



Swider-Howard Exchange Vows

Rebecca Lynn Howard and Timothy Antony Swider were wed Saturday evening in Winstead United Methodist Church. The Rev. Jean Hood officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Howard of Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Antony Swider of Winston-Salem are the bridegroom's parents.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of organza and Chantilly lace over taffeta designed with a fitted lace bodice, scoop neckline outlined with a flounce, short puff sleeves and a natural waist accented with satin bows. Organza tiers bordered the hemline and chapel train. Her waltz-length veil of illusion bordered with scalloped Schiffl embroidery flowed from a wreath of silk flowers and seed pearls. She carried a nosegay of white roses, lavender and white daisies and baby's breath.

Lisa Howard of Wilson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Mrs. David Gay of Raleigh, sister of the bridegroom, was matron of honor. They wore orchid silesta and chiffon gowns with a sleeveless chiffon bodice that featured a bateau neckline and natural waist encircled with a rope belt. The mock-wrap skirt was floor-length. Each carried a nosegay of white mums and lavender baby's breath with white streamers.

Bridesmaids were Laura Howard, sister of the bride, and Lane Ellis of Wilson and Karen Williams of Mt. Olive, cousin of the bride. They were dressed like the honor attendant and carried identical nosegays.

Honorary bridesmaids were Lynette Craft of Greenville, Mrs. Mike Hinshaw and Kay Thompson of Winston-Salem, Susan Howard of Roanoke Rapids, cousin of the bride, and Cindy Reisman of Lumberton.

Mr. Swider was his son's best man.

Ushers were Steve Howard of Greenville, brother of the bride; Matthew Swider of Winston-Salem, brother of the bridegroom; Ricky Miller of Kinston and David Gay of Raleigh, brother-in-law of the bridegroom.

David Herndon of Wilson was ring bearer.

Wedding music was presented by Carolyn Nagle, organist, and Lisa Batts, vocalist.

Mrs. Mitchell Morgan presided at the register.

Immediately following the ceremony the bride's parents entertained at a reception at their home.

An arrangement of orchid, yellow, white and champagne daisies and baby's breath accented the refreshment table and similar arrangements were used throughout the home.

Begonias graced tables in the yard.

Mrs. Swider graduated from Fike High School and East Carolina University

with a degree in education and will work with Brendles Inc. in Winston-Salem. Her husband, a graduate of R.J. Reynolds High School and East Carolina University, where he studied business, is manager of Florsheim Shoe Shop in Winston-Salem.

Upon their return from a wedding trip to the North Carolina coast, the couple will live in Winston-Salem.

Friday evening the bridegroom-elect's parents were hosts at an after-rehearsal dinner at the Rib Room Restaurant.

Dr. William Thornton Week

According to Ralph Cottle, Duplin County manager, the week of the third flight of the Challenger has been designated as the "Doctor William Edgar Thornton Week," by the adoption of a resolution by the county commissioners.

State of North Carolina County of Duplin

Whereas, Doctor William Edgar Thornton is a native son of Duplin County, Faison, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Doctor Thornton has distinguished himself in both his chosen professions of medicine and space aeronautics; and

Whereas, Doctor Thornton has most recently received the high honor of having been selected as a member of the next space flight mission aboard the Challenger; and

Whereas, all citizens of Duplin County stand proudly behind this native son as he brings honor to this county, this state, and this nation;

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the Duplin County Board of Commissioners that the week of the third flight of the Challenger be designated as "Doctor William Edgar Thornton Week."

This the 15th day of August, 1983.

William J. Costin, Chairman of the Duplin County Board of Commissioners

Attest, Ralph Cottle, clerk

Along the Way

By Emily Killeto

School began Monday. Summer vacations are seldom long enough for the students but often too long for parents, and a poem appeared in a September 1950 issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES written from the mother's viewpoint.

The poem was written by Eve M. Bartels and turned in to THE DUPLIN TIMES for publication by Mrs. William R. Teachey. The poem entitled "From Mothers To Teachers" follows.

If you can keep you head when 40 children

Liberty Cart Is Among The Best

Editor's Note: The following article is reprinted from the Aug. 17 edition of THE DAILY REFLECTOR of Greenville.

Tourism is North Carolina's third largest industry, and outdoor dramas bring tourists. In their zest for "foreign" currency, well-meaning communities sometimes produce outdoor dramas only a mother — or a devout historian — could love.

And yet, when this zest is accompanied by sound artistic vision in the shape of a well constructed, theatrical script, the result can be an evening worth a drive from anywhere.

"The Liberty Cart" in Kenansville, a 90-minute drive from Greenville, is everything an outdoor drama should be: a coherent, entertaining representation of history personalized.

Phenius Pickett is playwright Randolph Umberger's 200-year old water peddler, who with a snap of his fingers stops or begins the story. Worldly wise, humorous and, like all Umberger's characters, emotionally consistent, Pickett is mastered by the energetic actor John Rice.

By Rice's magic and that of director David Thomas, the energy flows, bursting forth in any number of excellent performances, including Robin Stanley as a spirited girl matured by widowhood; Belinda Boyd as the liberated Kawina; Roger Kane as the witty John Grady; Anthony Evans Jr. as the wry Joseph and Margaret Brewington as the show-stopping Matilda. The large number of children in the cast makes the action relevant to any little one who can stay up til 11 p.m.

No element of spectacle is spared in "The Liber",

There are period dances, music and costumes, a wedding, hot-blooded fights, balloons, fireworks, a real squealing pig, orange drawers, field calls and spirituals, and a Wade in the Water procession, all presented on a clean sculpted set of layered platforms under the stars.

But most importantly, these elements are all necessary to the action and are part of the story, not just thrown in for their effect. People dance because they have to; their action is integrated in the action of the story. When the characters' emotions build to a fight, we see that they have to fight. Again, well constructed action, well directed and performed, resulting in what every dramatist works for, making the audience care about the characters.

Caring about the audience appears to be what James F. Strickland, president of the Duplin Outdoor Drama Society works for. In a snap, like his stage counterpart, Strickland provides foam cushions, refreshments, the handsome souvenir program and a warm welcome. The welcome and cushions are free, the rest is reasonable. A bargain at \$3, the program provides, in addition to the usual cast information, a full history of Duplin County and of outdoor drama, and the impressive history of the beginnings of "The Liberty Cart," which dates to 1949.

In a statement resembling an apology, the program defends outdoor drama on the basis of its acclimating the unenlightened to live theater. "The Liberty Cart" needs no such defense. It stands on its own two wheels, an example of the best. And it proves there's no reason why the best shouldn't be the same, indoors as well as out.

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Duplin School officials anticipate an enrollment of approximately 8,500 to 8,700 students this year. The enrollment will be about the same as last year. School students were greeted by 375 teachers who reported to work Aug. 15 to begin preparation for registration and the first day of school.

Duplin has 18 schools operating, including the Ex-

tended Day School program located at the E.E. Smith Jr. High School in Kenansville. The county has four high schools: East Duplin, North Duplin, James Kenan and Wallace-Rose Hill. Junior high schools are located in Faison at the high school,

E.E. Smith in Kenansville, Warsaw and Charity near Rose Hill. Elementary schools are located in Wallace, Warsaw, Kenansville, Beulaville, Chinquapin, B.F. Grady in northeastern Duplin and Rose Hill-Magnolia between the two towns.

The Duplin School system operates 138 buses daily, transporting more than 75 percent of the county students to and away from school. Approximately 6,442 students were transported by bus last year to school and back home.

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