

Owens-Stallings Exchange Vows

Miss Sara Dianne Stallings became the bride of Gordon McCoy Owens on Feb. 12 at Sandy Cross Baptist Church. The Rev. Bobby Hewitt performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Stallings of Rt. 1, Belvidere. She is employed as a bookkeeper at Hollowell Chevrolet Co., Inc. of Hertford. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Owens of 508 Willow St., Hertford. He is a mechanic at the N.C. Department of Transportation, Hertford. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her gown was made by herself of white polyester with long cuffed sleeves and lace trimmings. Matron of honor was Mrs. Gail Layden, sister of the bride. She wore a mint green taffeta gown and carried a long stemmed yellow mum. The groom's father served as best man. Ushers were Wayne Owens, brother of the groom; and Wayne Layden, brother-in-law of the bride. Mistress of ceremony was Mrs. Janice Peede, sister of the bride. A reception was held in the church social hall following the ceremony. After a trip to Williamsburg, Va., the couple is residing at Rt. 1, Belvidere.



MR. and MRS. GORDON McCOY OWENS

Day Of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated by Church Women United in Hertford on Friday, March 4 at 4 p.m. in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Hertford. Church Women United in thousands of local communities across the nation will join in this annual chain of prayer that links the first voice at dawn in the tropical islands of the Pacific with millions of others in 170 countries and islands. By nightfall, the day's message, "Love in Action," will have followed the sun's arc until the last prayers are said in units of Church Women United in the islands off the coast of Alaska.

Biblical Play Is Scheduled

The Ladies of St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church will present a Biblical play, "100 Women in White," this Sunday night, March 6, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Frozine Green will narrate the play. Women who have the highest amount of money will be crowned by Mrs. Hazel Reece of Raleigh, N.C. Captains and chairperson for the event are as follows: Mrs. Frozine Green, Mrs. Cleo Felton, Mrs. Gladys Hall, Mrs. L. G. Wilson, Mrs. Edna Davis, Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Mrs. Sadie Davis, Mrs. Patricia Hunter, Mrs. Elizabeth Gregory, Mrs. Vivian B. Bush, Mrs. Ruth Dail, Mrs. Marlene Dobie, and Miss Doris Jennings, captains; Mrs. A.N. Kingsbury, chairperson.

First Baptist Plans Youth Day

Sunday School at First Baptist Church begins at 9:45 a.m. under the direction of Mrs. R.B. Gibbs, Superintendent. The morning worship service will follow at 11 a.m. This Sunday is Youth Day and the junior choir will sing. Rev. J.H. London has selected for his text, "The Light of the World" Matthew 5:16. The Male Ushers of the church will be having a program Sunday afternoon at 6 p.m. titled, "The Best Dressed Men." Each male is to wear whatever is his best, suits or sportswear. The judges will select from the congregation. Deacon Charles Louthier, chairman, asks members and the public to share in this program.

"Sue and Vivian Darden thank their many friends for their expressions of good wishes - cards, letters, flowers and donations of blood."

For Your Information

Dear friends,
How comforting it would be to the dying to hear, while they still can, all the good things that their friends admire about them. Why should these things be left unsaid until after death? It would be reassuring to know the value their life has been to others.
Respectfully,

Marian Swindell



Sunday School Lesson

THE WAY OF UNSELFISH SERVICE

Mark 10:35-45
Shortly before the crucifixion Christ and His disciples were going to Jerusalem, and He told them again of His approaching death and resurrection.

The Request — 10:35-37
James and John displayed shrewdness in planning first to get a pledge from their Lord and then to make their request. They asked to get a sort of blank check from Christ for future benefits, that they might fill it in as they desired. But the Lord does not issue such checks.

When Christ asked what they desired, they bluntly said: "Grant unto us that we may sit, one on your right hand, and the other on your left hand, in thy glory." Their selfish request for preferred positions in Christ's kingdom was made in ignorance of God's plan. God does not reward His children according to their selfish desires, but according to their faithful service. How could they have been thinking of themselves while Christ was explaining about His death?

The Reply — 10:38
Realizing that they did not know the significance of the thing they asked, Christ replied: "Ye know not what ye ask." They did not understand the cost of the places of honor they had requested; the suffering that must precede the glory. Christ asked them, "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" His inquiry was for the purpose of teaching them what was involved in their request.

Frequently we, too, pray glibly for certain things without realizing what we must face if God answers our prayers. For example, we pray to God for patience, for holiness, or to be made more like our blessed Lord, and when God begins to answer our prayers by leading us into affliction, we complain.

The Response — 10:39-40
Quickly the disciples responded, "We can," even forgetting to add "by thy help." They revealed their ignorance when they declared their ability to drink "the cup" of His inward sufferings, and "to be baptized with the baptism" of the outward sufferings imposed upon Him by others. However, it is well to remember that James became the first martyr of the apostolic group, and John was the last one of them to lay down his life for Christ.

The Resentment — 10:41
The other disciples were disturbed when they learned that James and John had been trying to steal a march on them by asking for the chief place in the kingdom. Their indignation was natural because they thought an unfair advantage had been taken of them. They were incensed at the assumption that the two were superior to the other ten. In reality, all were alike and each was desirous of the chief place for himself. As a rule, it is our own faults that we condemn most when we see them mirrored in others. If James and John had had the right spirit, they would not have made their request. On the other hand, had the ten had the right spirit, they would only have thought that the two had acted foolishly. Instead, being angry, they showed their resentment by their looks, words, and actions.

The Requirement — 10:42-45
Christ was grieved by their jealousy and quarreling. Has

it ever dawned on you that nearly all church troubles come about by one or more members having a desire to be honored, to rule, and to be pleased instead of desiring to serve and to help?
It is interesting to note how Christ dealt with that situation. Determined to nip in the bud their bickering, Christ reminded the disciples that ambition for power over men belongs to the world. In His kingdom, ambition is to be for service only, and not dominion. According to Christ, a disciple is great if he renders great service. Greatness consists in the extent and quality of one's service. If any man desires to be great on the day when rewards are distributed, let him see to it that in this life he takes a lowly place of loving service on behalf of his fellow believers, letting the love of Christ be his impelling motive.

The Sunday School Lesson is sent in each week by Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Ky. and is written by Dr. H.C. Chiles.

People In The News

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter of Norfolk, Va. spent a few days this week with Mrs. Jack Stafford.
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Banks and son of Winston-Salem were weekend guests of Mrs. C.C. Banks.
Miss Marjorie Hefren of Ijamsville, Md. is a guest of Miss Louise Chalk.
C.T. Skinner has returned home after undergoing surgery at Norfolk General Hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Britt were guests of Mrs. J.C. Hines in Suffolk, Va. on Tuesday.
Perry Monds of New Bern spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Monds.
Donald Newton of Norfolk, Va. spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newton, in Winfall.
Miss Thelma Elliott is a surgery patient in Norfolk General Hospital.
The Rev. Colon Jackson Jr. of Long Beach, Calif. spent the weekend with his father, Colon Jackson Sr.
Mrs. Ray Toxey of Elizabeth City and Andrew Toxey of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. were guests of Mrs. T.W. Wilson on Saturday.
Mrs. Brooke Read of Springville, Va. was a weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Oakey Jr.
Miss Linda Banks of New Bern was a weekend guest of her mother, Mrs. C.C. Banks.
Miss Elizabeth Tucker and Miss Virginia Tucker left this week for a visit with friends in Santa Monica, Calif.
Mrs. Don Roberts and children of Virginia Beach, Va. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. N.W. Chappell in Belvidere on Wednesday of last week.
Dr. and Mrs. H.B. Matthews Jr. and family of Durham were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Matthews Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chesson and family of Garner spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Chesson.
Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Biggers attended a Cancer Meeting in Raleigh on Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Payne of Charlotte spent the weekend in Hertford.
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stallings spent a few days last week in Alexandria, Va. with relatives.
Mrs. Nathan Relfe is a patient in the Chowan Hospital.
Mrs. Marshall Owens spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Kenyon Bailey, in Elizabeth City.
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ross of Durham were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Divers.
Mrs. Frazier Miller of Virginia Beach, Va. was a weekend guest of Mrs. E.A. Goodman and visited Mr. Goodman, who is a patient in the Chowan Hospital.
Morgan Walker is a patient in the Albemarle Hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dail and family of Newport News, Va. were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Howell and Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Dail.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the family of Jack W. Harrell, wish to take this means to express our sincere thanks to each and everyone who remembered us in any way during the illness and death of our loved one.

For the beautiful flowers, cards, gifts, visits and prayers and all other acts of kindness shown, we are deeply grateful.

Mrs. Jack W. Harrell and Children

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