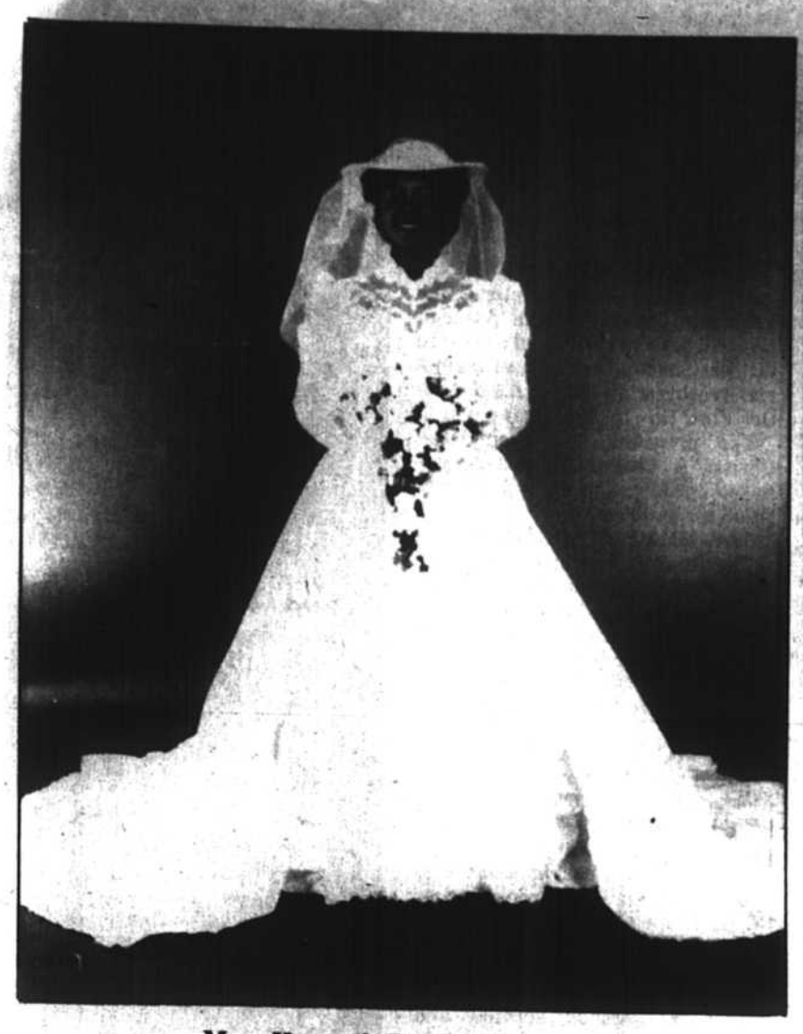

Mrs. Kenneth Funderburk
.....She was Miss Venita Irene Buford

Miss Venita Buford Weds Kenneth Funderburke

Venita Irene Buford and Kenneth Funderburk were recently united in holy matrimony at New Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Anthony L. Jinwright, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, and Rev. Jeremiah Robinson Sr., pastor of New Zion, presided over the wedding ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Victorian gown of white taffeta styled with a high neckline, straight sleeves, puffed shoulders, and a dropped waistline. The gown's bodice was adorned with Alencon lace and pearls, and the full lampshade ruffled skirt fell into a cathedral train also adorned with Alencon lace. A matching hat with brim of accordian pleated organza silk, Venise lace, a fingertip veil, pearls and French illusion, enhanced the bride's attire.

The maid of honor, Sharlene Stowe, and the four bridesmaids each wore maize gowns of matte taffeta styled with pencil-wired ruffled shoulders, a high neckline of French illusion and sposabella lace with a ruffle at the gown's waist. While the bride carried a long nosegay of yellow and white silk flowers and baby's breath, the bridal attendants bore opened white lace umbrellas with yellow silk flower arrangements on one side. The bridesmaids were Nancy Cureton, Pamela Buford, Mindy Buford, and Angela Buford.

In a white taffeta gown with ruffled shoulders and back, Melody Buford was the junior bridesmaid. She carried a white lace fan decorated with yellow silk flowers.

Flower girl, Ryskia Davis, wore a yellow taffeta gown accented with layers of white lace and carried a white lace basket with assorted colored silk flowers.

The groom chose Richard Funderburk as his best man. James Grier, Larry Boyd, Bill Funderburk, Joseph Stewart Jr., Allen Davis, Jason Williams, and Walter Buford were ushers. Petrie Buford served as junior usher.

Music was rendered by organist, Rick McKensie, and soloists, Charles Williams and Montique Croutch.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. William Buford and Mrs. Minnie Stewart of Charlotte. She graduated from West Mecklenburg High School and is employed with NCNB as a wood processor operator.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Funderburk of Charlotte, the groom is a graduate of South Mecklenburg High School and is employed at Masonry Reinforcing Company.

A wedding reception was held at the Johnson C. Smith University student hall.

The couple traveled to Atlanta, Ga., for their wedding trip.

Anti-Apartheid Vigil Planned For April 24

Charlotteans will hold an anti-apartheid vigil Wednesday, April 24, near the uptown Marriott beginning at 10 a.m. A teach-in will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Park at the Square.

Charlotteans For a Free South Africa, a locally based group of churches, community and service organizations, and university faculty and students, have planned the vigil and teach-in in an effort to increase local awareness of and opposition to South Africa's apartheid policies.

Apartheid is the South African government's official policy of "separate development" which effectively discriminates against blacks and other non-whites, politically, economically and socially.

Since 1948, thousands of blacks have been killed by South African police in the government's efforts to impose inhumane laws which effectively destroy black families, restrains freedom of speech and movement, and strips blacks of citizenship.

The date of the vigil-teach-in has been planned to coincide with the NCNB Bank stockholders' meeting which will begin at the uptown Marriott at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 24. NCNB is one of the major U.S. investors in South Africa and for years has been the subject of much public criticism for its involvement in South Africa. Many stockholders plan to introduce a resolution in the meeting calling for NCNB to end all new loans and investments in South Africa.

The public is cordially invited to attend the anti-apartheid vigil and teach-in.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Goode, of 2004 Russell Ave., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Goode, to Harry Will Smith Jr., of Richmond, Va. Mr. Smith's parents are Harry Will Smith Sr., and Mrs. Susie R. Johnson of Richmond, Va. The couple's wedding is planned for June 15, 1985, to be held at Gethsemane Baptist Church, Rev. C. E. Dewberry, pastor. Miss Goode is employed with Piedmont Natural Gas Company. Her fiance works for Philip Morris USA.

Rezoning Process

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg League of Women voters will meet on May 18 to discuss the Rezoning process in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Actual case steps will be traced.

City Council members will be present for both morning and evening meetings.

The morning meeting will be held at the home of Ms. Marilyn Pratt, 1023 West Queens Rd., at 9:30.

The evening meeting will be held at Park Road YWCA, 3420 Park Rd. The YWCA cafeteria will be open at 5:30 p.m. (Babysitting provided.)

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