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## CRAWFORD-BONNER NUPTIAL WEDNESDAY

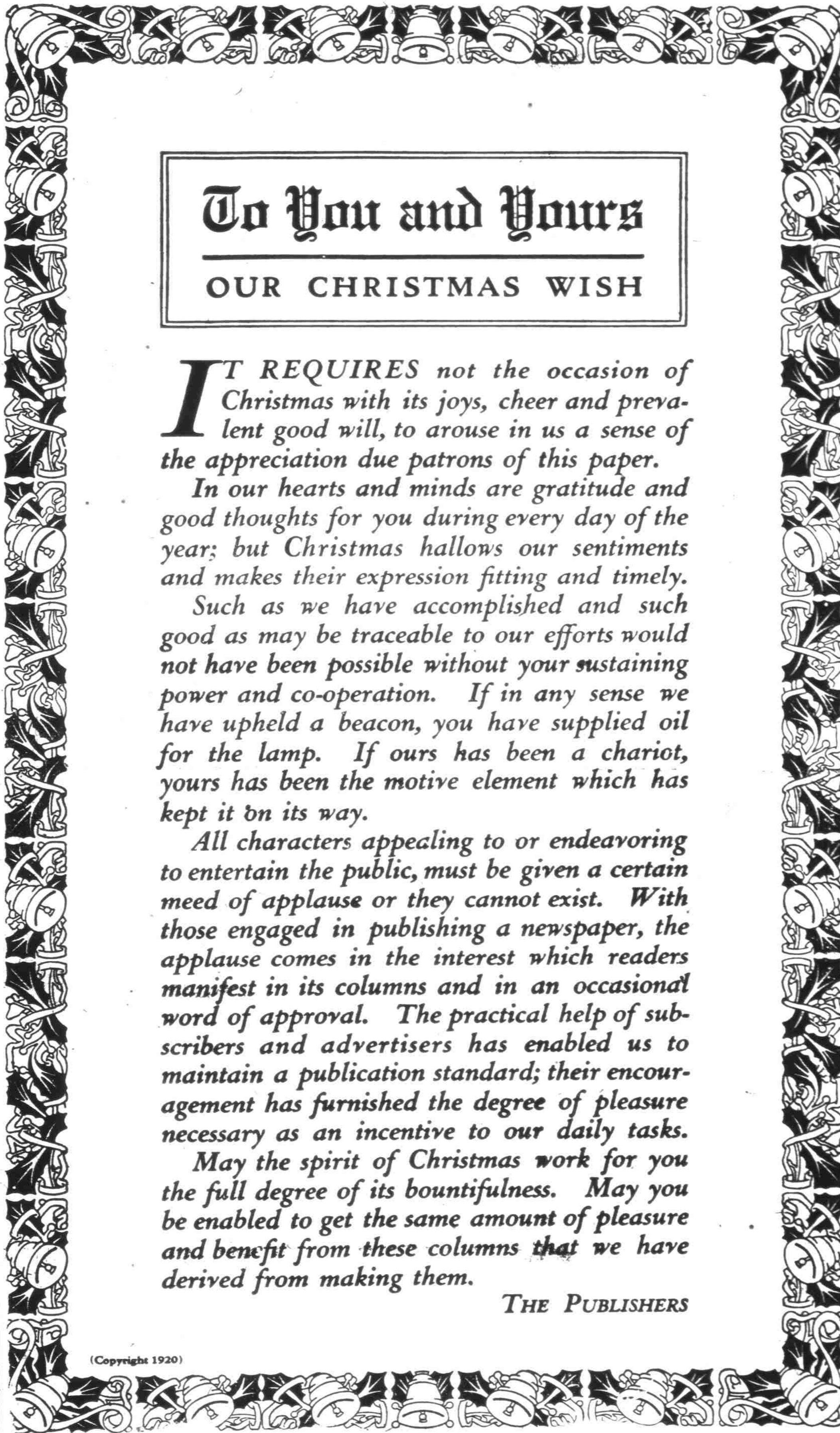
**Miss Ethel Crawford Becomes  
Bride of Mr. Alexander M.  
Bonner of Raleigh.**

One of the most beautifully appointed weddings ever taking place in Marion was solemnized at the First Baptist Church on Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock when Miss Ethel, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crawford, became the bride of Mr. Alexander Montague Bonner.

Long before the hour of the ceremony the large church auditorium was filled to overflowing with the friends and relatives from far and near of the contracting parties.

The participants of the wedding ceremony assembled in the main vestibule of the church. While waiting, Miss Ruth Hood, of Asheville, in a very artistic manner, rendered two beautiful violin solos, "Barcarolle" from Tales of Hoffman and "To a Wild Rose" from McDowell. Miss Mary Thomas, of Statesville, then sang charmingly "Until." To the strains of Lohengrins Wedding March, played by Mrs. P. A. Reid, the wedding procession, led by Dr. J. T. Bowden, pastor of the bride, followed by the Dames of Honor, Mrs. W. R. Chambers and Mrs. A. D. Stoner, a sister of the bride, both gowned in beautiful costumes of orchid charmeuse with silver trimmings, and carrying bouquets of Ophelia roses, entered the church. Then came the bridesmaids, Misses Joyce Decker, Annie Laurie Blanton and Faye Conley, all of Marion, and Miss Helen Alford of Tallahassee, Fla., entering in couples, proceeded down opposite aisles. The bridesmaids wore exquisite gowns of yellow satia with long white gloves, and carried bouquets of pink Killarney roses. Next in order of the procession, followed the groomsmen, Mr. Ernest Crawford, of Marion, Dr. H. O. Lineberger of Raleigh, Mr. John Nichols of Charlotte, and Dr. Dean Crawford of Marion, in full dress, taking their places at the altar to the rear of the bridesmaids. The Maid of Honor, Miss Ellen Crawford, sister of the bride, handsomely gowned in an opalescent robe made over pink charmeuse, draped with apple green satin panniers, with tulle sleeves, trimmed with pink georgette roses, proceeded down the main aisle, carrying a bouquet of Ophelia roses. The bride entered from the main entrance on the arm of her brother, Mr. James Crawford, by whom she was given away at the altar. She wore an exquisite gown of white Dutchess satin, trimmed with real lace and a tulle veil with orange blossoms. The court train was fastened with real pearls. The only ornament worn by the bride was a necklace of genuine pearls, the gift of the groom. The bride was met at the altar by the groom with his best man, Dr. O. B. Bonner of Raleigh, brother of the groom, where, under the tastefully flower decked altar, to the soft strains of Mendelssohn Wedding March, played by Mrs. P. A. Reid, the impressive ring ceremony was performed by Rev. J. T. Bowden.

The church decorations were supervised by E. C. Dickson, florist of Asheville. Using as a background, mountain laurel interspersed with hemlock, the wall aisles were made very pretty, while at the main entrance stood a large palm, on either side of which was a cluster of rhododendron, enclosing large vases of American Beauty roses, bringing out a most beautiful contrast. The altar was covered with hemlock, with vases of pink roses and chenille. On the rostrum were ferns and potted plants with rhododendron in the rear. The center pew was in reserve and was encircled with white satin ribbon. The whole setting was one of exquisite beauty, representing to the imagination one not unlike a scene of summer in the garden of the faeries. Artificial lights drew



## To You and Yours OUR CHRISTMAS WISH

**IT REQUIRES not the occasion of  
Christmas with its joys, cheer and preva-  
lent good will, to arouse in us a sense of  
the appreciation due patrons of this paper.**

**In our hearts and minds are gratitude and  
good thoughts for you during every day of the  
year; but Christmas hallows our sentiments  
and makes their expression fitting and timely.**

**Such as we have accomplished and such  
good as may be traceable to our efforts would  
not have been possible without your sustaining  
power and co-operation. If in any sense we  
have upheld a beacon, you have supplied oil  
for the lamp. If ours has been a chariot,  
yours has been the motive element which has  
kept it on its way.**

**All characters appealing to or endeavoring  
to entertain the public, must be given a certain  
meed of applause or they cannot exist. With  
those engaged in publishing a newspaper, the  
applause comes in the interest which readers  
manifest in its columns and in an occasional  
word of approval. The practical help of sub-  
scribers and advertisers has enabled us to  
maintain a publication standard; their encour-  
agement has furnished the degree of pleasure  
necessary as an incentive to our daily tasks.**

**May the spirit of Christmas work for you  
the full degree of its bountifulness. May you  
be enabled to get the same amount of pleasure  
and benefit from these columns that we have  
derived from making them.**

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out the effectiveness of the color scheme, blending in attractiveness and beauty.

Immediately after the ceremony, the bride and groom repaired to the home of the bride, where she donned her travelling costume of Pekin blue velvetyne, with accessories of brown, and a Pekin blue toque and veil. The happy couple left on train No. 21 for a bridal tour of several days West and North. After the bridal trip Mr. and Mrs. Bonner will take up their residence at the Capitol city, Raleigh.

Mrs. Bonner is a young woman of education and accomplishments. She attended the State Normal College at Greensboro and has held a trusted position in the Marion Graded school for a number of years. She has been a leader in the social and church

life of Marion, where she is popular among a host of friends.

Mr. Bonner is a rising young attorney of Raleigh, where he is engaged in the practice of his profession, in partnership with B. F. Montague. He was educated at Guilford College and finished in law at Trinity College. He is a young man of sterling qualities and has already risen to prominence in his home town, Raleigh, where he is well and popularly known.

Immediately after the engagement announcement, many social affairs were given in honor of Mrs. Bonner. Attesting to her popularity were the beautiful and useful wedding presents consisting of silver, china, cut glass, linen and various other tokens of esteem.

The out of town guests present at

the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Montague, Mr. Clyde Hunter, Dr. O. B. Bonner, Dr. H. O. Lineberger, of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Sams and LeRoy Sams, of Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Esherman, the latter a sister of the groom; Mr. Frank H. Bryan, of Washington, N. C.; Mr. Carl Hood, Miss Ruth Hood, Mrs. Charlie Davis, Mrs. Pearle Lee Gilliam, and Miss Virginia Lee, of Asheville; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stoner, of Biltmore; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carson, of Rutherfordton, and Miss Mary Thomas, of Statesville.

The graded school closed Friday for the holidays. The spring term will open January 3, giving two weeks for the holiday vacation. The teachers have returned to their various homes to spend the holidays.

## MUCH ENTHUSIASM AT HIGHWAY RALLY

**Boosters From Several Counties  
Gather at Marion—En-  
dorse State System Idea.**

The most enthusiastic meeting of road advocates met in Marion Saturday night to discuss the road situation in this section of the State. Plans had been well arranged for the gathering and good roadsters to the number of 150 were on hand to participate in the meeting, 43 of whom were from Yancey, Mitchell and Avery counties.

A sumptuous banquet paid for by the citizens of Marion and served by the ladies aid of the Methodist church added much to the success of the occasion.

The ball was started when Mrs. Mary Martin Sloop who told those present that there is no way for an Averyian to come to North Carolina among the people they love. These lost provinces have been driven to cease thinking in North Carolina terms. A Greensboro, Raleigh, or Charlotte paper published on Monday reaches Avery on Thursday of the same week when Burleson is speeding them up, but Tennessee comes fresh from the press. When an Averyian desires at six to set out toward the real world she goes nine hours and is 13 miles from home. "If we visit, we visit in Tennessee," she declared. "If we shop, we shop in Tennessee, and if we marry, we marry in Tennessee."

"It is 10 times as hard to grade a road in Avery as in other sections of the state," she continued, "and we are 10 times as sparsely settled as many of your counties in other sections. We come and beg you for a chance to build them."

Heriot Clarkson spoke for the committees which have worked up the tentative draft of the proposed road legislation, Highway Commissioner J. G. Stikeleather for state-owned materials and for hard roads everywhere in this section; D. E. Hudgins, of the local bar, for all the taxpayers, and W. T. Morgan, also of this bar, for an end everlasting, as Mr. Hudgins put it, to the crazy quilt and mud pie road.

Miss Harriet Berry made a wonderfully impressive speech on the woe-ful want that has trailed in the wilful waste incident to this long neglect of the lost provinces, and D. F. Giles for Marion as the Mecca of the future tourists.

The seven members of the general assembly, who were here, have tied themselves up to real roads. The Clarkson bill on which 17 daily hours were spent for four days in the drafting, has these counties for backing before it gets to the legislative table.

Representative W. W. Neal, of McDowell, told how the road enthusiasts opened the 1919 session by filling the hopper with bills, then fighting each other until the close. But one night the last day in the session some fellows got together in a hotel and decided not to fight any more and the present travesty passed.

Mr. Clarkson pleased the Marion people by telling them that the revolutionary general who stood pat when the ragged continentals were highballing was General Francis Marion, the namesake of the McDowell capital. They were not to be driven beyond the mountains. Today Marion is the gateway to the west.

Its territory can furnish the apples which will match the oranges of Florida, its scenery and resort possibilities will thrill the world when there is a road into and out from it. As to financing the proposed plan of hard surface road building, about 1,500 miles in the aggregate, perhaps 2,000, he said the automobiles would pay on this year's basis \$1,800,000 and next year's probably \$2,000,000. It will cost about \$400 a mile to maintain such roads. There is now in Raleigh available equipment worth \$2,500,000.

Miss Berry arrayed the losses to  
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