



## Matthis-Whitman United In Marriage

Joy Ellen Whitman and John Wayne Matthis were married Saturday, July 16, 1983, at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Unity United Methodist Church. The Reverend Charles Eakin officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Herman Whitman of Kenansville and the late Mrs. Elizabeth P. Whitman. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Matthis of Kenansville.

A program of traditional wedding music was presented by Mrs. Ernesteen Summerlin of Kenansville, organist. Vocalists were Carolyn and Ronnie Ezzell of Warsaw accompanied by Donna Simson of Richlands. They performed "Surround Me With Love" and "The Wedding Prayer." The service began with the lighting of the candles by the groomsmen and the acolyte, Brad Edens, nephew of the bride, who lighted the trinity candle.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of organza and Venise lace. The gown was designed with a high neckline and baby-doll sleeves with a chapel train. The bodice was fashioned with a sheer yoke and matching lace accented with seed pearls and crystals. She wore a fingertip veil of nylon illusion attached to a lace cap accented with seed pearls. The veil was also applied with seed pearls. For her bridal bouquet, the bride carried a petite cascade of pink and red roses with white daisies and gypsophila.

The couple spoke their nuptial vows before the church altar centered with a stately bouquet of summer mixed flowers and flanking the center focal point stood two nine-lite candelabums holding tall lighted tapers. Two palms completed the solemn setting. They knelt on a satin-covered prie-dieu after which the trinity candle was lit.

Mrs. Nancy Edens of Kenansville, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Lydia Rector, Sylvia Whitman, Sharon Pickett, all of Kenansville, and Connie Vereen of Wilmington. Each attendant wore a formal dusty rose gown fashioned with a Victorian neckline, sheer yoke edged with ruffles, and baby-doll sleeves and a full flowing skirt. The attendants carried a single red rose with greenery and tied with matching ribbons.

The flowergirl, Pam Blizard of Kenansville, wore a printed voile gown accented with dusty rose ribbons and white piping fashioned similarly to the other attendants. She carried a basket filled with summer flowers. She

groom, Mrs. Mildred Matthis, chose a two-piece suit of aqua. They both wore corsages of white orchids accented with a white lace bow.

Mrs. Wilma Herring of Warsaw directed the wedding. Attending the register was Lynette Matthis. Brad Edens presented the wedding programs.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. Whitman in the fellowship hall of the church.

The bride is presently employed by Home Health Services of Mount Olive. The groom is employed by Carolina Power and Light Co. They will make their home in Faison following a wedding trip to the Bahama Islands.

### Rehearsal Dinner

Prior to rehearsal on Friday night, July 15, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Matthis entertained the wedding party with a pig-picking at their home in Kenansville. The bridal couple chose this time to present their gifts to the wedding party.

### Pre-nuptial Parties

The bride was honored with a miscellaneous shower on June 10 in the fellowship hall of the church given by the ladies of the church. Friends and relatives presented her with many useful and lovely gifts.

The ladies of the Kenansville Baptist Church honored the bride with a miscellaneous shower June 30. She was presented many lovely gifts.

Duplin Country Club pool-side was the setting for a dinner party honoring the bridal couple on July 9, given by Mr. and Mrs. Randy Edens.

The bride was honored with a dinner party at the Graham House Inn on July 12. After a wedding toast, she was presented a gift from the hostesses. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by everyone. Hostesses were Mrs. Delaine Rector, Miss Lydia Rector, Mrs. Beth Warren and Miss Sylvia Whitman.



## Davis-Sutton Exchange Vows

Kelley Jane Sutton of Kinston, Route 3, and Howard L. Davis II of Pink Hill were united in marriage at eight o'clock Friday evening, June 24 at the home of the bride. The Rev. Randall Baker of Kinston officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas K. Sutton of Kinston. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Davis of Weisbaden, West Germany.

The bride wore a formal ivory gown of sheerganza and Chantilly lace. The lace gown was fashioned with a scooped neckline accented with a scalloped ruffle which also formed the sleeves. An

ivory satin ribbon encircled the waistline and featured a bow and streamers in the back. The softly gathered scalloped lace overskirt enhanced a sheerganza skirt.



**WHALEY-SUMNER ENGAGEMENT** - Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Sumner of Pink Hill proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzy, to Ricky Whaley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whaley of Richlands. An August 19th wedding is planned and will be held at Sandy Palin Free Will Baptist Church at seven o'clock in the evening. All friends and relatives are invited to join in this joyous occasion.

## Schools Complete Project Application

The Duplin County public school system has completed its 3-year project application for federal funds (Title VI-B, Education of the Handicapped Act) to benefit handicapped children. The project is designed to provide direct instruction to over 250 identified handicapped children (ages 5-17).

The system has also applied for special federal funds (preschool incentive) to serve handicapped three- and four-year-old children.

The first priority of both projects is to serve all unserved handicapped children. The second priority is to better serve those who may be served inappropriately, beginning with the most severely handicapped population.

Public participation in both projects is desired. Copies of the two projects are available for review in the office of the Director of Programs for

## Rhythm Band To Perform July 27

The Retirement Village Rhythm-makers, a rhythm band made up of residents of the Mount Olive Retirement Village, will perform at the Senior Center in Kenansville on Wednesday, July 27 at 11 a.m.

The band was started this summer through a music therapy program conducted by Steele Sasser of Mount Olive. The band consists of approximately 35 members and performs on instruments such as washboards, triangles, bells, maracas and tamborines. The program consists of religious and folk music along with older tunes of the 40s and 50s.

Mrs. Timmy Sutton of Kinston, sister-in-law of the bride, was the matron of honor.

The groom chose Jeff Whitener of Goldsboro to serve as best man.

The wedding was directed by Mrs. R.E.L. Johnson, Mrs. David Stroud and Mrs. Kenneth Sutton, sister-in-law of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of

Exceptional Children, Duplin County Board of Education Building in Kenansville.

## Extended Day Students On The Move

Recently the Duplin County Extended Day students visited the Dorothy Wightman Library. They received a warm welcome from Joe C. Michaud, director, and Mrs. Eva Miller.

The students applied for and were issued library cards and allowed to browse and check out materials.

The ED students also visited Cowan Museum, where they were welcomed by George Cowan. He pointed out and told the usage of the various implements and where they originated.

The group went to Raleigh where they visited Shaw University and the N.C. Museum of Natural History.

On July 14, the group visited Camp Lejeune where they ate at the mess hall.

## Attention Duplin County Cooks

Are you a good cook? Do you make specialty items such as tea cakes, breads, cakes, cookies, international dishes, desserts, casseroles?

The Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service is looking for local cooks to share their specialty with others during the Agribusiness Fair scheduled for Oct. 3-8. If you are interested or know someone who is, you are asked to contact Mrs. Judy H. Wallace, home economics extension agent at 296-1996 by Thursday, July 14.

Bethel Christian Academy and is currently employed at Lenoir Memorial Hospital as a clinical secretary.

The groom is a graduate of Fork Union Military Academy, Fort Union, Va. and the University of Maryland and is presently employed at American Field Corp.

After a wedding trip to the coast the couple will reside at Route 6, Kinston.

## Smith Reunion

A reunion of the descendants of Jones R. and Martha Kidd Smith, long-time residents of Duplin County, was held July 10 at the Breeze-way Restaurant at New Topsail Beach.

All three of their sons, Trent Gordon, Walter Jones and Ralph Kenan Smith had descendants at the gathering.

Representing Trent Gordon Smith were Lena Davis, Mamie Heath, Jean and Floyd Heath Jr., Norma Westmore and Mary Badger Stallings.

Representatives of the Walter Jones Smith family were Mrs. Jasper Smith, Carolyn and Ricky Stroud, J.K., Linda and Jonathan Smith, Howard, Barbara and Tracy Smith, Patty and Remus Smith, Annabell and Sig Smith, Denny, Judy and Shelby Hailey, Roland and Betty Jo Grady, Randy and Laura O'Neil, Elizabeth and Yvonne Patterson, Andrea, Sheila and Keith Bostic, Sarah and Horace Smith, Jane and Nathan Joyner, Kathleen Grady, Sonny, Deborah and Jennifer Nash and Emma Catherine Richards.

Representing the Ralph Kenan Smith Sr. family were Woodrow W. Smith, Peggy Sue Gaggard, Prentice W. Smith, Susan Little, R.K. and Nancy Smith, Kenan Smith, Marie and Michelle Berndgen.

Guests were Ann Hutcheson, Stever Molder and

Genie Williams. Roland J. Smith coordinated this reunion and R.K. Smith acted as master of ceremonies.

There was a discussion about the possibilities of

sponsoring a gathering of descendants of the charter members of Hebron Presbyterian Church to celebrate its 100 years of service in 1986. Jones R. and Martha Kidd Smith were charter members and donated some of the land on which Hebron now stands.

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