

Social Events

DEADLINES: Weddings, Thursday, Noon
Other Social Items, Monday 5 p.m.



Mr. and Mrs. Emory Hoke following Hoke County ceremony at Bethel Church.

Helping hands make Hoke-Hunley eloping memorable experience

By Pam Frederick
Emory Hoke and Nancy Hunley were married at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Friday afternoon, October 26, at 4:30 p.m. by the Rev. William Fitch.

Mrs. A.K. Leach provided organ music and Mrs. Leland Strother, soloist, sang, "O Perfect Love."

It was a typical wedding with all the usual southern traditions, except, these two people have never been to Raeford before Friday.

As Mrs. Ed (Evelyn) Manning wandered through the Edinborough Restaurant Friday at noon with Mrs. Harris Blake by her side was politicking and meeting the folks of Raeford and Hoke County when she found Mr. Hoke and Miss Hunley.

After talking with them for a while, Mrs. Manning's mind and heart started working double time.

Emory Hoke and Nancy Hunley, who have only known each other for two weeks. Emory is from Covington, Virginia and Nancy from Columbus, Ohio, but they knew they were destined for marriage.

Not being able to "work out details" of the marriage because they live eight hours apart, they decided to elope to Hoke County.

Hoke doesn't know if there is any connection between his family and Hoke County. He had never heard about our area until approximately two years ago. While

traveling on the Blue Ridge Parkway, he stopped for a rest and started talking with "some lady."

When asked if he was associated with the Hokes that formed Hoke County, he was astonished. This was Hoke's first hearing of Hoke County.

After the couple started making eloping plans they decided "Why not go to Hoke County?"

Arriving in Raeford, and not knowing anyone, they were fortunate enough to have met Mrs. Manning. She wanted to help. After several attempts to find a minister to perform a ceremony failed, Mrs. Manning and her secretary, Mrs. Vicki Beard, thought to contact Bethel Presbyterian Church, minister Rev. Fitch.

Rev. Fitch was willing to help and the wedding took place at 4:30 p.m.

Before long, a soloist and organist were found and everything was set.

More friends of Mrs. Mannings found out and decided to help. Mrs. Norma Corrado and daughter, Sherry prepared a reception at the Mannings home on East Donaldson Avenue.

"This is real Southern hospitality" Emory said in disbelief after what happened in Hoke County on their special Friday afternoon.

With folks like Evelyn Manning around that is what makes Raeford and Hoke County such a beautiful place.

On Sunday, October 21st, Mrs. J.G. Balfour extended the official welcome to its visitors, as the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church observed its 25th annual Homecoming service.

The response was by J.D. Malloy, who is a ruling Elder of the Parkton Presbyterian Church and, a former Deacon of the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church.

The sermon was delivered by Neill A. Baker. Topic of sermon, "The Price." Mr. Baker is a Ruling Elder of the Sherwood Presbyterian Church, he has filled forty-seven different pulpits in Fayetteville Presbytery. Mr. Baker delivered the sermon at Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Homecoming in 1962.

The Reverend Dr. R.K. Gustafson, pastor of the church, was

unable to attend due to recuperating from a heart attack.

Following the service dinner was served in the Fellowship Hall and enjoyed by all.

The Baptist Church observed their Homecoming Sunday, Oct. 28. The pastor, Reverend Henry L. Foster welcomed the guests and the speaker, the Reverend Edwin Bullock.

Bullock is coordinator of volunteer work of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located in Richmond, Va. After the service all were invited to enjoy a picnic dinner at the Educational Building.

Church Revival will be held through Wednesday evening, October 31. Rev. Bullock is the speaker.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the

Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring an auction on Friday night, November 2 at 7 o'clock at the Fire Station. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Shaw of Cincinnati, Ohio spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Clifton, Jr.

Spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brown is their daughter, Mrs. Bill Brown and son, Nathan from Ft. Smith, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Spears attended the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Sara J. Spears at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville last Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Norfing and daughters, Elizabeth and Catherine of Richmond spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. McGougan.

Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Beck spent the weekend at Myrtle Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. William Langley and Jonathan of Elizabeth City were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. George Please of Cary spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Nance of Siler City visited her brother and family, Fred Chason and attended service at the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. George Caddell and Misses Lib and Lois Sumner spent Monday in Durham. George underwent eye surgery first of October at Vet. Hospital in Durham and was not getting along well.

Friends were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner of Lumberton for the Homecoming Day.

Personals

Mrs. Mary Lamont, Mrs. Lorena Lester, Mrs. Johnnie Belle McPhaul, Mrs. Agnes Mae Campbell, and Mrs. Nell Carter spent the weekend at Holdens Beach.

Mrs. Marguerite Thomas spent last week in Chapel Hill with her sister, Mrs. Jean Carver. Mrs. Pauline McFadyen and Mrs. Hallie Wishart were also there for a visit.

Mrs. Virginia Daniels spent the weekend in Rockingham where she attended the 50th anniversary of the Ladies Aide Society. She is a former member.

SSgt. and Mrs. Charles Richard Creech and daughter Mandy were guests of honor Sunday at a Farewell dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Miller of Rt. 1, Lumber Bridge.

SSgt. Creech and family will depart November 1 for Ankara, Turkey where he is to be stationed with the United States Air Force for the next two years.



Class of 1954 has reunion

Hoke High School's Class of 1954 held its 30th year reunion on September 1, in Southern Pines at the Sheraton Convention Center. The class members attending are: Front row: Bobby Conoly, Bobby Cox, Charles Daniels, Garvin Bishop, Milton Glisson, Benny McLeod (Class President) and Bill Benton; Second row: Jim Phillips, Alice Long Thompson, Mattie Halthcox Anders, Lydia Boehn Johnson, Waylon Fulk, Rayvon Sides, Anne

Leach, Hazel McLean Lovelace, Harriet Hodgkin Teachey, Lucretia King Gilbert, Foyeola Wilkes McElroy, LaRue Carroll Brock and Barbara Strother Whitaker; Third row: Phillip Edge, Billy Graham, Eddie Allen, Leon Gatlin, Lawrence McNeill, Shelia Balfour Goodman, Sarah Jackson Blake, Geraldine Vanhoy Black and Alice Sipfle Cooper.

Harvest Day Bazaar

Hillcrest Baptist Church
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