

# Social Events

Mrs. Steve Phillips, Social Reporter, 875-4171

## Sowers-Gardner Couple Wed In Lumberton On Saturday

Jane Sherrin Gardner and John Charles Sowers, both of Winston-Salem, were married Saturday, January 10, at noon in the First Baptist Church of Lumberton with Dr. Russell T. Cherry, Jr., officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sherrin Gardner of Lumberton and the granddaughter of J.M. McGoogan of Lumber Bridge. Parents of the bridegroom are Dr. and Mrs. Oswald Marvin Sowers of Winston-Salem.

Wedding musicians were Mrs. John Reissner, organist; William Fritz, flutist; Robert Romine, trumpeter; and the Rev. Brunell Phillips, vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of classic design in candlelight silk-finished satin and French alencon lace. The empire bodice featured a Queen Anne neckline and long tapered sleeves. Appliques of Bristol lace adorned the satin skirt. Tiny satin-covered buttons ornamented the back of the gown. A narrow border of alencon lace edged the hemline of the skirt which extended into a chapel-length train. A chapel-length veil of silk illusion with a border of alencon lace fell from a satin and pearl Juliet headpiece. She carried a bouquet of ivory roses and babies' breath.

Jennifer Susan Gardner of Atlanta, Georgia was maid of honor for her sister. She wore a formal gown of crepe-backed satin in Williamsburg blue designed with a blouson bodice and camisole straps and featuring a separate jacket with mandarin collar and cap sleeves. She carried long-stemmed wine roses tied with matching velvet ribbons.

Bridesmaids, whose attire and flowers were identical to that of the honor attendant, were Mrs. Oswald Sowers, Jr., of Norfolk, Va.; Sallie Richie of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Ingram Hedgpeth, Jr. of Charlotte; Mrs. Robert Kimball of Knightdale; and Mrs. Robert Saunders of Winston-Salem.

The bridegroom's father served as best man. Ushers were Oswald Sowers, Jr. of Norfolk, Va., brother of the bridegroom; Kenneth Carlson, William Griffin, and Frank Hinman II, all of Winston-Salem; and Lt. Leslie Myers of Milton, Fla.

The mother of the bride wore a formal gown of soft yellow tissue crepe fashioned with an open neckline accented with yellow beads and long bishop sleeves gathered into cuffs.

The bridegroom's mother was attired in a formal gown of blouson chiffon featuring a crystal-pleated skirt and fitted waistline accented with an obi sash.

After a wedding trip to Aspen, Colorado, the couple will reside in Winston-Salem.

The bride is a graduate of Salem College and Wake Forest University. She is employed with Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a senior at Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

### RECEPTION

The parents of the bride entertained at a reception in the Pinecrest Country Club of Lumberton.

Mrs. Ingram P. Hedgpeth poured punch, and cake was served by Mrs. Dixon James and Mrs. Julius Singletary. The bride's book was kept by Mrs. E. Regan McIntyre.

Others assisting were Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Hungate, Mr. and Mrs. Empie Wishard, Rev. and Mrs. Brunell Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Guit, and Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Lmeberry.



Mrs. John Charles Sowers

## Soloists Are Named For Merry Widow Production

Dr. Armand Kitto, Director, Moore County Choral Society, today announced the names of eight vocal soloists, six "Grisette" dancers and a waltz duo for the Society's concert version production of "The Merry Widow." This event, called Gala II, will be held in the Cardinal Room of the Pinehurst Hotel at 1 p.m. Sunday February 15, as a brunch followed by the concert.

Dr. Kitto commented: "We are following a trend which, in the past few years, has brought a strong revival of 'The Merry Widow' - the world's most often produced and best loved operetta.

"Woven around a narrated plot of charming nonsense, the music scintillates with lively Viennese waltzes and capitating melodies filled with fresh and melodic invention. There is a swaying grace of line to which one could dance throughout the entire score. And dance we will, with the famous 'Grisette' (popularly called can-can) girls and a waltz duo - all singers from our own ranks.

"All of the operetta's music will be presented but the performance will be shortened to a fast paced eighty minutes by the devices of narration of the plot and elimination of the entracte. Such favorites, each often heard in it's own right, as 'The Merry Widow Waltz,' 'Villa,' 'I'm off The Chev Maxim's,' 'Red is the Rose of May time' and 'Come Away to the Ball' will be heard.

"An enthusiastic and talented group of vocal soloists will include Anne Freeze as Anna, John Hatcher as Danilo, Elaine Sills as Valencienne, Charles Gainer as Camille, Joseph Currie as Baron Zeta, Martin Foster as Cascada, Allison Lawrence-Smith as Sylviane and Gail Summers as Olga.

"Sheila and Raymond Wakefield will be the waltz duo. Under the

direction of choreographer and performer Mary Lee Schulte the "Grisettes" will be Barbara James, Dell Alford, Kathryn Pizzi, Connie McKay and Billie Joyce Hill. Dr. Herbert Horn, well known concert pianist will be the accompanist and Carol Klingenschmidt the costumer. Gala II chairman is Sherry Bryant, working with director Kathryn Ewing.

Gala II is the principal financial support effort of MCCS, which is not publicly or otherwise funded. Table places will be \$20.00 per person, seating requests will be honored or made at random and each reservation or a donation of \$20.00 or more will make the subscriber a valued patron of MCCS. Reservation or contributions may be sent to MCCS, Box 272, Southern Pines, N.C. 28387. Include phone number for acknowledgment.

Membership Committee chairperson Blanche Woodruff has issued an invitation to all singers in the area to take this opportunity to join MCCS. Only minimal group singing experience is necessary. Interested persons need only present themselves at the first rehearsal, Tuesday January 13, 7:15 p.m. at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, May Street, Southern Pines. If advance information is desired, call Mrs. Woodruff at 692-7783 evenings.



### Births

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm B. Culbreth Jr. of Selma announce the birth of a son, Malcomb B. Culbreth III, on Jan. 4, at Johnson Memorial Hospital, Smithfield. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm B. Culbreth Sr. of Raeford.

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## Shockley-Howard



Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Shockley announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann, to Joel Dean Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Howard of Huntersville. A March 1st wedding is planned at First Baptist Church in Raeford. The bride-elect is a 1980 graduate of Pembroke State with a BS in Home Economics and is employed with House of Raeford Farms. The prospective bridegroom is also a 1980 graduate of Pembroke State with a BS in biology and is employed at Duke Power in Charlotte.

## Mrs. English Honored With Stork Shower

A stork shower was given for Mrs. Ricky English Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joyce McDiarmid.

Mrs. Marie Warner was co-hostess. It was a wine-and-cheese party, with hot spiced cider also served.

## Hospital News

**MOORE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
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Ollie O'Brian  
Maude Lewis

**DUKE HOSPITAL**  
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Randy Quick, Jr.

Energy ... YESTERDAY!  
Energy ... TODAY!  
Energy ... TOMORROW ... Maybe!!!



Mrs. Minnie McMillan

## Mrs. McMillan Celebrates 95th Birthday

Mrs. Minnie McMillan celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday on January 4, with a party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elwood Baker.

Attending were her four children, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Hanna Lee, Mrs. Evelyn Davis, and Ardenia Davis, all of Raeford, eleven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and four nieces.

A cake holding ninety-five candles was enjoyed by all. Mrs. McMillan received many nice gifts.

## Personals

On Sunday, January 4, Myra McNeill, Pam McNeill and Elsie Graves traveled to Charlotte, to see the Davidson-Notre Dame basketball game. The young ladies were special guests of Davidson freshman player, Kenneth Wayne 'Kenny' Wilson.

Miss Graves of Mebane, is a freshman at Greensboro College. She spent several days in Hoke County visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Willie McNeill and family. On Wednesday Myra left for Mebane to spend a few days with the Graves family prior to returning to Greensboro College on Jan. 11.

## Engaged



Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Atkinson of Shannon announce the engagement of their daughter, Leaza Arlene, to Tony Kirk Floyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Floyd of Raeford. A January 18th wedding is planned at Dundarruch Presbyterian Church. The bride-elect is a graduate of Hoke County High and Sir Walter Beauty Academy of Fayetteville and is employed with Mark Vandell Hair Cutters of Fayetteville. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Hoke County High and is employed with Burlington Mills of Raeford.

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