

Vows Spoken By Miss Ann Cowles

Weds J. F. Alexander In Lincoln Chapel In Washington, D. C.

In the Lincoln chapel of the New York Avenue Presbyterian church in Washington, D. C., on December 15 in the presence of special friends, Miss Ann Horton Cowles became the bride of Jas. Frederick Alexander. Officiating was Rev. George W. Burroughs, Jr.

Following the ceremony the couple and special friends were given a bridal dinner at the Statler hotel.

Mrs. Alexander is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cowles, of Deep Gap. She is a graduate of Wilkesboro high school and for the past three and one half years has been employed in Washington, D. C.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Edna S. Alexander and the late Wm. R. Alexander, of Beverly Hills, Calif. A graduate of Principia college of Liberal Arts where he received his bachelor of arts degree, he received his B. S. degree from the University of Tulsa, Okla. He served three years in the U. S. Army with the rank of first lieutenant and was later promoted to rank of captain. Since the termination of the war, he has been employed as head of an electrical engineering department in Washington.

Following a wedding trip to Los Angeles, Calif., they are now making their home in Washington, where the groom is employed.

More than 200,000 sweet potato plants were set out this year in Halifax county, with a resulting yield of 20,000 bushels. Thirty-two of the growers are curing 6,200 bushels in 13 converted tobacco barns.

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West Jefferson Girl Marries



Mrs. Kenneth Bruce Clay, who was before her marriage on Sunday, Miss Helen Caudill.

Miss Helen Caudill and Mr. Kenneth Clay Are Married

Mr and Mrs. Jacob Vern Caudill, of West Jefferson announce the marriage of their only daughter, Helen Frances, to Mr. Kenneth Bruce Clay, of Boone and North Wilkesboro on Sunday, February ninth at the First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro. Dr. Gilbert Combs performed the ceremony in the presence of a few intimate friends and relatives.

For her wedding, the bride, an attractive blonde type, wore a tailored suit of light beige gabardine with contrasting accessories of brown. She also wore a shoulder corsage of orchids. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for a wedding trip to Charleston, South Carolina and various points in Florida. Upon their return they will be at home in North Wilkesboro where Mr. Clay is connected with

the Northwestern Bank. Mrs. Clay, who has lived at North Wilkesboro and Boone before coming to West Jefferson a little more than a year ago was graduated from Appalachian high school and afterwards attended Mars Hill College and Appalachian State Teachers College.

Mr. Clay, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clay, of Boone, was graduated from Appalachian high school before entering military service in which he served for two years. Upon his return he became connected with the Northwestern Bank at Boone and was later transferred to North Wilkesboro.

Miss Jones, Mr. Woodruff, Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones, of Nathan's Creek, announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen to John Woodruff, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Woodruff, also of Nathan's Creek on December 24 at the home of Rev. Edd Davis. The single ring ceremony was used.

For the ceremony the bride was attired in a light blue suit with black accessories.

The bride is now attending Nathan's Creek high school.

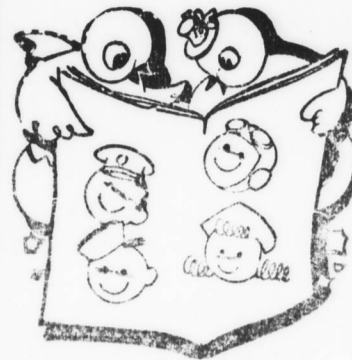
The groom is a graduate of Nathan's Creek high school and served three years in the army, 18 months of which were spent overseas.

The couple is now making their home at Nathan's Creek.

Only close friends and relatives of the couple attended the wedding.



Ashe Gas



By Stella W. Anderson

The weather has been the topic of conversation for several days around here and what with frozen automobiles, pipes and other inconveniences to say nothing of the fun of putting automobile chains off and on, it has been something to talk about.

Dr. Bruce Porter loves it because it reminds him of his native west. J. L. Seagraves says he believes it is good for everyone as it will "kill bugs and other insects." Mrs. John Reeves brought John Kilby down town Friday morning and remarked that this was one snow she could enjoy and so could John Kilby. But Friday's snow was quite a contrast to that which literally blew pedestrians off of the face of the earth, Saturday.

The writer has been invited to speak over WSJS and would have been glad to have spoken on the air if it had not been quite so airish here!

Fan Mail!

In the mail bag this year have come a number of letters that have given us encouragement and praise. Thomas Blevins writes from Washington, D. C.:

"I am receiving my copy of your paper regularly and enjoy the home news very much. Please accept my congratulations on your very good weekly editions." Thanks, Thomas.

From Warren, Ohio, comes a

letter from Mrs. C. B. Biller: "Dear Editor and Staff—Inclosed please find check for renewal of my subscription to The Post. I want to thank you for your good paper, through it we keep up with what is going on in our home county. This is of great interest to me and I always look forward to the arrival of my down south paper. Before I do anything else I read all of the news. I have been away from Ashe county for more than two years and have seen a lot of pretty country, nice farm homes, and beautiful farms; but when I think of the Garden Spot of the World, that's Ashe County, with its beautiful hills and their pinacles pointing heavenward, the good cold springs to drink from, the pure mountain air to breathe and best of all, the hospitality and kindness of our people there. My New Year's wishes go to the editor and staff for a successful year, also to all our friends a Happy New Year!"

Even if we are a little late in relaying Mrs. Biller's message we appreciate it and am sure all her friends will.

On The Air

Morris Eller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eller is a student at Chapel Hill majoring in radio. He left there on a bright and sunny day on Friday to spend a little time at home. As air-minded as he is, he even admitted that it was a little airish here, Saturday.

Lt. George Koen and Mrs. Koen, the former Miss Edith Colvard made a flying trip here on the week end to pick up the Lt. Jr. and his young sister, Sandra Neal, who have been visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Colvard. The Lt., a native of Pennsylvania, admitted that the air was a little too cool for him and promised to bring along some warmer weather next time, from Norfolk, where he is stationed.

Dates for the spring fat stock shows will be announced in the near future, says Leland Case, of State College.

Good grooming is a part of happy and successful living.

N. C. Board Of Education Approves Free-Tuition Plan

Raleigh.—The State Board of Education last week endorsed a bill of Representative John Umstead of Orange to give free tuition to college students who would agree to teach five years after graduation and approved a proposed amendment calling for additional scholarships to college juniors, who would teach in elementary schools.

J. A. Pritchett, of Windsor, chairman of the board's legislative committee, said the need for teachers was "urgent and critical," especially in the elementary schools. He said the proposed amendment, which may be inserted in Umstead's bill, would give immediate relief to the

shortage in the next biennium. The board also voted to ask the North Carolina delegation in Congress to seek additional Federal funds to carry on the school lunch project in this State. A total of 1,233 schools are now participating, with an average of 20,320 pupils daily.

Mrs. Ann W. Maley, State supervisor of the lunchroom program, told the board Federal funds would be exhausted in March. She said the \$75,000,000 appropriated by Congress had been insufficient to meet the nation's needs. Under the program, North Carolina was allotted \$1,868,640.

Your Tri-County Health Dept.

By Robert R. King, Jr. District Health Officer

Scarlet fever cases have been present in more or less numbers in Watauga and Ashe counties this winter, but relatively few cases have been reported in Alleghany. In the fall of 1946 there was a great deal of the disease around Cove Creek and Blowing Rock. Since that time it generally appears that the preponderance of cases has moved gradually from Blowing Rock toward West Jefferson. The cases in North Carolina are usually not as severe as those seen in the northern states.

The disease takes its name from the fact that the first visible sign is a uniform deep red discoloration of the neck and chest. The rash is continuous rather than spotty or interrupted and spreads over the entire body except the face and scalp. The tongue is often deep red, very slick, and has minute indentions which resemble the seeds in a strawberry and give rise to the name "straw-

berry tongue." The rash is usually preceded for one or two days by a headache, fever, and sore throat and is accompanied by fever, nausea and vomiting, and loss of appetite. The rash usually fades after the sixth or seventh day and is sometimes followed by peeling of the skin. Complications of the disease which may occur include streptococcus throat, middle ear disease, nephritis, and pneumonia, and other more serious but less frequent disorders.

All cases should be quarantined for fourteen days after rash breaks out, and persons who have not had the disease and are exposed to a case should be quarantined for seven days after their last exposure.

The disease is caused in part by the streptococcus germ, but it is also thought that a virus may be present. There is no vaccination against the disease, but sometimes the blood of a person who has recovered is given to treat a severe case.

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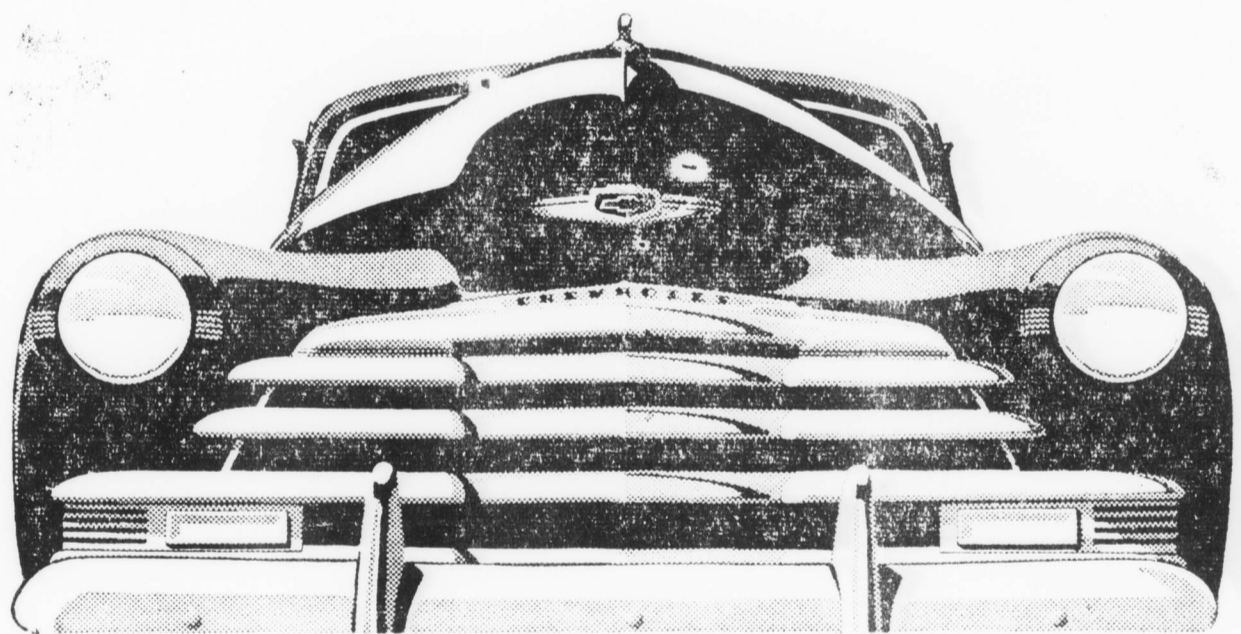
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