



MRS. ROBERT S. HENSLEY
the former Miss Margie L. Merrell

Miss Margie L. Merrell, Robert S. Hensley Wed

Miss Margie L. Merrell was married to Robert S. Hensley on Saturday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Alice Bell Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn. The Rev. Clell Gibson and the Rev. A. R. Pedigo performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Merrell of Knoxville, and the

granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Merrell of Mars Hill.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Hensley, also of Knoxville.

Mrs. David Boles, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor, and Miss Sharon Merrell, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Shirlene Lowe, Miss Nancy Mullen, Miss Brenda Brown, Mrs. Jan Scott and Mrs. Butch Alder.

Mr. Hensley was his son's best man and groomsmen were Gary Neilson, Eric Nelson, Fred Slover, Roy Nichols, Mike Haley and Jay Dudley.

A reception was held at the church following the ceremony, and the rehearsal party was given by the groom's parents at Holiday Inn.

After a wedding trip to Florida the couple will reside in Knoxville.

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Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. James Runnion and son, Roger, of Greenville, S. C. visited his mother, Mrs. Willie Runnion, and his aunts, Mrs. Dora Ramsey and Mrs. Minnie McLean, on Sunday, September 6, in Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Gibbs of Arlington, Va. spent the Labor Day weekend with Miss Stella Carver of Marshall who is the aunt of Mrs. Gibbs. They returned to Arlington Tuesday of last week.

James Hardee of Conway, S. C. spent Saturday night here with Mr. and Mrs. Guy White. He was accompanied home on Sunday by Mrs. Hardee who had spent several days here due to the illness of her mother, Mrs. William Worley.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Morton returned to their home in Wilmington on Saturday after spending a few days here with Mrs. Morton's mother, Mrs. William Worley, and other relatives.

Miss Mildred Stines of Glen Alpine spent the weekend in Marshall with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Stines.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bell of Sylacauga, Ala. visited Mrs. Bell's nephew, Jimmy Thomas, and Mrs. Thomas of Route 5, Marshall, during their recent trip to Madison County.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberts, Mrs. Ruby Bennett and children, Robin and Steven; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tackett and children, and nephew, Buzz Newsome of Michigan are visiting Mrs. Emma Cody and other relatives and friends in Marshall and Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ramsey and daughters, Debbie and Donna, spent Sunday in Boiling Springs with their daughter, Shirley, who is a student at Gardner Webb College. They also visited the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Sorrells. Mr. Sorrells is a former pastor of the Enon Baptist Church.

Child Abuse, Neglect Prevention Week

Governor Bob Scott has proclaimed next week "Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Week" in North Carolina.

The MADISON County Department of Social Services together with its counterparts throughout the state will attempt to inform the citizens of North Carolina about the extent of child abuse and neglect and how they can help by reporting such incidents to their departments.

Last year over 2,000 cases of child abuse and neglect were reported to the county departments of social services throughout the state. Each county department reports each case to the central registry maintained by the State Department of Social Services.

A glance at excerpts from these reports gives some vivid examples of how serious this problem really is.

"...Six year old child severely bruised all over both buttocks extending above waistline. Bruises on arms and face; large bite imprint on right arm; and long scratch on neck. Child attributed all to her mother. Mother admitted inflicting injuries."

"...Referrel indicated that the four children, aged four to nine years, are allowed to roam as they please. In one instance the children were out-doors in extremely cold weather without shoes and proper clothing. Physical abuse of one child was alleged

Going Away Party Given

Everyone at Spring Creek was sorry to hear about and see John Barnes, 5th and 6th grade teacher, going back to New York. He was honored at a Going Away Party at the home of Jeff Burton at Hot Springs Saturday night.

Many of his friends attended to express their appreciation for his work at Spring Creek School and his efforts last summer in coaching the community's Little League baseball team. We hope he will return soon to visit us.

Tax Requirements Changed

In prior years, any citizen or resident of the United States under 65 having gross income of \$600 or more during the tax year was required to file a Federal Income Tax Return.

Next year things will be different. The Tax Reform Act of 1969 provides the following filing requirements for individuals.

1. A single person (not self-employed) whose income in 1970 was less than \$1700 is not required to file a Federal Tax Return.

2. A single person who is over 65 or blind need not file a return if his income was less than \$2300; but if he is both blind and over 65, he need not file a return if his income is under \$2900.

3. A married couple, who share the same household at the end of the year, need not file a return if their combined incomes were less than \$2300.

4. Married taxpayers are entitled to an additional exemption of \$600 each for

in that father beat the child and placed his feet in extremely hot water."

"...School attendance counselor reported situation. Boy, age 11, stated he had been beaten and physically displayed marks of abuse. He reported a brother, age 10, as not attending school this year, abused, kept upstairs in a room and put in car trunk when family was traveling. Boy found upstairs and had discolored buttocks and innumerable old scars on shaved head."

Growing public awareness and interest in this problem led all states in the nation to enact laws during the 1960's requiring or recommending that medical personnel and others report incidents of suspected physical abuse to appropriate local and state authorities.

A major objective of this legislation was to improve the mechanism for locating cases of child abuse and neglect and to assure protective services for the victims, their siblings, and their parents. A secondary purpose was to obtain a better understanding of the scope and nature of the phenomenon than was possible when only a few selected cases came to the notice of health, education, welfare, and law enforcement authorities.

The provisions of reporting legislation vary from state to state. Reporting is mandatory in all states except Alaska, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Texas, and Washington. In these states it is left to the discretion of those responsible for reporting.

The reporting law passed in North Carolina 1965 gave county departments of social services full authority to investigate and initiate legal proceedings if necessary. It also established immunity for physicians, school personnel, and others who report abuse and neglect of children, unless the reporter acts in bad faith or with malicious intent.

Even with these new laws, most social workers feel that the biggest problem is the unreported cases. It has been estimated that at least as many incidents as have been reported remain unreported.

During next week the local department of social services will have as its prime objective the distribution of a new pamphlet "How You Can Help Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect" to all school personnel, doctors, hospitals, and other interested groups. In addition

to this they will be providing speakers for civic clubs, seeking announcements in church bulletins and using other various means of informing the public as to how they should report acts of child abuse and neglect.

Household Shower

Miss Jean Stines, Mrs. Bobby Dean Franklin, Mrs. Lewis Randall, Mrs. Donald Ramsey and Mrs. C. Buckner entertained a household shower Tuesday evening at the REA building in honor of Miss Ann Tilson, bride-elect of Richard M. Thomason.

Games and contests were enjoyed and prizes won by Miss Cynthia Niles, Mrs. Lewis Randall and Mrs. J. L. McElroy.

Those attending in addition to the honoree were Mrs. C. E. Mashburn, Mrs. Jerry Rice, Mrs. Richard Wilde, Miss Phyllis Niles, Mrs. Leonard Ponder, Mrs. Jimmy Davis, Mrs. Bobby Plemmons, Miss Cynthia Niles, Mrs. Ed Niles, Mrs. Dean Riggsby and daughter, Deanna, Mrs. Geneva James, Mrs. Eva Sams, Mrs. J. L. McElroy, Mrs. E. C. Teague, Mrs. Bill Roberts, Mrs. John Corbett, Miss Teresa Henderson, Miss Susie Davis, Miss Billie Lynn Roberts, Miss Joyce Randall, all of Marshall; and Mrs. Anne Israel and Miss Beverly Israel of Asheville; and the hostesses



"FOOD FOR THOUGHT"

Fully to understand human conduct as a whole, we must study it as a part of that larger whole constituted by the conduct of animate beings in general.

Napoleon I once said that a man is known by his conduct to his wife, his family, and to those under him.

Nowadays you can't judge a woman's character by her clothes; insufficient evidence.

The average housewife has her own price index—to go buy, or go by—depending on the price tag.

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