

Mary Taylor Becomes Bride Of Lt. Robert Fletcher Long

In a formal ceremony last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the First Methodist Church in Roanoke Rapids, Miss Mary Augusta Taylor became the bride of Lieut. Robert Fletcher Long, USNR. Rev. Edgar B. Fisher, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Wilmington, N. C. officiated, using the single ring ceremony.

The church was beautifully decorated with myriad lighted candles casting their soft glow. The center aisle, where the bride entered the church, was lighted by tall standards covered in white and entwined with smilax, holding cathedral candles. The altar was most effective with southern smilax, magnolia and fern forming a background of greenery for the tall baskets with arrangements of Madonna lilies, snapdragons, gladioli and roses, flanked by cathedral candles in double-branched candelabra.

A program of nuptial music preceded the ceremony with Mrs. Lyle Wilson at the organ. Her selections were Intermezzo from Cavaleria Rusticana, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" from Samson and Delilah, a poem, and during the ceremony Lieberstraum was softly played. Miss Josephine Johnson, soloist, sang "Until" and at the end of a prayer during the ceremony she sang "O Perfect Love". The traditional wedding marches were used, the Bridal Chorus from the opera Lohengrin, and for a recessional, the Mendelssohn wedding march was used. The bride entered with her father, William Pleasant Taylor, who gave her in marriage. She was lovely in her wedding gown of Brazilian satin, with a sweetheart neckline. The front of the dress was princess with a panel of Brussels lace, imported from Belgium. The fitted panel back ended in a long court train. Her veil of illusion was attached to a cap of Brussels lace and fell in soft folds the full length of the train. Her flowers were white orchids and white camellias.

Miss Margaret Elizabeth Long of Baltimore, Md., sister of the groom, was maid of honor. Her dress of white taffeta, made with a sweetheart neckline, fitted bodice, three quarter sleeves and a full skirt, with tiered ruffles from the waistline in the back to the full skirt length. She wore a starched lace halo cap, and her flowers were red poinsettias and adiantum farleyense fern arranged in an oval corsage.

The bride's maids were Miss Nancy Elizabeth Evans of New York, a Vassar Student, Miss Margaret Whitaker Redfern, of Norfolk, Va., a student at Sweet Briar; Miss Ann Campbell Taylor of Raleigh, N. C.; Miss Marilyn Ambrose of New York, and Miss Gwendolyn Page Coburn of Roanoke Rapids. Their gowns were of white taffeta made similar to the maid of honor. They also wore starched lace halo caps and carried arm bouquets of red poinsettia.

The groom had as his best man, Robert H. Moyer of Wilmington, Del. The ushers were Captain Oskar S. Gulbrandsen, AUS, Baltimore, Md., Ensign Ralph L. Evans, USNR, New York, N. Y.; Lieut. William A. Redfern, 4th, AUS, Norfolk, Va.; Capt. Fountain Graham Jarman, AUS, and Willie Jones Long, Jr., Garysburg, N. C.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Pleasant Taylor of Roanoke Rapids. She graduated from St. Marys in the class of '41 and from Duke University in 1943. She made her debut in Raleigh in 1940. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Horner Long of Baltimore and Washington. He received his education at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and Duke University. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta and Omicron Delta Kappa fraternities and during the war served in Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific areas. He is now Executive Officer aboard the destroyer USS Smalley

on duty in the Pacific.

For travelling Mrs. Long wore an original Adrian model in moss green cashmere wool, her blouse was a soft yellow and her hat was also yellow, trimmed in rose buds in two shades of rust, with a french veil of green. She wore a brown chesterfield with mink furs and her accessories were brown and her flowers were white orchids from her bridal corsage.

Immediately following the wedding a reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, parents of the bride, at their home on Hamilton Street. Greeting the guest at the door were Dr. and Mrs. F. G. Jarman, William Pleasant Taylor and Fletcher Horner Long, greeted the guest and directed them to the receiving line headed by Mrs. William Pleasant Taylor, Lieut. and Mrs. Long, Mrs. Fletcher H. Long, Miss Elizabeth Long, Miss Nancy Elizabeth Evans, Miss Margaret Redfern, Miss Ann Campbell Taylor, Miss Marilyn Ambrose and Miss Gwendolyn Coburn. The bride's book was presided over by Mrs. Frank Hunter. In the gift room Mrs. George Taylor greeted the guest. Directing the guest to the dining room were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams and Dr. and Mrs. Crocker Maddry.

Assisting and serving in the dining room were Misses Virginia Wilson, Mary Cannon, Marjorie Fleetwood, Sarah Lou Debnam, Anna Frank Strosnider, Mrs. I. O. Wilson, Mrs. Douglas Debnam, Mrs. Ben Parker. Here an ice course was served, Miss Doris Hedgepeth had the honor of serving the bride's cake, which was a beautiful four-tier affair, surmounted with a beautiful cut work linen cloth. From the four corners of the table silver candleholders with lighted candles added effectively to the scene. Punch was served by Mrs. Ralph Evans and Mrs. C. F. Strosnider.

The bride has been much feted since the announcement of her engagement which was made by her parents at a buffet supper in October. A lovely reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor and Miss Ann Campbell Taylor at the country club, Mrs. W. D. Hall and Mrs. M. C. Maddry honored her with bridge, Mrs. F. G. Jarman gave a bridge party and kitchen shower, Mrs. W. E. Murphy entertained with a tea, Miss Doris Hedgepeth a bridge party, Mrs. Frank Kemp with bridge and a miscellaneous shower, Miss Gwendolyn Coburn, dinner and bridge, Mrs. Frank Williams gave a bridge party at which she was the honored guest, and Mrs. Ben Parker, gave a dinner and apron shower. Following the rehearsal at the church Mr. and Mrs. Taylor entertained at their home for the bridal party and about sixty five out-

LITTLETON NEWS

Mrs. W. T. Person has returned from Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount, where she has been a patient. She is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Picot.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius Person and daughter, of Bellingham, Wash., are visiting in town. They made the trip from their home in Washington State to Washington, D. C., by plane. Mr. Person has been discharged from the Army Air Corps, in which he served as a pilot.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Umphlett have returned from Elizabeth City. Mr. Umphlett has been discharged from the Navy after serving in the Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Threewitts of Roanoke Rapids spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Threewitts, Sr. A. P. Farmer, of Norfolk, spent the week-end at his home.

Miss Mary Norman Fishel of Vaughan spent the week-end at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Paul Johnston.

Mrs. Lacy Rowe went to Richmond, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rodwell of Norlina, were in town Monday.

Mrs. Bob Chewing of Vaughan was in town one day last week.

Miss Gladys Johnston of Wilson, returned to her home Sunday after spending the week-end at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Johnston.

Mrs. K. B. Kennedy returned to her home in Durham on Monday after visiting her mother, Mrs. Mattie Johnston over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Threewitts, Jr., of Richmond, announce the birth of a son, W. T., III, on December 8, at Johnson-Willis Hospital. Mrs. Threewitts was formerly Miss Doris Hayes of Raleigh and Littleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Taylor, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Olivia Stevens, on December 29, at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Misses Maxine and Marylene Cole, of Norfolk, spent the week

of-town guests. Numerous other parties were given in which the bride-to-be was remembered with gifts.

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end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cole.

Millard Perkinson and Fred Maynard Benton attended the basketball game in Wake Forest Saturday.

Mrs. Rodwell Crawley and son, Jimmy, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Riggan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lee Rainey and son, Lee, of Portsmouth, Va., spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Rainey.

Edith Pegram visited in Rocky Mount last week.

Mrs. Freeman Myrick and son, Freeman, Jr., were in Richmond last week.

Misses Alice and Jean Newsome spent the week-end at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Newsom.

Miss Corrine Morecock has returned after spending a few days at the home of her father, William Morecock, at his home near Halifax.

Miss Willie Copeland spent from Wednesday until Sunday at her home in Ahoskie on account of the closing of the local high school.

Miss Lucy Wilson returned Sunday after going home on account of the closing of the school.

Miss Carolyn Knott spent from Wednesday until Sunday at the home of her parents near Oxford.

Miss Belle Mincher returned Sunday from her home near Franklinton, N. C., where she went Wednesday.

Miss Gwendolyn Vann went to her home in Murfreesboro last

Wednesday where she stayed until Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Alston has been visiting at her home in South Hill, Va. Herbert Rosenthal, who has had pneumonia, is better.

Ben Browning, who has been a pneumonia patient in Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson, is better and has been removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jack Watkins.

Miss Miriam Johnson has returned from Richmond where she has been visiting due to the closing of the school.

Miss Millison Bryant spent the week-end at Rock Ridge, N. C., near Wilson.

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