



MRS. BRIAN GORDON HOWELL
...Amy Ruth Matthews

Matthews-Howell Vows Are Spoken On Nov. 19

Amy Ruth Matthews of Winnabow became the bride of Brian Gordon Howell of Yaupon Beach in a 3 p.m. double-ring ceremony Nov. 19 at Southport Baptist Church. The Rev. Jeffrey Johnson, associate pastor, presided.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Matthews Jr. of Yaupon Beach. She is a graduate of South Brunswick High School and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She teaches first grade at Bolivia Elementary School.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howell of Johnsonville, S.C. He is a graduate of South Brunswick High School and attends Brunswick Community College. He is employed at Brunswick Town State Historic Site.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, was escorted by her father. She wore an ivory gown with jeweled Alencon lace bodice featuring a scalloped Sabrina neckline, long tapered sleeves and deep V-back. The scalloped drop waist accented the full taffeta skirt which led to a chapel-length train with jeweled window motifs.

She carried a bouquet of rubrum lilies with white freesia, accented with touches of English ivy.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, June Matthews. Bridesmaids were Mari-Frances Kline of Wilmington, Rennie Powell of Long Beach and Kelly Lambert of Wilmington. They wore cerise shantung two-piece dresses with short-sleeved jackets accented with sweetheart necklines and beaded pearl buttons. Their jackets were complemented by straight, tea-length skirts.

The groom's father was best man. Ushers were the groom's brothers, Noel Howell of Charleston, S.C.,

and Joel Howell of San Diego, Calif., and the bride's brother, John Matthew of Raleigh.

A reception was held in the Southport Community Building. The couple honeymooned in Williamsburg, Va., and will live in Winnabow.



To Wed Dec. 10

Amy Lynne McPherson of Chadburn and Steven Willard Fowler of Nakina will be married Saturday, Dec. 10, at 3 p.m. in Beaverdan Freewill Baptist Church. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Delane McPherson of Chadburn. Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fowler of Nakina. He is the nephew of Shelton Stanley of Ash and Bunn Stanley of Grissetown.

Birthdays And Anniversaries

Thursday, December 8
Serentiy Harris, Derek Frink, Lee Frink, Hope Varnam, Richard Allen Thorsen Jr., Arlene Hewett, Frank Auerbach, Tara Bryant, Rhonda Evans, Ethel Evans, Connie Woodard, Will Salmon, Michael Leon Testerman, Kendrick Trelle Gause, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Graham.

Friday, December 9
Wayne Sellers, Doug Thomas, Frank Allen, Derrick Thomas, Elwood Cheers, Nichole Reaves, Christopher Kinlaw; Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bryant, Claude and Brenda Batchelor.

Saturday, December 10
Betty Watkins, Clay Robinson, Heather Elaine Lowery, Buddy Watkins, Al Newton, Adam Sellers, Randy A. Stanley, Linnie Royals, Beth Caison, Pamela Messer, Janet Holden, Stella Jenrette; Don & Sue Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Robbins.

Sunday, December 11
Belinda Simmons, Linda Simmons, Monica Stevenson, Lesley Gore, Suzanne Williamson, Heather Williamson, Larry Cheek, Tommy Carpenter, Phyllis James, Elaine Wright, Monica Stevenson, David Reeves, Bill Limer, Gordon Win-

free, Jencie Varnam, Bobbie Dillard; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Phelps.

Monday, December 12
Joey Granados, Lori Hucks, Evan Coleman, Robert Rohde Jr., Rudolph Robinson, Norma Branch, Phillip Lander, Jason Horne, Lonnie Lou Cooke, Jim Crosby, LaSalle Hankins, Deana Bradsher, Marilyn S. Reeves; Tom and Becky Keziah, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Massingale.

Tuesday, December 13
Evan Coleman, Judy Evans, Anna Hawk, Jeanne Grasperge, Lisa D. Hewett, Mary Bety Alford, Roberta Brown, Scott Gurganus, Cyndi Powell, Jeremy Curry, Mark Anderson, Kelly Safrin, Elizabeth Detrie, Jonathan Barber, Anson Ludlum, Elneda Hewett, Lisa H. Pye, Judy Evans; Richard & Jane Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. David Clemmons.

Wednesday, December 14
Brandon Batton, Terry Pope, Karen V. Bridger, Adrienne Lugo, Myrtle Strickland, Doris Hewett, Angie Cumbee, Thomas Young Jr., Jean Cheers, Bud Powell, Phillip Wemyss, Mike King, Larry Andrews, Cora Leyman; Mike & Salley Wilkerson, Wayne and Sonya Batton, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Jeris Hewett.

Homes Tour, Flotilla On Tap In Southport

Southport-Oak Island's Christmas By The Sea Festival continues this week with a calendar full of activities aimed at getting participants into the holiday spirit.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, the focus of festival activities will be in downtown Southport for the Southport Tour of Homes and Port Charlie's Holiday Flotilla.

The tour, sponsored by Southport 2000 Inc., a downtown revitalization group, will take place from 5-9 p.m. and will feature four historic homes, one modern home, four public buildings—including Franklin Square Art Gallery and Southport Maritime Museum—and a horse-and-buggy ride.

Tickets will cost \$7 per person through Dec. 7 and \$8 per person Dec. 8-10. They can be purchased at Southport Maritime Museum,

Southport Visitor's Center or the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center.

Port Charlie's Holiday Flotilla will pass by Waterfront Park, Southport, Saturday at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, the Sea Notes Choral Society will be in concert at the Southport Community Building beginning at 3 p.m. There will be no charge for the concert, but donations will be accepted.

On Monday, Dec. 12, some merchants will extend their normal hours and offer discounts and giveaways from 5-9 p.m. during the Shop at Home promotion.

For more information, call the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-457-6964 or stop by the chamber office at 4841 Long Beach Road.



Dec. 16 Wedding Planned

Evonne Hope Rutherford of Holden Beach and James Davis of Shallotte will be married Dec. 16 in Dillon, S.C. A reception honoring the couple will be held at the Civetown Fire Department Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. The couple's parents are Nancy and Dooly Miller of Shallotte Point, Joyce and Ken Brown of Holden Beach and Maurice Cook of Galax, Va.

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MRS. JONATHAN ERIC KIRBY
...Sharene May Stewart

Stewart-Kirby Wedding Is Held In Indialantic, Fla.

Jonathan Eric Kirby of Shallotte and Sharene May Stewart of Indialantic, Fla., were married Oct. 15 at the Eastminister Presbyterian Church in Indialantic.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William I. Stewart of Indialantic. She is a graduate of Western Carolina University and is employed by Albemarle City Schools.

The groom is the son of Marcia Kirby and Bobby Kirby of Shallotte. He is a graduate of Western Carolina University and is employed by N.C. Farm Bureau in Charlotte.

The bride's sister, Michelle

O'Keef, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Teri Stewart, sister-in-law of the bride; Kerri Cunningham and Linda Jeffreys, friends of the bride; and Susan Kirby, sister of the groom. Jennifer Baxter was flower girl.

Kerry Cumbee served as best man. Groomsmen were Jonathan Gore, John Connet, Jody Stroupe and James Brooks, friends of the groom. Austin Gore, cousin of the groom, was ringbearer.

After a honeymoon trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple returned to live in Oakboro.

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