

Family Health

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Like so many other things, North Carolina pioneered in providing its citizens with dental care through the framework of a public health program. In 1918, North Carolina became the first state in the nation to start such a program.

Of course the concept of what a dental public health program should do was far different in those days than it is today. The program was originally developed to provide emergency care -- relieve pain, if you will -- for school children. As a matter of fact, early emphasis by both public and private dental professionals was emergency care. The idea was that teeth could not be saved and the main job of dentists was to pull teeth and make false ones.

It is amazing how prevalent the belief is today. Some people still hold when a person reaches middle age, he probably will lose his teeth. In many cases losing one's teeth and getting false ones is considered an accomplishment -- especially if "bad teeth" have caused the victim untold suffering through the years as a result of lack of care. However, common such ideas are, they are fast giving way to acceptance of the

fact that proper care of teeth -- for any age -- can reward even those with "bad teeth" with years (or even a lifetime) of sound dental health.

A great deal of the credit for changed attitudes toward good dental health has to go to the North Carolina Health Department's Dental Health Section. Mostly through its efforts, community flouridation, rural school water flouridation, weekly flouride mouthrinse and daily plaque control programs have been initiated. And they have been successful.

All the progress in dental public



Births

Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Jordan of Charlotte announce the birth of a son, William Hammond, on July 19 at Presbyterian Hospital. Mrs. Jordan is the former Beth Hammond of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McMinis of Kernersville announce the birth of a son, Roger Todd, on July 15.

health notwithstanding, periodontal (gum) disease has increased sharply, particularly in the non-white population. So far, public health officials have not come up with a program to effectively combat the periodontal problem -- which is said to be of epidemic proportions. Fortunately, according to Phyllis Gray, public health educator with the Dental Health Section, nearly all periodontal disease in the under 20 age group can be reversed by improvement in teeth care and dietary habits -- plus a minimum of professional care.

Bridal Couple Feted With Pool Party

Gay Kirkley and Tom Pilkington, who will be married on July 25, were honored with a pool party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holland.

Other hostesses for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Macko and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Pickler. Approximately 40 guests enjoyed homemade ice cream and cake.

The bridal couple received an ice cream freezer from the host and hostess.

Bridal Shower Given For Miss Harrell

A bridal shower honoring Miss Lynne Harrell was held in the home of Mrs. Horace Stogner on July 15.

Guests were served in the dining room where the table was decorated with pink roses, white babies' breath and pink candles.

The bride-elect opened and displayed her many lovely and useful gifts.

Miss Harrell and Mark Madden will be married on August 15.

Social Events

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Miss McNeill, Mr. Washington Wed In FTI Rose Garden Ceremony

Miss Doris Ann McNeill, daughter of Mrs. Lena Bell McNeill and the late Mr. Sullivan McNeill of Duffie Station, Red Springs, and Larry Washington, son of Mrs. Queen Ester Kirksey of Raeford were united in marriage Saturday, July 10, at 1:00 in FTI Rose Garden of Fayetteville. The Rev. Ervin Hopkins of Salisbury officiated the double ring ceremony.

Traditional wedding music was presented by the Rev. Dennis N. Caldwell of Hope Mills, and vocalists, Mrs. Gloria Jean McBryde and Mr. Hubert Peterkin, sang "Endless Love" and "The Lord's Prayer".

The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, Roosevelt Galberth, was attired in a white satin gown shaped on the shoulders, with a train attached trimmed in medallion lace featuring a Tulle laced bodice, flared skirt with princess seaming and laced short sleeves. The veil with a satin rose bud head band was long with medallion lace and she wore laced long gloves. The bride also carried a small white Bible with a bouquet of spring flowers trimmed with ribbons.

The mother of the bride was attired in a street-length pink chiffon dress, laced with three quarter length sleeves. The bridegroom's mother wore a beige two-piece street-length suit. They both wore corsages matching the bouquet of the bride.

The bride and groom were attended at the altar by maid of honor, Betty Mae McNeill, of Brooklyn, NY, sister of the bride. She wore a green satin formal length gown with laced cape.

Bridesmaids were Barbara J. King of Red Springs, sister of the bride; her cousins, Karen Galberth of Brooklyn, NY, Sharlyn Redmond, of Laurel Hill; Verlina



Mrs. Larry Washington

McNeill, of Red Springs; Genevieve McCormick of Greensboro, and Dorothy Kershaw of Raeford, sister of groom. They all wore yellow satin formal length gowns with matching laced capes and carried white laced fans with yellow and green bouquets of flowers.

The bride's dress as well as the

bridesmaids' dresses were fashioned by the bride.

Best man was James Washington of Raeford, uncle of the groom. Groomsmen were Ralph Parker, Dennis Parker, James Kershaw, brother-in-law of the groom, Alfred McPhaul and Larry McCollum, all of Raeford.

Ring bearers were LeShawn D. McNeill and Xhahmir C. King, nephews of the bride, of Red Springs.

Flower girls were Myohosi Kershaw of Raeford, niece of the groom, and Jennita Marie McNeill of Red Springs, cousin of the bride. They wore gowns like those of the bridesmaids.

The bride is a 1972 graduate of Hoke County High School and attended Fayetteville State University where she majored in Business Education. She is presently employed at NC Piedmont Correction Center of Salisbury as Program Assistant I. The bridegroom is a 1973 graduate of Hoke County High School, attended Charlotte Truck Driving School, and is presently employed at the CFC Corp. of China Grove. The couple's home will be Salisbury.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Lumbee River Electric Corp. Center in Red Springs. The guests were greeted by members of the wedding party. Mrs. Francis McPhatter and Mrs. Mary Lee Smith of Red Springs, served punch.

OUT OF TOWN GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Galberth of Brooklyn, NY; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin McQueen of Baltimore, MD; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Small of Brooklyn, NY; Mr. and Mrs. Neal Galberth of Florence, SC; Mrs. Mary J. Williams of Maxton; Ms. Karen Galberth, of Brooklyn, NY; Ms. Bertha Hare of Brooklyn, NY; Mr. Ted Thomas of Salisbury and Ms. Sabrena Wilson of Salisbury.

REHEARSAL DINNER

A surprise dinner was given on Friday evening following the rehearsal at the Red Lobster. Hosting the occasion were Miss Cordelia Clark, director of the wedding, the bride's uncle, sisters, cousins and friends.



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