

Highlands Highlights

MRS. H. G. STORY

MISS BURNETTE WEDS FLORIDA MAN

Miss Joyce Elaine Burnette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dana Burnette, of Highlands, was married to Ralph Hinsdale Wetmore, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Wetmore, of Miami, Fla., in a double ring ceremony August 23 at the Highlands Baptist church. The Rev. Joseph R. Petree, of Lawnsdale, brother-in-law of the bride, was the officiating minister.

The church was decorated with baskets of white gladioli, ivy and mountain greenery, with lighted tapers in seven-branched candelabra. The pews were marked with gladioli flowers and white satin bows.

A program of wedding music was presented by Miss Mary Bascom Cook, organist. Soloists were Miss Elizabeth Newton, Miss Martha Holt, and the Rev. John C. Corbitt, pastor of the church. The traditional wedding marches were used.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of ivory satin and Chantilly lace, with fitted bodice joined to a scalloped lace yoke. The long lace sleeves tapered to points at the wrists and the full skirt extended in a train. Her two-tiered veil of imported illusion was caught to a coronet of lace and seed pearls. She carried a white Bible topped with a white orchid and satin streamers.

The maid of honor was Miss Jerry Lee McJunkin, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Her gown of dusty pink taffeta was fashion-

ed with a wide scalloped bertha. She carried a Colonial bouquet of blue asters and wore a headdress of the same flowers. Bridesmaids were Miss Jan Burnette, sister of the bride, and Miss Rosemarie Wetmore, sister of the bridegroom. They wore pastel blue taffeta dresses made similar to that of the maid of honor and carried Colonial bouquets of pink asters.

Robert Dorris, of Miami and Highlands, was best man. Ushers were Todd Davis, of Miami Beach, and Richard Saess, of Miami.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride's table was decorated with white gladioli and centered with a three-tiered wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and bridegroom.

Mrs. Burnette, mother of the bride, wore a dress of rose lace with navy accessories and a corsage of white roses. The mother of the bridegroom wore a blue lace dress and a corsage of pink roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore left immediately after the reception for a wedding trip. For traveling the bride wore a suit of beige wool with brown accessories, and the orchid from her wedding bouquet.

The bride is a graduate of Highlands High school and attended Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and the University of Florida. The bridegroom is a graduate of Edison Senior High school, Miami, and attended the University of Florida.

ENGAGED



MISS HUNT
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TO SGT. ANDREWS

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hunt, of Franklin, Route 2, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth Hunt, to Sgt. Freeland W. Andrews, of the U. S. Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Andrews, of Barton, Md.

Sgt. Andrews is stationed at Andrews Air Force base, Washington, D. C. Miss Hunt has held a government position in Washington for several years.

The wedding will take place at 4:30 p. m., October 25, at the First Presbyterian church in Highlands.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cuff, of Danielsville, Ga., were recent guests of Mrs. Jessie C. Harblson and her daughters at their home on the Walhalla road.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Meyer, of St. Louis, Mo., are here for a visit with Mrs. Meyer's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Potts.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Young, Jr., of Columbus, Ohio, and G. E. Wicklin, of London, Ohio, have returned home after spending a few days with their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh R. Shearouse and family, of Savannah, Ga., are spending a few days at Pierson inn. Mr. and Mrs. Shearouse are former operators of the inn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis had as recent week-end guests Mrs. Ada Balcombe and Miss Emma S. Fraz, of Quarryville, Pa., and Mrs. A. D. Bolton, of Commerce, Ga., and her sister, Mrs. W. W. Mitchell, of Atlanta, Ga.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Anderson over a recent week-end were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hardin, of Clyde, who were en route home following a vacation spent in Washington, D. C.

In 1950, there were 219,546 North Carolina farms with electric power. In 1930 there were less than 10,000.

Seeking Typewriters For New Highlands School Department

At a meeting of the Highlands district school committee with Principal F. N. Shearouse, the possibility of obtaining typewriters for the commercial department was discussed, and a decision reached to try and find typewriters in the community that could be loaned, donated, or sold to the school at bargain prices.

The hope was expressed that Highlands will be interested

enough in the new typing department of the school to make it possible to secure sufficient typewriters by gifts of money or by sale or loan of typewriters that are in the community.

Those who will help in any of the suggested ways are asked to get in touch with Principal Shearouse at the school building, Sidney McCarty, Dr. C. E. Mitchell, or Fred Vinson at their places of business.

Tourists Now Can See Way Indians Lived

A brand new Cherokee Indian attraction, more than a year in building, now is open to visitors at Cherokee.

It is a reproduction of a Cherokee village of the period of 200 years ago. Indians themselves act the parts of their ancestors. Known as Oconuftee Village, the new attraction is sponsored by the Cherokee Historical association, which also sponsors the successfully outdoor drama, "Unto These Hills".

The newly opened village will remain open through October this season, and it is planned to have it open from May through October next year.

Land prices have climbed more rapidly in North Carolina since 1940 than in any other state.

CONDUCT RITES FOR MRS. DILLS

Jackson County Native Is Buried At Mt. Grove Cemetery

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Lavonia Dills, a Jackson County native, who died August 28 at the home of a son, Frank Dills, of the Ellijay community, were conducted last Thursday at 11 a. m. at the Mt. Grove Baptist church by the Rev. Lee Crawford. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Dills, who was 84 years old, had been ill for some time. She was born January 4, 1868, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dills, of Jackson County, and was a member of the Mt. Grove church.

Surviving are three sons, Frank, of Ellijay, Claude, of Piedmont, S. C., and Fred, of Mt. Vernon, Wash.; a daughter, Mrs. Beulah Tilley, of Walnut Cove; a brother, Lee Dills, of Ellijay; two sisters, Mrs. Viola Young, of Ellijay and Mrs. Callie Pressley, of Speedwell; and seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were Luther Young, Jim Taylor, Earl Williams, Robert Taylor, Walter Young, and Ray Williams.

Potts Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Mason Spending Leave Here After Duty With Navy In Korean Waters

Carl F. Mason, who has been serving with the navy aboard the USS Apache in north Korean waters since December, 1951, is spending a 20-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Blaine.

At the end of his leave he will report to Pearl Harbor for reassignment.

Highlands Bird Watching Station Planned; Will Be One Of A Large Network

Tolliver Crunkleton, of Highlands, and several other volunteers are planning to organize a night bird migration observation station near Highlands—one of a vast network throughout the United States and a number of foreign countries.

The move to study the migratory habits of birds is being undertaken by two Louisiana State University scientists. The following release from the Louisiana university explains the reasons for conducting such a study.

"Sciences from A to Z—astronomy and zoology to be exact—will join hands this fall when two Louisiana State University scientists, assisted by a corps of volunteer 'bird watchers', begin a nation-wide study of night bird migration.

"With the aid of telescopes, volunteers at 200 stations in the 48 states, Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico, will count birds as they are silhouetted in flight against the light of the moon. Their findings—directions of flight, volume of migration—will be sent to the L.S.U. Museum of Natural Science, where Dr. George H. Lowery, Jr., curator, and Robert J. Newman, assistant curator, will interpret them.

"The study has fascinated zoologists and ornithologists because it was not possible to make more than an 'educated guess' about how bird migration takes place at night before the method was devised.

"Astronomers are interested because they can utilize telescopes and their interest in the heavens on bright nights, when stargazing is unprofitable.

"Because no special knowledge or equipment is required, amateurs in the field of bird watching are encouraged to take part.

"Mr. Newman has written an instruction manual for observers, giving an explanation of how the moon permits the study, field procedure and migration problems. For good measure, he put in the manual a chapter about the moon, so that observers can enjoy musing on the moon during lulls in migration.

"Dr. Lowery began the study in 1945, with the help of friends and students, who set up stations on the campus, in their backyards or any place they were when the moon was full.

"In the spring of 1948, persons at 30 stations scattered over the eastern half of the country, watched birds fly across the moon.

"Some of the results were surprising.

"Studies have indicated that, unlike birds in the daytime, nocturnal migrants rarely fly in definite flocks, sometimes they fly southward in spring and they tend to ride prevailing air currents toward their destination," according to Newman, who has been associated with Dr. Lowery in the study.

"The most unexpected discovery was the hour-to-hour pattern of migration, he said.

"After sunset the majority of the migrants seem to rest a while. Then, hour by hour, they mount in increasing numbers into the sky, a process that reaches a peak between 11 p. m. and midnight. After midnight,

the birds begin to drop to earth again, until by the hour before dawn almost all are at rest," Mr. Newman declared. He added that night migration is not a continuation of non-stop day flights.

"Dr. Lowery pointed out that Florida has always been considered a major avenue of flight, but the spring study revealed more birds used the Mexican and Gulf routes.

"One of the highest flight densities was recorded on the northern coast of Yucatan, where observers watched one bird after another head out over the Gulf of Mexico. For the first time, zoologists found strong, direct evidence that small land birds perform the seemingly impossible feat of flying non-stop over 600 miles of water.

"Many questions are still unanswered. Do spring findings hold true in the autumn? Does the moonlight itself affect the volume of migration? Do the 'chip' notes of small land birds give any indication of the number passing overhead? Do migrants advance in a wide movement or in narrow streams? Are the streams channeled along rivers, valleys, mountain ranges and coastlines? Dr. Lowery and Mr. Newman hope to eventually have most of the answers.

"What practical benefits will these answers provide? None as far as Dr. Lowery and Mr. Newman are concerned. To them the study is a pure science—they seek only to add to the zoologists' storehouse of knowledge. Others, however, have eyed the practical possibilities of the project.

"Aeronautical engineers are interested because planes, like birds, combat the elements. Understanding how birds overcome the elements and use air currents and high and low pressure areas to their advantage will help to understand how aviation can combat the problem.

"Because birds can accurately forecast the weather, and know whether to take to the air or stay aground, weathermen wonder—Do they have a 'sixth sense' or is there something in the atmosphere they detect?"

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