


MR. AND MRS. GARY SPRINKLE were married on April 18 in Memorial Church of God in Marshall. The bride, the former Sandra Hensley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hensley of Walnut. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Sprinkle Jr. of Marshall.

3 County Residents Named To Health Post

Three county residents have been named Mental Health Bellringer chairpersons for the May 1980 campaign of the Mental Health Association in North Carolina.

They are Mrs. Minnie Bullman of Walnut, Ms. Martha Carter of Marshall and Hank Holmes of Hot Springs.

"The Mental Health Association is the largest citizens voluntary advocacy organization in the United States fighting mental illness and promoting mental health," said President Heranando Palmer. "We are pleased that First Lady Rosalyn Carter, honorary chairperson of the President's Commission on Mental Health, is an active member of the Mental Health Association."

Since the organization is non-profit and nongovernmental, its entire sup-

port must come from contributions such as those to be collected in May, which is Mental Health Month in North

The original and continuing purposes of the Association are to:

-improve attitudes toward mental illness and the mentally ill through public educa-

-improve services for the mentally ill, and

-work for the prevention of mental and emotional illness and the promotion of mental

The social action and public education programs of the Association help to assure that appropriate funds are available to support public mental health services in North Carolina, and that laws are passed to protect the rights of the mentally ill.

Ann Deagan To Read Her Poetry At MHC

Mars Hill College will host the second poet's reading in The Arts Journal Poetry Forum when Ann Deagon, professor of classics at Guilford College in Greensboro, will present a reading of her work May 11 at 1 p.m. in Belk Auditorium.

Dr. Deagon is a native of Alabama and received her bachelor's degree from Birmingham Southern College. She also earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The year-long series of readings and workshops is sponsored by The Arts Journal, a multi-disciplinary arts magazine published in Asheville. The series is funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, and in part by individuals, area colleges - including Mars Hill - and other regional institutions. The magazine will print profiles of each poet during the year as well as previously unpublished material by each in a special edition early in 1981.

Dr. Deagon is one of the bet-ter published poets in the South. Her first volume, Poetics South, was published by John F. Blair in 1974. Since then she has had four additional books of poetry printed: Carbon 14 (University of

Indian Summer (Unicorn Press, 1975), Women and Children First (Iron Mountain Press, 1976), and There is No Balm in Birmingham (David R. Godine, 1978). A sixth volume, tentatively entitled The Polo Poems, is near completion. In addition to her poetry, Dr. Deagon has published a number of short stories which have appeared in various magazines and anthologies.

Her poems have been described as pervaded by a wry humor, an ironic sense of self, and infused with the discovery of myth in the commonplace. Critics have noted that her poems and short stories convey the feeling that she is a woman who brings passion and intensity to every endeavor. Her commanding presence in personal appearances across the nation has never failed to move the

The reading at Mars Hill is open to the public at no admission charge. A reception in the main lounge of Wren College Union will be held following the reading. A three-woman music group, "Circa," will perform traditional and contemporary folk songs before and after the reading.

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The eighth Wildflower Pilgrimage, beginning at 7 p.m. May 2 at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, will offer 12 different programs and tours before it ends

The Pilgrimage is sponsored by the Department of Biology at UNC-Asheville and the independent University Botanical Gardens in cooperation with The National Park Service (Blue Ridge Parkway), the U.S. Forest Service and the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station. Dr. James D. Perry, associate professor of biology at UNC-A,

Registration begins at 7 p.m. May 2 in the lobby of the Carmichael Humanities

Building at UNC-A. The fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for students covers all events. The activities will take place regardless of weather conditions. Transportation will not be furnished.

The first event of the pilgrimage is at 8 p.m. in the Humanities Lecture Hall. Dr. Wilbur H. Duncan, professor of botany at the University of Georgia, will give an illustrated talk on "Wildflowers of the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts of the United States and

Saturday events include a birdwalk and wildflower motorcade and a nature tour for hikers, both starting from UNC-A at 8 a.m. a Parkway tour starting at Oteen at 9 a.m., a tour to Mt. Pisgah starting from UNC-A at 9 a.m., another tour starting at 9:30 a.m. at the university and going north on the Parkway, and a 9:30 a.m. "insect tour" if there is enough interest.

From 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday there will be a bog garden and wildflower walk at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Shinn in Leicester.

At 8 p.m. in UNC-A's Rhoades Science Building nature photographer and naturalist Bill Duyck will give an illustrated talk on birds and wildflowers of the mountains.

On Sunday there will be a dawn to noon birding trip starting at 6 a.m. at the university and making frequent stops on a tour to Old Fort and up the Parkway.

There will be another visit to the Shinn residence from 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday to end this year's pilgrimage.

More information may be obtained from Dr. Perry at the UNC-A Botany Department.

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