

Blanton-Johnson Wed

Mary Best Johnson and Tony Marion Blanton were married Saturday, July 30, at four o'clock in the afternoon at the Warsaw Baptist Church. Dr. L. Mack Thompson of Laurinburg officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Johnson of Warsaw. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Rivers Johnson Sr. of Warsaw. The bridegoom is the son of Mrs. Lindy Winstead of Fayetteville and the late Marion Aaron Blanton. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brinson of Richlands.

A program of traditional wedding music was presented by Ms. Catherine Vestal, minister of music of the Warsaw Baptist Church. Randy Lemley of Wilmington, soloist, sang "The Wedding Song" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown of white over pink organza with Venise flower appliques. The gown was designed with a low round neckline, organza ruffles at the shoulders and a fitted bodice. The skirt was full with a chapel train. Her hat was of Moline straw with lace appliques. An upturned side was swept back with two small silk pink roses. She wore a waist-length bridal illusion veil The bride carried a small cascade of light pink roses with white and dark pink carnations and gypsophila.

Miss Paula Huyett of Wrightsville Beach served as maid of honor. She carried a mini nosegay of pink roses and pink and white carnations. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Mary Lynn Hardee of Carolina Beach, cousin of the bride: Miss Jo Carol Jones of Goldsboro, Miss Paula Stillwell of Wilmington, and Miss Donna Strickland of Warsaw. Each attendant wore a floor-length gown of pink organza fashioned with a round neckline with self bow trim, short puffed sleeves, fitted bodice and full skirt. Each bridesmaid carried one long stemmed pink rose with pink and white streamers. Ryan Blanton, son of the bridegroom, was ringbearer

The bridegroom wore a charcoal gray tuxedo with a rose boutonniere. Lindy Winstead, stepfather of the

bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Mitchell Blanton and Randy Blanton of Wilmington, brothers of the groom; Arthur Maxwell Greene of Fayetteville, fraternity brother of the groom, and John A. Johnson Jr. of Raleigh, Bill Johnson of Cape May, N.J., and Tracy Johnson of Warsaw, brothers of the bride. They all wore charcoal gray tuxedos with boutonnieres of pink roses.

The mother of the bride chose a formal crepe dress of blue. The groom's mother wore a beige formal gown. Both mothers were corsages of phalaenopsis orchids. The grandmothers were remembered with corsages of pink carnations.

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University of North Carolina asking questions.
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reside in Wilmington.

Following the ceremony. the bride's parents entertained with a reception in their home on Plank Road. Guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Rivers D. Johnson Jr., uncle and aunt of the bride. Mrs. Eldon Brown of flowers. Mrs. William Gattis and play the dulcimer. of Burgaw, aunt of the bride. On July 21, Sammie poured punch. Mrs. Marian Southerland from the Em-Sheffield Fisher of ployment Security Commis-Brown, uncle of the bride.

An after-rehearsal dinner rence.

was given for the Blanton-Johnson wedding party at The Graham House Inn on Friday evening. The groom chose this time to present gifts to his attendants.

Other Courtesies Mrs. Rivers Johnson Jr. and Mrs. W.E. Craft gave a bridesmaid luncheon at The Country Squire on Friday, July 29. The bride presented gifts to her attendants at this time.

On the morning of the wedding, friends of the bride entertained the wedding party, families of the couple. and out-of-town guests with a wedding breakfast at The Country Squire.

Mrs. Durwood Strickland, Miss Donna Strickland, Miss Paula Huyett, Mrs. Judy Baran, Mrs. Marian Fisher and Mrs. Edwin Blanchard gave a lingerie shower at the home of Mrs. Strickland on Hill Street in Warsaw.

Mr. and Mrs. George Finch honored the bride and groom with a dinner party at the home of Mrs. Finch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Carlton on Fox Ridge Road in

Friends of the bride hosted a kitchen shower at the home of Ms. Jeanne Farrar at Boiling Springs Lake in Brunswick County.

The groom's family honored the couple with a pool party and cookout at the home of the groom's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Benton, in Wilmington on Sunday afternoon, July 24. Friends and relatives attended.

Kenansville **VFD** Visits Extended Day School

Recently L.R. Daughtry and Kit Hobbs, representa-Mrs. Jenny Carlton Finch tives of the Kenansville Fire presided at the bridal and Rescue Departments, register in the vestibule of spoke to the students enthe church. The wedding was rolled in the cultural endirected by Mrs. Arnold richment program at Duplin Extended Day School. They The bride is a graduate of provided a discussion of the University of North training required to be a Carolina at Wilmington and fireperson. duties and serreceived her Master's de vices provided, their gree at East Carolina Uni- personal experiences and versity in Greeenville. She is conducted a question-employed as librarian with answer session. Students Brunswick Technical had the opportunity to explore a fire engine and The groom attended the handle equipment along with

ciated with Blanton Heating Prison Department, and and Air Conditioning Com- three inmates talked to the students. Bell gave infor-Following a wedding trip mation concerning prison life to Florida, the couple will and explained terms such as and explained terms such as misdemeanor, felony, gaintime, good-time, work release, etc. The inmates spoke concerning prison life and wrong-doings which got them in prison. The inmates suggested the students "stay in school."

Kelvin Delaney from the Duplin County Arts Council Magnolia, aunt of the bride, demonstrated and gave the served the four-tiered origin of several instruments wedding cake, which she such as: fiddle, banjo, auto-made as a gift to the couple, harp, concertina and dulci-It was decorated with pink mer. Students were given the roses and topped with fresh opportunity to request songs

Whitakers and Mrs. Judy sion presented information Revelle Baran of Wake about ESC's major services. Forest assisted in serving. Miss Vickie Kelly of Raleigh job system information, unwas hostess-at-large. Good. employment insurance and byes were said to Eldon tips on how to find a job. She also showed a filmstrip

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