

The bride-elect is a 1980 graduate of Mars Hill College and is an employee of Touche Ross & Co. of Asheville.

A 1980 graduate of the University of Florida at Gainesville, Crosby is an Air Force lieutenant in pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio.

The couple will be married at 7 p.m. Dec. 27 in Marshall Presbyterian Church.

Galloway of Weaverville.

The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Harrell of Marshall.

Music will be presented by Mrs. Donna Ward.

The bride will be given in marriage by her brother, Gregg Galloway.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

A reception will be held in the church fellowship building following the ceremony.

Roberts,

Patterson

WEAVERVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Staley P. Roberts Jr. of Weaverville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Madelon Dean, to Thomas Talmadge Patterson III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Patterson Jr. of Charlotte.

The bride-elect and future bridegroom attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

A May 22 wedding is planned.

Galloway, Harrell

Susan Renee Galloway will be married to PFC Richard E. (Ricky) Harrell in a 7 p.m. ceremony on Friday Dec. 4 at the Madison Seminary Baptist Church in Marshall. The Rev. David Clark will conduct the ceremony.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Martha Jo



MR. AND MRS. BUREN H. PRICE of Black Mountain will be honored with a reception on their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Grove Stone Baptist Church on Craigmont Road in Black Mountain. Mr. Price is a retired farmer from Madison County. He and his wife have made their home in Black Mountain for the last 10 years. They were married on Dec. 14, 1921. Their children are Hilliard Price of Black Mountain; Annie L. Reese of Morganton; and Grace Hyde of Clinton, Tenn.; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. All friends and relatives are invited. They request that gifts be omitted.

McFall Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. McFall of Hot Springs will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Sunday, Dec. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Hot Springs First Baptist Church. All friends and relatives are invited. The reception will be given by their son, Jerry T. McFall of Clyde. Mr. and Mrs. McFall were married Dec. 5, 1931.

Executive Mansion

To Open For Visitors

The Victorian Executive Mansion, home for North Carolina's governors since 1891, will again be open for holiday visitors this year.

North Carolina's "First House" on Raleigh's Blount Street will display its Christmas trim for four days during the week of Dec. 14-20.

Decorations for the public rooms are being prepared by the Raleigh Garden Club with the help of Mansion Social Director Suzanne Hedrick and the mansion staff.

Regular guided tours will not be given during the open

Babies Learn Early

By Sense Of Touch

One of the earliest ways of learning is through the sense of touch.

Growing Child, a monthly child development newsletter, reports that long after a baby has gained control of her eyes — at about four months — and has begun to learn through them, she will continue to learn by holding, touching, handling and mouthing objects.

The world is full of many things which have different "feels." One of a child's earliest ways of learning about what is "out there" is through touching and being touched.

The idea that some things are the "same" and some are "different" is one of the most basic of all early learnings. One way to help a child learn more about the "same and different" is to give her many opportunities to feel all those interesting "feels" in the world out there.

The active, even fussy, baby never lacks for stimulation of lifting and handling. However, the placid, or "good" baby may be deprived of stimulation because she never makes

demands on her parents.

All babies, active or placid, can benefit from gentle stimulation. Before her bath, place your baby on her stomach and gently stroke and rub her back, arms, and legs with your hand. Pat her gently all over or tap her with your fingertips. Sometimes rub her gently with something soft and velvety. A piece of soft corduroy is excellent.

After bath, don't just pat her dry. Rub her arms, legs, stomach and back with a soft towel. Kiss her head, hands, feet. Play with her toes as you talk to her. Pat her feet together. Make bubbling noise against the skin in the hollow of her neck.

A ticklish baby is often hypersensitive to touch because she has not had enough stimulation of her sense of touch. If your baby is ticklish, begin by using her own hands to rub and pat her body. As she learns to trust her own touch, you can gradually begin using your own hand.

Remember, too, that a very light touch is more "tickly" than a firmer touch. A gentle but firm touch with the whole palm of your hand is less apt to "tickle" than a feather-like stroking with the tips of your fingers.

Be careful to proceed cautiously with a ticklish baby. Watch her face and be sensitive to her responses, and you will be able to develop normal sensation.

Happiness Can't Depend On Others

By CARL MUMPOWER
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Once upon a time, in a kingdom of long ago, there lived a prince and a beautiful young maiden. After many trials and tribulations, the details of which I won't go into, this prince and young maiden were finally joined in holy matrimony and rode off into the sunset together on a white charger. Presumably to live happily ever after. He, assuming responsibility for her happiness and wellbeing, and she for his.

Sounds wonderful and familiar, doesn't it? There's a problem, however, in that this story is a fairy tale, and fairy

tales and real life don't have a great deal in common.

The foundation of the fairy tale I've mentioned is the assumption that one person can assume responsibility for the happiness of another. It's an assumption that many of us practice in our own marriages.

Unfortunately, it's an illusion to believe that anyone, regardless of the depth of their love, quality of their character, or intensity of their motivation can make anyone happy. That's a power that none of us possess.

Yes, I know you're probably asking yourself why should people get married. I'm also

aware that most of what you watch on TV, the movies you see, and the books you read tend to sell that theme actively. Nonetheless, I'm going ahead and try to change your mind.

For starters, how many people do you know who have the power to seek and find happiness in their own lives? It doesn't take a whole lot of genius to realize that happy people are all to few and far between. If that's true, where do we get off thinking that people who can't even pull off happiness in their own lives have the power and ability to build it, with any permanence, in others?

We don't, and even though we may be able to pull it off for a short time, lasting happiness through another is impossible to maintain.

There's another reason it won't work. When you and I were born, we were born alone. When you and I die, we will die alone. There's no one who can assume our major life's responsibilities, like the one of working toward happiness, and do a good job of it. You are the only one who is you, knows you, and can meet the needs of the person inside you.

I don't mean to paint a total-

ly negative picture. Other people can enhance the quality of your life, they can make it more fun, and they can help you in building your happiness.

That stuff about "I'll die without you," or "You owe me happiness because you're my wife," though is about as leaky as you can get. No one owes you any happiness but you.

Once you make up your mind on this one, you can quit dumping unreasonable expectations on people that are impossible to fulfill and get on with the business of running your own life. To do otherwise is kind of like chasing the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. You'll get lots of opportunity to search and dream, but not very much opportunity to spend...

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It's Christmas Again At Historic Sites

Smells of pine and cedar, sights of boxwood, holly and garlands — all in the glow of candlelight — it's Christmas again at two nearby state historic sites.

Period decorations of the 1830s era — about the time Gov. Zebulon B. Vance was growing up in the house near Weaverville — will be highlights of the Sunday, Dec. 13 open house celebration. From 1-5 p.m. staff members will guide visitors around the restored Vance farmstead, which includes the five-room log house and outbuildings, loom, spring, tool and smoke houses, slave cabin and corn crib. A candlelight tour will follow, 5-7 p.m.

Admission is free. Vance Birthplace State Historic Site is located near Weaverville, off U.S. 19-23 and five miles east on Reems Creek Road.

The 28-room Victorian boardinghouse, once run by the mother of novelist Thomas Wolfe and immortalized in his novel "Look Homeward Angel," will hold open house on Sunday, Dec. 13, 1-5 p.m. Staff and volunteers will guide visitors through the house decorated in the early 20th century period.

Admission is free. Wolfe Memorial State Historic Site is located at 48 Spruce St., Asheville.

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