



Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Massey Sr.Trust in God to make it

Mr. And Mrs. Massey Celebrate Their 38th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Massey Sr. celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary recently. Their youngest daughter, Deloris Miller, her husband, Ernest Miller, and their daughter, LaTanya, surprised the Masseys with dinner at McDonald's Cafeteria.

"They really pulled one over on us," Mrs. Massey conveyed. "We didn't know anything about the beautiful evening out planned for us. We didn't know about it until the last minute and we will never forget it. We really did have a wonderful time."

during 38 years they have had a happy marriage. "It wasn't always easy but by reading our Bible, trusting in God and always praying together we made it as a family," they stated. The couple has four children. The children and their families: William, Diana and Tommy Wallace; Warren, Sandra and Warren Jr. and Tandra Anderson; Harvey Jr., Lula Mae, Damion and Trey Massey presented cards and gifts to their parents in celebration of their many years together. The entire family resides in Charlotte.

Mrs. and Mrs. Massey stated that

North Carolina Facing Severe Teacher Shortage

"North Carolina is facing what could be a severe teacher shortage in the very near future," says Cecil S. Banks, president of the 45,000-member North Carolina Association of Educators.

"We very likely could have greater problems finding enough good teachers than those that are predicted for the nation by the Rand Corporation study that was released this week," Banks added. He was referring to a 19-page study, in part, "The Coming Crisis in Teaching," which was released Monday by Rand Corp. social scientist, Linda Darling-Hammond, in Washington. Banks is a Greensboro high school social studies teacher on a year's leave of absence to serve as full-time NCAE President.

"While North Carolina has taken a major step toward making teaching more attractive with the 14.8 percent pay raise just granted," Banks said, "this is only a first step if we intend to attract and keep the best and brightest young college graduates. This raise almost makes up for what teachers lost to inflation during the last three years of frozen increments and only two meager, across-the-board increases. This raise does nothing to solve the

problem of the inadequate salary base for teachers."

The Rand study recommends that teachers' salaries start at \$20,000 and go as high as \$50,000. The North Carolina salary schedule even after the recent increase begins at only \$15,680 and tops out at \$23,660 for a person with masters degree and 17 years experience. The Rand report noted that teachers' salaries nationally declined 15 percent in purchasing power between 1971 and 1981 because of low increases and high inflation.

Banks said that the average teacher's salary in North Carolina increased only 80 percent in the past 10 years while the national average was increasing 104 percent, and while 40 to 50 states had increases of 100 percent or more. North Carolina has the lowest percentage of increase in the nation.

"This study by Rand is only one of dozens that have predicted a drastic decline in the numbers of quality of our nation's teaching corps," Banks continued. "This decline and the shortage it could produce is almost entirely because of the low status and low salaries. Our best and brightest are looking at more lucrative jobs. We must keep them from abandoning teaching."

Banks also cites statistics from the Planning Division of the University of North Carolina General Administration showing fewer graduates today in education in both public and private colleges than five years ago. In 1977-78 there were 4,269 bachelor's degrees in education awarded, while in 1982-83, only 3,010 were awarded.

"This issue is not the expense of upgrading teachers' salaries," Banks explained. "The real issue is the enormous cost of falling behind the rest of the nation in this high technology age. The best education money can buy is an investment in the economic future of our state. We owe that to ourselves and our children."

Banks predicted the next session of the General Assembly will be a critical pivotal point in the growth of public education. He said it will be a question of whether the State keeps going toward true excellence or whether education is pushed back into second class status or worse.

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found that such wasn't to be the case. "Since, I have learned to roll with the punches. Take one day at a time."

But a day McAfee is looking toward is when she may pursue another career interest. "Along with my Social Work degree I have 15 hours in business and computer science. I've worked as a sales assistant at IBM and I'm considering the financial rewards of pursuing a future career as a sales rep." But McAfee admits that this is a decision that she will contend with some years down the road. For now she is content with her role as a social worker.

It is a role which this beauty wears well considering her prevalent caring for the welfare of others. She protests the current administration's backing away of programs and monies used to help the elderly and economically disadvantaged. "The cuts have hurt a lot of people," McAfee alleges. If it was up to her she states she would curb government spending overseas. "It may be a prejudice," admits the young social worker, "but we need to help our people first. People in the U.S. are in poverty, we need to take care of home," she stresses.

Originally from Monroe, McAfee is a member of Black's Memorial United Presbyterian Church. She regularly visits Gethsemane Baptist Church in Charlotte.

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Rev. and Mrs. Edward Roberts celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary recently at Calvary Christian Church, 2800 Tuckaseegee Ave. Rev. Roberts pastors the church. The couple are the parents of four lovely children, who along with several members of the church served as members of the wedding party when the couple repeated their wedding vows. (Photo By Divine Reflections)

Piano Course Offered For Older Adults

Piano classes for older adults will be offered by Central Piedmont Community College and Community School of the Arts beginning this fall.

Beginning and intermediate level students will use electronic pianos which look, sound, and feel like a traditional spinet.

Classes will be held at Spirit Square, with sections either from 9-10 a.m. or from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays, September 11 - May 7. A one-hour lab session each week will be arranged at the convenience of student and instructor.

Tuition is \$20, payable to CPCC, plus an additional \$6.18 lab fee, payable to the Community School of the Arts. No tuition is charged for anyone over 65.

Students may register either in class on the first day, or at the Thora McElroy Senior Center, 426 N. Tryon Street, or by calling Alice Miller at the Community School of the Arts, 374-1620.

For more information, call the Community School of the Arts Piano Lab, 377-7965, or the CPCC Older Adult Program at 373-6464.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery K. Reid at reception given in their honor by bride's God-Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams of 1900 Irma Street, last Saturday, beginning at 6 p.m. The bride, the former Rhonda Robinson, and husband, Jeffery, son of Mrs. Gertrude J. Gibson, of Mt. Holly, NC, were married August 31 in Beaufort, SC. The ceremony was witnessed by the bride's good friend, Lucille Mitchell of Hilton Head, SC, where the couple will make their home. The bride is a 1980 graduate of East Mecklenburg High School, is employed as a Housekeeper by Sea Pines, Inc. at their Four Seasons Center. The groom, a 1978 graduate of East Gaston High School, is employed as a Housekeeper for Rainbow Corp. also in Hilton Head, SC. (Photo By Peeler's Portrait Studio)

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