

Pro Musica Concert Dec. 14 & 15

The 24-member chorus, under the artistic direction of Pat Rowlett, is creating the program as a community Christmas celebration designed to tie in to Tryon Palace's Eighteenth Century Christmas candlelight tours.

Rowlett has compiled a varied program with traditional favorites, a Bach cantata, and modern and comic selections. Through the evening, the members of Pro Musica will be performing as concert singers, accompaniment to a slide show, carolers, and a "family" around the Christmas tree.

Rowlett is being assisted in CANDLELIGHT CAROLS by Cindy Sutton, accompanist; and instrumentalists from the area and from East Carolina University accompanying the Bach cantata.

In keeping with the "family Christmas" concept, the prices of tickets for this concert have been lowered to \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens and \$2.50 for students.

With the concert produced at New Bern Civic Theater's Saax Bradbury Playhouse (Pollock Street), area residents can attend the candlelight tours at the palace (from 5 to 8 p.m.) and still attend the Pro Musica concert (with curtain at 8:15 p.m.) For more Christmas festivities, there is the annual Christmas parade on Dec. 16 in the downtown area.

Tickets for Pro Musica presents a CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS are on sale at the Harvey Mansion restaurant, Favorite Things and from members of the chorus.

Whitley, Aldridge Exchange Vows



Mrs. William Bryan Aldridge

Jane Davis Whitley of Vanceboro and William Bryan Aldridge of New Bern were united in marriage at 2 p.m. on November 24 at the home of the bride's sister, Barbara Whitley of Greensboro, North Carolina. The Rev. Charles H. Reckard of the First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, officiated.

CCC Students Awarded Community College Scholarship

Eight Craven Community College students were recently awarded North Carolina Community College scholarships valued at \$400.00 per year. Those receiving the scholarship and their curriculum programs are:

William C. Brame, New Bern; Pre-Engineering
Brenda Brown, New Bern; Educational Assistant
Jean Brown, Havelock; Pre-Liberal Arts
Nancy Danes, New Bern; Drafting and Design Technology
Jennifer Horton, Maysville; Business Computer Programming
Erlinda Jones, New Bern; General Education
Carla Little, Beaufort; Accounting
Amerle Ollennu, Newport; Pre-science

The North Carolina Community College Scholarship Program was established in September, 1984, and provides 500 scholarships to needy students enrolled in the 58 institutions that comprise the community college system. It is directed toward students with financial need, minorities, black students enrolled in college transferable curriculum programs, displaced persons seeking new job skills, and women in non-traditional curriculum programs. The purpose of the program is to make educational funds available to those who have been hit hardest by the rising cost of education.

The ceremony was conducted near a stairway covered with festoons of evergreen gathered with large ivory bows each intertwined with miniature pink carnations and evergreen. The wedding party was flanked by seven-branched candelabra.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton F. Whitley of Vanceboro, N.C. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber B. Aldridge of New Bern, N.C.

Nuptial piano arrangements were performed by Ms. Catherine Black of Greensboro, who also sang "I Love Thee" by Grieg.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory tea-length gown of silk applique. She carried a bouquet of ivory roses and French Vanilla carnations. She was attended by her sister, Madge Whitley Morris of Greensboro, who wore an ivory ensemble and carried a bouquet of pink alstroemeria. The groom's brother, John Aldridge of New Orleans, LA was best man.

The home was decorated throughout with arrangements of pink snapdragons, pale and medium pink carnations, white chrysanthemums and pink and yellow alstroemeria.

The three-tiered cake was encircled with evergreen and pink miniature carnations and topped with a nosegay of pink miniature carnations and alstroemeria. Refreshments consisted of wedding cookies, chicken salad in pattie shells, roasted pecans, ham biscuits, pimento cheese sandwiches and punch. During the reception music was provided by Ms. Black, pianist, and Laura Aldridge, violinist, niece of the groom.

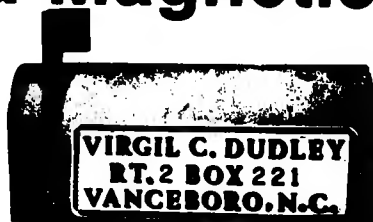
After the reception Mr. & Mrs. Aldridge departed on a honeymoon trip to the North Carolina Mountains.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Mrs. Bill Aldridge, the former Miss Jane Whitley, was honored on Thursday night, Nov. 29th in the Fellowship Hall of the Vanceboro Christian Church. The hostesses for the event were Mrs. Clara Lou Ipock, Mrs. Ida Pearl Buck, Mrs. Barbara Lynn Gaskins, Mrs. Doris White, and Mrs. Betty Rose Crawford. They welcomed the guests upon arrival. The guest of honor and her mother, Mrs. Alton Whitley and Mrs. Ellen Aldridge, mother of the groom were presented beautiful mum corsages. The group enjoyed playing Bride-Bingo. The hostesses led the honoree to a table laden with many beautiful gifts. After the opening of the gifts, she graciously thanked each and everyone and invited all to visit her and Bill.

The guests were then invited to the refreshment table that was covered with a white linen cloth and centered with a vari-colored fall arrangement of lovely flowers, flanked by lighted golden tapers. Cake squares, nuts and mints were in array. Mrs. Doris White poured punch. Good-byes were said by the hostesses.

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