

## IN SOUTH CAROLINA Miss Pressley Weds Tallent

Miss Barbara Pressley and Pfc. Billy J. Tallent were married Sunday, February 23, in Walthalla, S. C.

Performing the double-ring ceremony was Probate Judge R. C. Carter, II.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Pressley, of Franklin, Route 4. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Tallent, of Franklin.

Following the ceremony, the couple took a short wedding trip to Florida.

Mrs. Tallent is a graduate of Franklin High School, Class of 1957. She is employed as secretary to Edwin T. Williams, Franklin insurance agent.

Pfc. Tallent is a Franklin high school graduate, Class of 1956, and is now stationed in the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune.

### MISS ZACHARY WEDS PRINCE IN S. C.

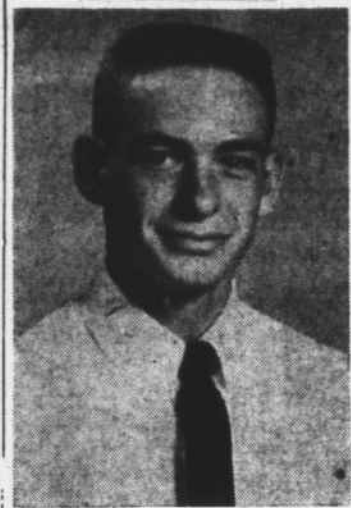
Miss Susie Zachary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Zachary, of Franklin, and Jack Prince, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Prince, of Loris, S. C., were married January 11 at the Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church in Loris.

The Rev. E. B. Carter performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride wore a white taffeta lace gown and a white finger tip veil. She carried a white Bible topped with white carnations with white satin streamers.

Mrs. Prince is employed by Southern Bell Telephone Company in Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Prince works for a vending machine company in Atlanta, where they are living.



### WINS CONTEST

John Killian, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank M. Killian, of Franklin, recently won the Nantahala Future Farmers of America Federation public speaking contest. He will represent the federation in district competition in Asheville May 2. His speech is entitled "Soil Conservation Through Grassland Farming."

## News About People

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jones Saturday went to North Wilkesboro to see Mr. Jones' aunt, Mrs. Lee Crawford, who has been ill. From North Wilkesboro, they went to Winston-Salem to visit Mrs. Jones' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Green. They returned to Franklin late Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Porter returned to their home last week end after spending most of the winter with their daughter and son-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Jerome, in Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Porter, Jr., and son have recently moved from Bryon, Tex., to Las Vegas, Nev., where Mr. Porter is civilian chief engineer of construction at Nellis Air Force Base.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Duncan visited his mother, Mrs. Jim Emory, last week end in route from Vestal N. Y., to Lexington, Ky., where he has been transferred.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Brendall, of Hickory, visited her mother, Mrs. F. H. Nolen, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stevens, of Canton, spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Conley.

Mrs. George Stevens and son, Steve, of Canton, visited her sister, Mrs. Vernon Stiles, and Mr. Stiles, last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Edwards, of Akron, Ohio, are visiting Mrs. Tom Southards at her home on Cartoogechaye.

CWO2 Charles Palmer and Mrs. Palmer are here for a two week's visit with relatives prior to reporting to the Naval Mine Craft Station, Charleston, S. C. For the past two years, Mr. Palmer has been stationed in San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Carl Slagle returned to her home recently after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. I. B. Southerland, and Mr. Southerland, in Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byrd and sons, of Brevard, visited relatives here last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cabe and son, Johnnie, visited their daughter, Miss Laura Mae Cabe, at Pfeiffer College, last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bridges, of Gastonia, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Smith last week end.

## RRITLES HELD HERE — R. R. Angel, Silver Star Recipient, Dies In Georgia

Robert R. Angel, a Macon County native who received a Silver Star in France during World War I, died February 28 at his home in Cuthbert, Ga., where he has lived for the past 23 years.

Sixty-one years old, he had been ill for a week. He suffered a heart attack in November, 1956, and had been in declining health since, although he had gradually resumed many of his usual activities.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 2, at the Bethel Methodist Church here, with the Rev. R. L. Poindexter and the Rev. Fred Sorrells in charge. The Rev. R. D. Burnette, chaplain of the local American Legion post, had charge at the graveside and local Legionnaires were pallbearers. Burial was in the church cemetery. Preceding the local service, a service was held for Mr. Angel in Cuthbert.

A World War I veteran, Mr. Angel was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action at Bellancourt, France, Sept. 29, 1918, as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces in the final drive on the Hindenburg

line. He was a member of the "Old Hickory" division and lost his left leg in the engagement with the enemy.

He attended Georgia Institute of Technology and Crichton's Business College in Atlanta. He lived in Atlanta 15 years and was a charter member of the Gate City Post No. 1, American Legion, there. In Cuthbert, he was a charter member of Greenlin Sharley Post 85, American Legion, and had served as post commander, adjutant, and service officer. At the time of his death he had served about 10 years as service officer. For four years he was justice of the peace in Cuthbert and he was active in community affairs. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post until it was disbanded. He and his wife celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary January 18 of this year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Pearl Beverette, of Cuthbert, a brother, Dave H. Angel, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Daves, both of Franklin, and a number of nieces and nephews. Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements locally.

## News Items From Ridgecrest And Watauga

Mrs. Ed (Betty) Crawford, Staff Correspondent

Two men from our communities were injured recently in a tunnel accident where they were working in Chicago, Ill.

Wiley Guest is receiving treatment for a broken collar bone in a hospital in Chicago. It was broken in two places and he will be hospitalized for about eight weeks. Charlie B. Clouse was in the same accident, but escaped serious injury. A few days later, however, he was trapped by a tram car and received five broken ribs. Mr. Clouse is hospitalized in a local hospital.

A study course on the book of Hosea is being conducted at the Watauga Baptist Church this week by the Rev. Arvil Swafford, pastor. The services start each night at 7:30 and will end Friday night.

At their regular monthly meeting Saturday night, March 1, the Ridgecrest Baptist Church Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors organized for a visitation program in the community in preparation for the county-wide simultaneous revival beginning May 4. The program is being conducted this week.

The Woman's Missionary Society held an all-day meeting Wednesday, March 5, at Mrs. J. P. Shuford's home in observance of the week of prayer.

The Watauga Home Demonstration Club is holding a quilting bee for Mrs. Frank Brendle this week at Mrs. Claude Beeco's home.

The Ridgecrest Home Demonstration Club held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, February 25, with Mrs. Lawson Snyder as hostess. The president, Mrs. Cline Crawford, presided, with 12 members present.

Six book reports were given by different members. The home garden leader, Mrs. Vernon Higdon, gave a report.

The demonstration, "Tomatoes on Your Table", was conducted by Mrs. J. P. Shuford, foods and nutrition leader. She demonstrated how to prepare "Spanish liver", using canned tomatoes, liver, and spaghetti.

For refreshments the special dish, Spanish liver, and coffee and cookies were served.

Mrs. R. D. Brendle was given a surprise birthday dinner at her home Sunday. She was 86 years old. Approximately 45 attended. Coming up from Greenville, S. C., to be with her were Mrs. Minnie Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Reynolds and children, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Green and son, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jo Batson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clayton and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clayton, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Clayton and son. Also visiting her over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fouts, of Brevard, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brendle and daughter, of Enka.

Carl Tippet, Jr., of the U.S. Navy, is spending a leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tippet.

Mrs. John Snyder, Mrs. Jesse Thompson, Mrs. Wiley Sellers, and Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and children went to Waynesville Sunday to visit a relative, Mrs. Dorothy Ford, who is in the hospital. Miss Dolly Thompson left Sun-



### THE BEST AND THE BEST

Nantahala Coach Jerry Hall (right) and his No. 1 basketball player, Ken Solesbee, have reason for smiles. The coach was named the outstanding coach of the western division of the Smoky Mountain Conference and Ken was picked as one of the outstanding players. (Staff Photo)

## DR. KILLIAN'S DREAM — Western Carolina Offering Program For Gifted Children

By MRS. LILLIAN HIRT  
(Publicity Director)

(Editor's Note: Several gifted children from Macon County are expected to enroll for the program explained in this story, according to local school officials.)

Gifted children are now beginning to receive the special attention which most educators consider long overdue. It is evident that children with exceptionally high intelligence quotients could learn faster than the normal school program allows; but it is equally evident that teachers must devote their time to a curriculum best suited to the greatest number of pupils.

Western Carolina College at Cullowhee is experimenting in this field, and will offer classes for intellectually gifted children this summer. For several years now, WCC has conducted a demonstration school enrolling children from pre-school through certain areas of high school work, providing enrichment features for normal children, special instruction for handicapped children, and classes for parents and in-service teachers. However, this is the first year that anything has ever been offered especially for the advanced child.

### Cherished Dream

Dr. Carl Dan Killian, head of WCC's education department, and guidance clinic, and a qualified psychologist, has long cherished the dream of developing such training. He feels that the projected plans for enrolling advanced children who may go ahead at their own speed is one of the most important steps ever taken by his department.

Dr. Killian hastens to explain, however, that the summer class is not intended to "put ahead" or allow children to skip grades in regular school, but is designed to provide opportunities beyond those available in their grades. In a sense, it is a combination school and camp.

### For Fifth-Graders

As a starter, only one class will be offered, from June 9 to July 18. This is for intellectually gifted fifth-graders who can meet exacting requirements, which are defined as: (1) high in academic aptitude as demonstrated by group and/or individual tests; (2) advanced at least two years educationally as demonstrated by standard achievement tests; (3) interested in and have an aptitude for science, literature, mathematics, or other fields that especially lend themselves to enrichment; (4) at least average in social and emotional maturity. Each child must be screened by an approved psychologist, preferably on the staff at WCC.

The class for gifted children will be a part of the regular summer demonstration school, with the forenoon devoted to classwork. The afternoon will be given over to special educational, social, and recreational activities, such as field trips, nature hikes, swimming, square dancing, and other things in which the children are interested.

### Carter To Teach

Douglas Carter, of Winston-Salem, will serve as instructor for the class. Mr. Carter has had special training in the area of the gifted child at Columbia University, and for the past two years has taught a class of gifted children in the Winston-Salem city schools.

The summer schedule is also an experiment in social development as well as intellectual pursuits. This will be highlighted in the housing arrangements, since most of the children will live in a college dormitory, taking their meals in

the college dining room, away from their normal surroundings. Of course, they will have competent, qualified supervisors to aid them in adjusting to the different atmosphere. Parents may not stay with the children, but it is desirable that they confer with Dr. Killian in advance, and again after the term ends.

### Can Get Help

Costs for six weeks, including tuition, room, board, laundry, and medical fees, will amount to \$125 per child. However, Dr. Killian said that a child who needs and wants the service could probably obtain some financial help. He explained that in a few instances certain people and civic clubs have indicated an interest in contributing money to defray part or all of the expenses for applicants from their respective towns.

Procedures for selecting the children to attend require the cooperation of principals, teachers, and parents. In any given school, the principal and fifth grade teacher will nominate a child who shows promise, and the parent will be notified of this nomination. The parent, again working with the principal and teacher, will have the child screened by a competent psychologist, and the results will be forwarded to Dr. Killian. He, with the help of a committee, will make the final selections.

### Training Value

According to Dr. Killian, the outcome of the summer class may well be of considerable value to instructors in the college's education department, who are training teachers for the public schools. Also, some who are already teaching will be able to observe techniques, thereby strengthening their own procedures in working with advanced children in ordinary classroom situations. Over and above this value, however, is the idea that it will serve as incentive to the children themselves. Even though they return to their regular school classes in the fall, it is expected that the summer term will have opened doors of exploration which the children may continue outside their normal curriculum, either alone or with the guidance of their teachers.

### In 11th Year

The summer demonstration school at WCC is now in its 11th year, and offers a wide variety of enrichment features for the normal child. In fact, it was established for this purpose. The curriculum is designed to cement what the child has learned during the regular school year, and to provide certain opportunities not ordinarily possible in the classroom. The faculty is composed of teachers who have proven their outstanding abilities in classrooms all over the state, and a few from other states.

In addition to the school's value for the children, it offers opportunity for a very few mature students to engage in student teaching, and for larger groups of in-service teachers to earn credit in directed observation.

Each summer special instructors are employed for work with handicapped children, serving a three-fold purpose. The children who can't keep up with their age groups in school receive instruction at their own level; teachers who work in special education may observe these classes; and instruction is offered for parents of handicapped children enabling them to improve their own efforts in training their children.

Dr. Maurice B. Morrill, professor of education, is director of the summer demonstration school.

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