

Shannon Joyner Marries Dr. Michael Haskett

Shannon Delissa Joyner and Dr. Michael Kent Haskett were united in marriage on Dec. 28 in a ceremony held in the First Christian Church of Crown Point, Indiana. Walter Puckett, pastor of the church, presided over the candlelight ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ramsey. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Haskett of Crown Point.

The bride wore a gown of Chantilly lace with a silk rose border. She carried a white Bible and a bouquet of white and scarlet roses.

Debbie Hodge was the maid of honor. Dinae Davidson, Patty Serhal, Kim Davidson and Susie Lynn served as bridesmaids. They each wore scarlet taffeta gowns and carried white long-stemmed roses.

Wendy Watson, the bridegroom's niece, served as the flower girl. The bridegroom's nephew, Chad Serhal, served as the ringbearer.

K. Shawn McClarnon served as the best man. Dave Fullenkamp, Al Serhal, Dan Davidson and Tim Owen served as groomsmen. Dan Wheeler and Brad Robbins served as ushers and David Watson was a junior groomsmen.

Following a wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Lynchburg, Va., where they will establish an optometric practise.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL K. HASKETT

Vegetable School Planned

The 1986 Mountain Area Vegetable School will be held at the Chariot Restaurant in Hendersonville on Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. A wide variety of vegetable crops will be discussed and equipment and supplies will be on display. The annual school presents an opportunity for local farmers to learn of alternative crop opportunities.

To reach the meeting, take I-26 to the U.S. 64 West exit. The restaurant is on the left after you cross Main Street. For more information, contact extension agent Wiley DuVall at 649-2411.

Edna Edmonds Is Married

Edna Edmonds and Dr. Sheldon Freud of Alexandria, Va. were united in marriage on Jan. 24.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Edmonds of Mars Hill. A graduate of Mars Hill H.S., she is employed by the First American Bank of Washington, D.C.

The bridegroom is the senior scientist and director of human reliability programs for the Oak Ridge associated universities, assigned to Washington, D.C.

The couple will make their home in Alexandria, Va.

Jake Grigg Re-Elected

Jake Grigg of Mars Hill was re-elected as president of the Western North Carolina Development Association during the organization's annual meeting last week in Asheville.

Grigg, the president of the Mountain Farm Credit Service, has served as the farm and rural development organization president for the past year. The 35-year old association is organized in nearly 100 communities in the 18 WNC counties. Madison County chapters are organized in Mars Hill, Greater Ivy, Walnut Creek, Marshall and Sleepy Valley.

Ruth Gregory of Marshall and Dr. Larry Stern of Mars Hill were re-elected to the organization's board of directors.

Hendon

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A 400-mile buffer zone would not only exempt the WNC site from further consideration, but would also disqualify many of the other 11 candidates still in the running for the second nuclear dump site. One of those is located in Wake, Johnston and Franklin counties in the center of North Carolina.

Final selection of the site will not come until 1998.

Another point in Hendon's plan is also directed at the MRS facility. Hendon said he hoped to block congressional authorization of a MRS facility—and its funding.

"Maybe we don't need it," he said. "Maybe it's too expensive. Maybe it's not needed in the chain from origin to deep geologic storage of nuclear waste."

DOE is scheduled to ask request MRS funding on Feb. 6.

Hendon has asked Morris Udall, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, to hold oversight hearings on the MRS issue. The hearings would examine the need for MRS and the impact on transportation between the source of nuclear waste and its storage.

Other aspects of Hendon's 10-point plan are:

- DOE hearings in WNC. Dates for the hearings have not yet been set, but Hendon said it is important to have good public turnout at the hearings.

- "This gives us ample time to prepare the strongest possible argument we can muster against putting nuclear waste into these beautiful mountains," Hendon said.

- Preparation of a comprehensive response to the proposed nuclear waste plan. The response should include statements concerning possible impact on groundwater resources, proximity to highly populated areas, the transportation system and the effect on the tourism industry.

Steen

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Steen told The News Record that he will oppose the creation of a nuclear waste depository in WNC, saying, "I have been active in the organizations opposing the nuclear waste repository being considered for Madison County."

The filing period for candidates in the May 13 primaries continues until Monday at noon. Complete listings of all candidates for state and local offices will appear in next week's edition.

Hendon cited a report that 47 percent of the people surveyed would change their travel plans if they knew their vacation spot was near a nuclear waste storage facility.

"You can imagine the impact that would have on Western North Carolina," he said.

The Haywood-Buncombe-Madison site, part of the Elk River rock formation, is seven miles from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, "the crown jewel of our national park system," Hendon said. It is also 8 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway, 8 miles from the Shining Rock Wilderness and within 10 miles of highly populated areas.

- Formation of citizens' task forces on nuclear waste in each of the 17 Western North Carolina counties.

- Petition drives, letter-writing campaigns and school essay contests.

- Use of Hendon's Congressional Mobile Office to Haywood, Buncombe, Madison and other WNC counties to coordinate public opposition.

"We'll wear out the back roads of Madison, Haywood and Buncombe counties to provide information to the people and to mobilize public opposition to this," Hendon said.

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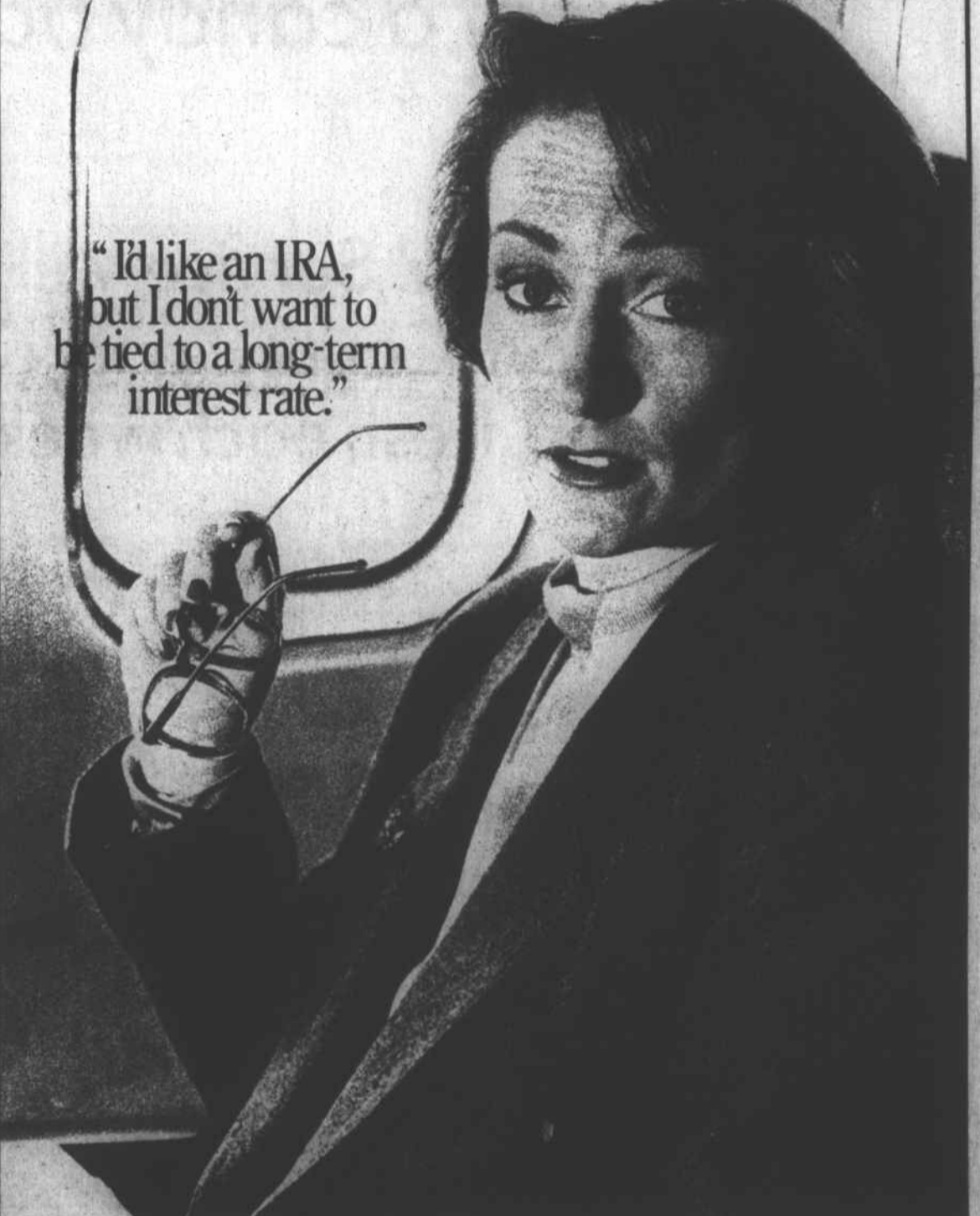
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