

News A

Weekend guests of Mrs. Roy V. Shearin were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Benton and daughter, Sara, of Aiken, S. C., Ronald Shearin of Charlotte, Edward Shearin of Raleigh and Carolyn Shearin of Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb St. Sing and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bolton were weekend guests of Mrs. Walter Jones in Virginia Beach, Va.

Mrs. W. Duke Jones spent the weekend in Belhaven.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Banzet and children of Madison, were here this past weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Banzet.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb St. Sing, Mr. and Mrs. Harry St. Sing, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bolton and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Moseley spent several days last week touring Nashville, Tenn. While there they visited with Bobby St. Sing who is now residing in Nashville and working at Opryland U.S.A.

Miss Elizabeth Baskerville of Raleigh visited her grandmother, Mrs. W. R. Baskerville, on Sunday.

Miss Cammie Mitchiner of Annandale, Va., has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oakley.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edwards and children of Hickory have been visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tucker for a week.

Miss Loyce Blaylock recently visited friends and relatives in Madison, Statesville and Winston-Salem.

Little Miss Karen Lopusay has returned to her home in Sanford after spending ten days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd Fleming, Boyd and Tommy. Mr. and Mrs. Don Lopusay, Kimberly and Jarrod of Sanford were their weekend guests.

Mrs. S.B. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones and daughter, Melinda, of Roanoke Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson and daughter, Angela, of Littleton, and John W. Gibson and Connie Gay of Rocky Mount spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gibson, Jr., and family in Clifton Forge, Va.

Monday guests of Mrs. S. B. Gibson were Mrs. Naomi Wilkerson and Mrs. Dan Haley and Mrs. Daniel Haley and son of Oxford.

Announce Births

Mr. and Mrs. J Haynes announce the birth of a son, Brian J, on June 30 at Maria Parham Hospital. The infant weighed six pounds, 12 1/2 ounces. Mrs. Haynes is the former Betsy Peoples of Elberon.

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Crawford, Jr., of Winston-Salem announce the birth of a son, Samuel Henry Crawford, born on July 1. Mrs. Crawford is the former Panthea Anne Twitty of Warrenton.

Clan Gathers For Cemetery Cleaning

In submitting an account of the Palmer Family Reunion, for the July 2 edition of The Warren Record, which included cleaning up the family cemeteries, and a reunion at Hebron United Methodist Church in Sixpound Township, Jeff D. Palmer, native of Warrenton and resident of Falls Church, Va., also submitted a copy of an article, "History Lives In Family Cemeteries," with the request that we would publish it when and if space permitted. The reunion account was published, but space for the cemetery cleaning article was not available in that edition. It is published below - Editor.

When populations were sparse and scattered, and before death became a corporate entity, the family cemetery was viable. But it was bypassed by better roads, faster travel and numerous rural consolidations.

Today, many of these cemeteries are left to the custody of wind, sun, moon and rain. It is almost as if time ran off and left the dead to perpetuate their own minor heroics without audience or historical addendum. Yet once a year, and at this juncture, one of the diminishing clan goes back to clean up the family burying ground.

Their cars, parked beside a rusting iron fence, would bewilder many of the dead who died long before Henry Ford came along. Even so, they bring a son or grandson or granddaughter who take no more stock in dead people than Huck Finn said he did.

At the outset this is merely an onerous job of cutting, chopping and spading for the clan. Yet, little by little, they recreate slices of history, humor, happiness and tragedy as they spade around the tombstones and read the legends.

For these small cemeteries hold those who were beautiful, bold and bad.

Before the sun falls, like the mast of a great ship falling, they are even referring warmly to "Great Uncle John," whom they never heard of before. They come to realize that the dead have roots aside from those in the soil. And they go homeward enriched by the knowledge that their circle of relatives has been expanded by the addition of salty uncles, aunts and cousins.

The wedding was directed by Miss Marie Stuppy of Raleigh. Small wedding scrolls were presented to the guests by Ryan Lynch and Cameron Winters, cousins of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Carroll, III of Raleigh. She attends North Carolina State University and is a parttime teller at North Carolina National Bank. The groom is a correctional officer with the North Carolina Department of Corrections.

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flounce at the hem. Her fingertip veil of white silk illusion had a camelot cap covered with Alencon lace and seed pearls. A wide border of matching lace bordered the hem.

Miss Anita Gayle Carroll, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Miss Teresa Chappell of Clayton, Mrs. Liz Mitchell of Youngsville, Miss Teresa Vogt of Raleigh, Miss Denise Jernigan of Raleigh, Miss Laurie Bates of Raleigh and Miss Debbie Lee of Raleigh.

The groom's brother, Joseph Dillard of Pensacola, Fla., was the best man. Groomsmen were M. P. Carroll, Jr., of Warrenton, Marshall Carroll of Raleigh, Phil Lynch of Henderson and Danny Mitchell of Youngsville.

The ringbearer was Mark P. Carroll, III, of Warrenton.

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Reception Immediately following the ceremony, the bride's parents were hosts to a reception at the church. Guests were greeted and registered by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Keeter of Raleigh. After the bridal couple cut the traditional first slice, the five-tiered wedding cake was served by Mrs. Jean Chappell of Clayton. Mrs. Dora Lou Carroll of Warrenton and Barbara Dickerson of Raleigh poured the punch. A variety of party foods were served from a beautifully appointed table centered with a silk floral arrangement.

MRS. WILLIAM BENNETT DILLARD, JR.

Couple Marry In Candlelight Ceremony

In a candlelight ceremony of beauty and tradition, Miss Patricia Lynn Carroll and William Bennett Dillard, Jr., were united in marriage at 7 p. m. at Longview United Methodist Church in Raleigh on June 20. The Rev. Argel Payne performed the ceremony.

The chancel of the church was beautifully decorated with palms and greenery and with spiral candleabra of cathedral candles entwined with greenery.

Organist for the service was Josephine Dunn of Raleigh, who performed a program of traditional nuptial music arrangements. Soloist was Jill Arthurs of New Bern who sang "We've Only Just Begun," "Whither Thou Goest," and "The Wedding Prayer." The soloist was accompanied on the piano by Donna Holt of Raleigh. The traditional "Wedding Song" was sung and played on the guitar by Danny Mitchell of Youngsville.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a formal length white silk organza gown with a high neckline trimmed with Alencon lace and seed pearls. A sheer yoke in front and back was surrounded with matching lace and seed pearls with large appliques covering the front bodice. Full bishop sleeves had large lace appliques with wide lace cuffs at the wrist. A wide band of schiffli lace circled the waist. The full circular skirt fell softly from an empire waist falling into a chapel length train. Wide schiffli lace surrounded the lower skirt with a wide accordian



Mr. and Mrs. Virgil P. Bennett of Pauline, S. C. announce the engagement of their daughter, Pameal Elaine, to Timothy Austin Johnson, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry A. Johnson of Greer, S. C., formerly of Warrenton.

Miss Bennett is a graduate of Paul M. Dorman High School, Spartanburg, S. C., and Spartanburg Technical College. She attended USC-Spartanburg and is employed at Spartanburg General Hospital.

Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Jonesville High School, Jonesville, S. C., and will graduate from Furman University, Greenville, S. C. in December. He is employed with the Inman Nursing Facilities, Inc. as an administrative assistant. His father is a former pastor of the Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, Warrenton.

The couple will be united in marriage August 29 at the West Springs Baptist Church, West Springs, S. C. Friends of the Warrenton area are cordially invited.

Arts Festival To Be Held

LITTLETON - The Lakeland Arts Center in Littleton will hold its fourth annual Arts and Music Festival Aug. 22 and 23 on the campus of the center.

It has been the policy of the center to invite church and civic groups to participate in these festivals. Large crowds are expected this year, with artists from across the country showing and selling their works.

Entertainment will be featured throughout the two-day event and a three-county flea market is planned for Halifax, Warren and Northampton counties. The market will

be set up on the fenced-in sports field at Lakeland.

The Lakeland staff will conduct an auction on Sound Stage. One during the festival. All items to be auctioned will be those of value (\$25 and over) and be supplied by the participating organizations and private individuals. For this service a small fee will be charged to go toward the Lakeland Fund Drive.

The flea market and auction will be held Aug. 22 from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m. Anyone wishing to reserve a space for the flea market or submit items for auction should call 586-3124 or 586-5577 by Aug. 12.

Lakeland Musical Opening

"Regards To Broadway," a sizzling salute to many of Broadway's most successful musicals will be Lakeland's next dinner theater production.

The show will open Friday, July 10, and will run through July 25. It promises to provide a jam packed evening of song and dance performed by a 45-member cast. The public is urged to make

reservations early for guaranteed seating.

For more information and reservations, persons are asked to call Lakeland's Art Center at 586-3124 or 586-5577. Admission for dining and show is \$12.50 for adults and \$7.50 for children ten years old and younger. Special discount rates are available for groups of 25 or more.

Family Reunion Held

The O'Neal-Brantley family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Rosa B. O'Neal in Afton-Elberon.

Special guests included the oldest member of the family, Julie, age 86; the youngest member of the family was Master Philip M. Brantley, 5 1/2 months. The pastor of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, the Rev. and Mrs. Julian Mills and Marsha. The family travelling the most miles to attend were Mr. and Mrs. James Brantley, Tricia and Jimmy, from Florida.

Others were from Bur-

lington, Butner, Louisburg, Norlina, Warrenton, Henderson.

A covered dish meal was enjoyed by the 119 attending.

After the meal string music was played and sung by Robert, Scott, Tommy Brantley, Philip Lynch and Wilmont O'Neal.

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