



MRS. HERMAN FISHER HICKS

Miss Davidson And Herman Hicks Wed

Miss Linda Kay Davidson and Herman Fisher Hicks were married August 12 in Reed Memorial Baptist Church, Asheville, by the Rev. Henry O. Hearn, former pastor and the Rev. Luther Osment, pastor. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell Davidson of Fletcher, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Hicks of Norlina.

and ushers were Gordon Porter of Norfolk, Va., the Rev. Otis Wheelhouse of Roxboro, Graham Hicks of Franklinton, brother of the bridegroom and Bob N. Goode of Hendersonville.

Music was provided by Mrs. Dowe Roberts of Asheville and Mr. Darryl M. Reed of Whitmire, S. C. Assisting at a reception in the church fellowship hall following the ceremony were Mrs. Joe Lyda and Mrs. R. C. Crawford, Jr., both aunts of the bride and of Asheville, Miss Barbara Fowler of Matthews and Miss Madelyn Davis of Winston-Salem.

For the wedding trip the bride changed to a burnt orange and olive green crepe dress with olive accessories and the orchid from her bouquet.

Mrs. Hicks is a senior at Mars Hill College and will graduate in December. Mr. Hicks is a graduate of the University of Richmond and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. He is Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hendersonville where the couple will live.

Warrenton's Biggest Fire

The disastrous fire here on Tuesday night was not the most disastrous fire at Warrenton, although it is the second worst.

The worst fire in the history of the town occurred on June 21, 1881, when a majority of the business houses in the town were destroyed. This fire followed a fire in 1878 when every store between a corner building at Main and Franklin Street and Diamond's present store on the corner of Main and Market Streets.

The fire of 1881 originated in the block where Allen Son and Company building is located and destroyed most of the stores in that block and all but one store in the block where the barbershop is now located.

The fire occurred on a calm night and was discovered about 1 a. m. Most of the stores were of frame construction, but the firemen had little water and little equipment and soon raged out of control.

Mrs. Montgomery, in her book, "Old Times in Warrenton," related:

"There was some hope that the break between the Bellamy Hotel and the Montgomery (Katzenstein) store would save the block, but it jumped the distance and consumed every building to a corner store, later known as the Shaw Building." (This was at the corner of Main and Macon Streets.)

Mrs. Montgomery continued: "This was a terrible disaster to the town, and one from which its people were years in recovering."

The late Tom Weldon told the writer that following this fire many persons waded to move the county seat to Warren Plains in order to be on the railroad. Had that been done the Richmond spur of the Seaboard would have come to Warren Plains instead of Norlina, and Warrenton would have had another fate.

Davis Graduates From A. F. School

BILOXI, Miss. — Airman Second Class George W. Davis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davis of Rt. 3, Warrenton, N. C., has been graduated from the U. S. Air Force technical training school at Keesler AFB, Miss. He completed the tele-

communications specialist course conducted by the Air Training Command which provides technical and specialized education programs for the nation's aerospace force.

He is being reassigned to Misawa AB, Japan, as a member of the Air Force Com-

Oakley Discusses Little League At Lions Meeting

Howard Oakley, owner of Colonial Lodge Hotel, Little League umpire and civic worker, was the principal speaker at the regular meeting of the Warrenton Lions Club held on Friday night at Warren Plaza Inn.

Oakley, introduced by Lion Ed Rooker, told of the formation of the Warrenton Little League and Pony League; of its value to these participating; of the loyalty of those who have given of their time as coaches, umpires and managers, and thanked the Lions club for what part it had played in its contribution and for the support of its members. He gave a rundown on some of the games of the all stars and said he was quite proud of the showing our boys made; that with only two years of little league play, as against five and six years for some of the other teams, that he felt that our boys showed well in the contest.

"While we have had the cooperation of many of our merchants and business men, as well as individuals; and although we collected several

hundred dollars from passing the hat, we still need about \$400.00 to clear the board," Oakley said.

The program was in charge of Lion Billy Bugg. President F. P. Whitley presided over the meeting with singing lead by Gene Odum. Lion Duke Jones said the grace. Lion Sherrill Harris was Lion X and Lion Bill Lanier won the dollar. In the jackpot feature Lion Coon Currin was the winner.

Guests for the meeting were Howard Henry, hosts of Lion W. R. Drake, and Bill Jones, a guest of his father, Lion Duke Jones.

Benedict Arnold, Revolutionary War traitor, escaped to England and died an out-cast.

The British fought the Boer War Against the African Settlers, who were largely of Dutch descent.

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Plans Made To Merge Banks

WILSON — Plans to merge the Bank of Halifax, Halifax, North Carolina, into Branch Banking and Trust Company were announced August 8 by the Boards of Directors of both banks. The consolidation is subject to approval by the stockholders of each institution and by State and Federal authorities.

Combined resources of the two banks would exceed \$190,000,000. The Bank of Halifax has offices in Halifax, Littleton, Scotland Neck and Weldon, and construction is being completed on an office in Enfield which is scheduled to open in September. Branch Banking and Trust Company operates 40 banks in 26 towns and communities.

The proposed merger will

join two of the State's oldest banking institutions: The Bank of Halifax was established in 1906 and Branch Banking and Trust Company, North Carolina's Oldest Bank, was founded in 1872. BB&T is the sixth largest financial institution in the State and has more capital funds in relation to deposits than any major North Carolina bank.

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Fire

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out any water and facing destruction of its business section. Water was brought in by tankers and rural trucks and kept the fire from spreading. Power was restored within about 15 minutes but the pumps could not keep the mains full due to the large number of fire engines pumping water.

When the water tank collapsed, Charlie Bowen, Chief of the Warrenton Fire Department issued a call for all available rural units to report at Warrenton, and Highway Troopers were asked to issue a call to all fire departments within a 30 mile radius of the town. Some responded from an even longer distance.

Damage to polls and transformers and telephone cables in the vicinity caused part of the town to be without power for a short time, and also caused the loss of telephone service for several hours. State Troopers also aided Warrenton police in directing traffic and keeping back the crowds of spectators.

Sheriffs from Vance, Franklin and Granville Counties and Deputies from Halifax County came to Warrenton to offer their services.

When it looked like the Dameron building was doomed, Comer Plumbing and Heating removed the contents from its store in the building, and suffered some loss due to damage in moving. The Warren Record, also housed in the building, removed its light offset machinery, without damage.

Equipment sent to Warrenton included large and small fire trucks, plus tankers with a capacity of 1,500 to 2,000 gallons. Many of these were refilled from Connell's pond on the outskirts of Warrenton. In addition to fire trucks, many Rescue Squads responded to the call for help.

Vance County units included a big pumper truck from Henderson and tankers from Edson, Bearpaw, Kitzell and Townsville.

South Hill, Va., sent full equipment, including a rescue squad. Units were also sent from Mecklenburg County, Va., and from Clarksville, Va. Louisburg sent one pumper, and a rescue truck; Centerville in Franklin County, sent a pumper and tanker; Justice sent a pumper and tanker, and a tanker was sent from Franklinton.

Roanoke Rapids dispatched a truck and six men. A pumper truck was sent from Rocky Mount. The fire, the second largest in Warrenton's history, was brought under control within about two hours through the cooperation of other communities. Some members of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department remained on duty until about 4 a. m. Wednesday. Several members of the Warrenton Fire Department kept the building under surveillance until 7 a. m. Wednesday.

Charlie Bowen, Chief of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, yesterday asked this newspaper to express his deep appreciation to members of the rural fire department and to firemen from neighboring towns and communities for the help given. Mayor W. A. Miles and other officials, as well as McCarrroll Alston, assistant Chief of the Warrenton Fire Department, also expressed their deep gratitude for the assistance given.

PRIORITY

During the fire drill on the cruise liner a number of passengers crowded around a lifeboat. From the foredeck, an officer called out, "Women, children and those on the 'Go Now, Pay Later' plan please go first."—Irish Digest

Despite what the fashion experts say, most men would like their wives to wear their dresses longer—about three years longer.—Herm Albright

The kingfisher is sometimes called "Old Tussel-Top."

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