



Mrs. Walter Taylor Jr.
.....The former Gwendolyn Byers

Miss Gwendolyn Ingram Is Bride Of Robert White, Jr

Two lives became one at the recent wedding ceremony of Gwendolyn Ingram and Robert White Jr.

The ceremony, officiated by Rev. Warren McKisick, pastor of Greater Galilee Baptist Church, was held at 3 p.m.

Lavishly dressed in a gown designed and made by the bride's mother, the bride was given in marriage by her father. The bride's gown was made from a light weight bridal satin. It featured a princess style bodice, puffed fitted sleeves and was covered with Galloon lace and sequins and bead-appliques.

For the bouquet the bride carried dusty rose and white carnations on a white Bible.

The bride's sister, LaDonna White of Kings Mountain, N.C., was the maid of honor. Vicky Phifer, Roslyn Wiggins, Frances Funderburke, Andrea Brandon, Terry Bell, Annette Ervin and Wanda Massey were the bridesmaids.

The junior bridesmaids were Toni Ingram and Kim Sanders.

For flower girls the bride chose Sherika Mason and Orsami Mills.

Melvin White was the best man for the occasion. He was assisted by ushers: Stan Ingram, Herbert Ingram, Marion White, Alfred White, Douglas Camp, Norris Hunter, Isaiah Cummings, John Rhinehart and Jim Wright.

Masters Christopher and Chad White were the ring bearers.

The bride's mother wore a white and pink gown with matching accessories.

The groom's mother was also dressed in a pink gown and matching accessories.

Music for the ceremony



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was provided by organist Steve Cooper and soloist Terry Oates.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ingram, the bride is a student at Johnson C. Smith University. She is a music major and she works part-

time as an assistant bookkeeper at her father's company. A graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, the groom is employed at Commercial Credit Business Loans. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. White Sr.

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Byers-Taylor Vows Said

Gwendolyn Byers and Walter Taylor Jr. were united in marriage Saturday, June 2, in Friendship Baptist Church.

Rev. Dr. Clifford Jones officiated at the 4 p.m. service. The bride is the daughter of Ms. Martha Ree Byers of Troutman, N.C. The parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor Sr. of 2028 St. Luke St.

Given in marriage by Fletcher Byers, the bride selected Glynis Holmes as matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Frances Byers, Colette Jeffries, Shirley McFadden, Tonya Taylor, Hazel Harris and Bernetta Parker.

The best man was Edward Dowdy. Ushers were Edward Bobbitt, Bruce Duke, Clarence Waller, Harold Redfern, Charles Hodges and Joseph White.

The bride is a graduate of South Iredell High School and Central Piedmont Community College. She is employed with GMAC. The bridegroom graduated from West Charlotte High School and Winston-Salem Barber College. He is owner and operator of Taylor's Barber Shop.

Musicians were Gerado Stroud (organist) and Lynetta Sowell (soloist). The reception caterer was Mrs. Helen Gerald. After a trip to the Carribean, the couple will reside in Charlotte.

Juneteenth Celebration Scheduled For June 16

The Charlotte Equal Rights Congress will sponsor its seventh annual "Juneteenth" celebration on Saturday, June 16, from 12-8 p.m. in Freedom Park, East Boulevard in Charlotte.

This will be the largest Charlotte celebration of the End of Slavery since it has been observed here.

"We are asking the entire community to participate in a showing of racial unity, understanding, peace and good will," said James Tarrant, Juneteenth coordinator. "Our Juneteenth theme this year is 'Celebrate Freedom in Freedom Park' and we are planning a full day of activities."

"Juneteenth," a day rich in black history, commemorates several events that happened on June 19. On June 19, 1862, the U.S. Congress first outlawed slavery in the Territories. On June 19, 1865, Union troops landed in Galveston, Texas, and for the first time enforced the end of slavery following the Civil War.

Again on June 19, 1964, the Congress passed the Civil Rights Act, after 736 hours of debate.

For over a century the Juneteenth celebration has been a big holiday among blacks in Texas, and is now

proclaimed a state holiday, observed with picnics, rallies and parades.

The Freedom Park activities planned for June 16 will include events attractive to the entire family, including baseball and basketball competitions, a breakdancing contest, swim suit dancers, live music and a talent hunt, featuring a number of young black artists.

A Soap Box will be available to citizens who want to express their opinions on a range of subjects. For the children there will be games, races and storytelling. Community groups and service organizations will have displays.

A special Juneteenth program in the bandshell will begin at 6:30 p.m., featuring live music and freedom choirs. The Charlotte ERC will honor the Sanitation Workers of our city for their contributions to the beautification of Charlotte. Eileen Neely and Delano Rackard will dramatize freedom messages from Harriet Tubman and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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