

Miss Linda Weaks Weds Larry E. Southerland



Lummie Young Jr.
Led Entire Force

On Saturday, Sept. 21, Miss Linda Weaks of Concord became the bride of Larry Emmanuel Southerland, formerly of Lumberton, N.C. The impressive double ring ceremony, held on the lawn of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dewitt Weaks of 10 Stagecoach Rd., was performed by Rev. Counts.



Mrs. Larry Southerland
...The former Miss Linda Weaks

the mountains, the couple will reside at 123 Fairmont Apt. in South Boston, Va.

Mrs. Southerland is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Wall of Charlotte.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her sister Mrs. Phyllis Sanders of Greensboro served as matron of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Misses Sharon Weaks, sister of the bride, Deborah Smith, Ciesta Cato and Lucille Weathers.

Harvey Long of Burlington served the groom as best man. Little Miss Teasha Ried of Greensboro served as flower girl while Maurice Sanders, Jr. of Greensboro served as ring bearer.

A reception followed the ceremony for more than one hundred guests. With a degree in Business Education, the bride is a 1974 graduate of

A&T State University. The groom, also a graduate of A&T with a degree in Psychology, is presently employed as Asst. Personnel Manager with Burlington Industries, Clarksville, Va.

After a short wedding trip to

Heart Attack Death

Rates Moves Downward

Has something happened to blunt the overwhelming force of America's number one killer?

North Carolina Heart Association grants-in-aid went to 36 scientists at 5 state institutions—Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Duke University Medical Center, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Davidson College and East Carolina University School of Medicine.

Doctors and scientists reviewing recent mortality figures from the National Center for Health Statistics found that heart attack death rates have moved moderately downward since 1968, but that heart attack is still the nation's leading cause of death with over 650,000 victims a year.

In North Carolina, out of a total of 47,870 deaths in 1973, 26,380 (55 percent) were from heart disease.

Although authorities can't pinpoint reasons for the decline, credit is being given to the American public's growing awareness of the menace of heart disease.

Medical and community programs such as those developed by the North Carolina Heart Association have helped to create that awareness, bringing new knowledge and methods of heart disease prevention to medical professionals and the general public.

Research is the prime source of new knowledge and methods of heart disease prevention, and during the past year the Heart Association awarded \$433,549 to Tar Heel researchers.

Lummie Young

To Be Honored

Lummie Young, Jr., of 6527 Monteith Drive, Charlotte, will be nationally honored in being named a member of the President's Club for New Organization among the country-wide field force of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Young led the entire force in competition with men placed under contract at the time of his entrance into the business. In recognition of his outstanding accomplishment he has been invited to attend an intensive three-day educational conference to be held at the company's home office in Philadelphia this week.

While in Philadelphia he will be honored in a special ceremony by Frank K. Tarbox, president of the company. Young is a member of the Charlotte Agency with headquarters located at 4801 East Independence Blvd.

Pres. Ford Continues Open Door Policies

WASHINGTON.—President Ford continued his dialogue with the Black Community last week by calling Black Republican leaders together for their views on the most pressing problems facing Black America today.

The meeting came less than three weeks following the President's meeting with members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Stanley S. Scott, Special Assistant to President Ford, told newsmen that this is the first in a series of meetings that the President has asked him to convene at the White House "to provide black minority input at the highest level" as the Administration moves ahead to solve the nation's domestic problems. Other sessions will deal with Black economics, Black business development and growth, jobs, inflation, civil rights, and education, according to Scott.

"You have a friend in the White House," President Ford told the 28 leaders who represented a cross-section of Blacks from throughout the nation. Elected officials, businessmen, newspaper publishers, political candidates, and

the former head of a woman's national group were among those participating in the meeting.

The participants presented the President with their written position papers on what they considered to be the ten most pressing problems facing Blacks and the poor throughout the nation.

Among the most common items were: unemployment, housing, transportation, expanded Minority Business Enterprise and Small Business Administration loans and assistance, health, tax reform for the poor, drug, crime, and penal reform; and education.

The President's top advisors talked with the group prior to his appearance which lasted for nearly one hour. The advisors shared with them a close-up view of the Administration's new policies and plans and answered questions on a number of subjects. Counselor Anne Armstrong, Counselor John Marsh, and Counselor Robert Hartmann offered their continuing cooperation to the Black Republicans.

Mrs. Mary Louise Smith, newly appointed Chairman of the Republican National Committee, participated in

the meeting. She pledged her interest and support for broadening the base of the Republican Party to bring in more Blacks, women, and other minority groups.

Presidential Assistant Stan-

ley S. Scott told newsmen about the meeting. "At the suggestion of the President we formed various committees to work with my office to provide input to the President on a- cross the board issues.

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