



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS ARNOLD CHAMP
...She was Miss Cherly A. French

Miss Cherly Ann French

Weds Thomas Arnold Champ

The date was October 13 and the time was 10:45 A.M. Cherly Ann French, dressed in a Victorian style silk and chiffon white gown, and Thomas Arnold Champ, stood side by side at the altar of Friendship Baptist Church.

Rev. Coleman W. Kerry performed the ceremony and the two became man and wife.

The bride's parents are Mrs. Constance D. French and John V. French of 1212 Fairmont St. in Charlotte and Berkeley California, respectively. Cherly Ann French-Champ is now a student at St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Conn.

The groom is a history instructor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Christianburg, Virginia. His parents are Mrs. Janie Champ of Glassboro, New Jersey, and the late Thomas A. Champ.

The Matron of Honor was Yolanda B. Parriss and the Bridesmaids were Rhoda J. Copeland and Debra W. Coles.

The couples wedding trip will be a cruise to Jamaica at a later date. They will reside in Christianburg, Virginia.



City Council At Large Candidate Marnite Shuford discusses campaign strategy for the Tuesday, November 6, election. (photo by Eileen Hanson)

Martin Joins U. S. Air Force

Hazel L. Martin Jr., son of Mrs. Wynona Martin of 2314 Farmer Street, has enlisted in the U. S. Air Force.

Airman Martin, a 1973 graduate of Myers Park High School, joined under the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP), which allows him to accumulate time in the Air Force Reserve until he enters active duty on October 30, 1979.

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Mount Holly Man Owns Part Of 10,500-Ton Navy Ship

by Richard A. Moxley III
Special To The Post

NORFOLK, Va. — Not every Navyman can boast that he is part owner of a Navy ship.

Samuel Gregory can. A crewman on the nuclear-powered guided missile cruiser USS Virginia at its commissioning in September 1976, Gregory is a "plank owner" or part owner of the 10,500-ton ship.

Gregory, the 26-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Gregory of Route 1, Mount Holly, N. C., is married to the former Bernetta Bowers of Jarratt, Va.

He reported to the USS Virginia in March 1976. According to Navy tradition, a plank owner is entitled to a "free, clear and unencumbered title to a plank from the deck of the ship" when it is decommissioned.

The Virginia, which recently returned from a Mediterranean cruise, is the eighth ship to carry the name of the state. Of the previous seven ships, five were U. S. Navy ships and two served the Confederate navy. Each of these ships has left its mark and a few helped change the course of naval warfare and the history of sea power.

Two nuclear reactors provide enough fuel to power the present Virginia for 10 years (or the equivalent of up to one million miles) without refueling.

Gregory, a 1971 graduate of Mount Holly High School, lettered in track, running the 100- and 220-yard dashes, and in football, playing offensive and defensive guard.

"I'm proud to be one of the Virginia's plank owners," Gregory admits.

"I joined the Navy in 1971. I had two brothers, Larry and Herman, join in the 60s. Larry got out and Herman, a mess management specialist, will be able to retire in two years. Herman had a lot of influence on

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The ship, homeported in Norfolk, Va., is nearly the length of two football fields. With a crew of 473 men, the

Virginia operated as a unit of the Navy's Sixth Fleet while deployed to the Mediterranean.

The Sixth Fleet, compos-

ed of an average of 35 ships, 200 aircraft and more than 25,000 sailors and Marines, helps preserve the peace across the 2,300-mile-long

Mediterranean Sea. The Sixth Fleet also offers assistance whenever people in the Mediterranean are threatened by natural disasters or maritime accidents.

The Virginia, which has some of the newest, most sophisticated electronic equipment and weapons systems available to Navy ships, is designed to operate independently, or in company with strike, antisubmarine, air, and surface warfare forces.

The Virginia made port calls throughout the Mediterranean when not participating in independent and joint exercises to enhance the operational readiness of the Sixth Fleet units.

As a gunner's mate, Petty Officer 1st Class Gregory played an important role in the mission of the Virginia by operating and maintaining the 5-inch, 54-caliber gun mount, repairing damaged guns and maintaining the hoist mechanism and electrical, hydraulic and electronic components of the gun mount.

"I like being a gunner's

mate," said Gregory. "Without guns or some type of weapons, the Navy would be lost."

While on the cruise to the Mediterranean, Gregory visited Spain, Italy, Greece, Egypt and Portugal.

Liabon, Portugal, was my favorite port; the people were friendly and it was real nice," he said.

"Being on sea duty, I get to see a lot of port and different cultures that would cost too much to see if I were a civilian."

"The biggest disadvantage of being on a cruise is being separated from my family," said Gregory. "My wife gave birth to our first child, Marshall, six months ago while I was still out to sea."

Much of Gregory's free time at sea was spent writing letters to his wife, who earned a bachelor's degree in office administration from Norfolk State University.

"I'm really not sure if I'm going to stay in the Navy or get out — my wife will have a lot to say about it. The hours are long, but you get satisfaction knowing you can do something you're asked to do," he concluded.

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