

Social Events

Kelly, Cooper marry Aug. 31

Michelle Cooper and William Preston Kelly Jr. were united in marriage in a 3 p.m. ceremony on Saturday, August 31 at New Hope Granville Baptist Church in Oxford. The Rev. Sir Walter Mack Jr. officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie I. Cooper of Oxford. She is a graduate of J.F. Webb High School and North Carolina A&T State University at Greensboro. She is employed as Safety and Training Manager with Ralston Purina Pet Products Division in Atlanta.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Kelly Sr. of Raeford. He is a graduate of Hoke County High School and North Carolina A&T State University. He is employed with AT&T Wireless in Atlanta as a R.F. Engineer.

The church was decorated with two seven-branch candelabras adorned with greenery and foliage surrounding one 15-branch candelabra decorated with red and white roses and carnations and a mixture of summer flowers. Two large centerpieces of red and white mixed summer flowers adorned the podiums.

Musical selections included "Order My Steps," "You Are So Beautiful," "The Lord's Prayer," and "Jesus The Center Of My Joy," and a program of music was presented by Larry Brooks, organist.

The bride, escorted and given in marriage by her father, wore a formal gown of white bridal satin. The gown featured a wrap neckline, long tapered sleeves, bouffant bodice with softly shirred full skirt that led to a semi-cathedral train edged in scalloped lace. A back bow with streamers finished the look. Sequins, pearls and Aleucia lace embellished the bodice sleeves and train. To enhance the beauty of her gown, the bride wore a fingertip veil of double illusion attached to a cap concealed in hair, sequins and pearls.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white roses, button pom poms interspersed with miniature carnations accented with mixed foliage.

Gwendolyn Taylor of Oxford and Christina Townsell of Boston, Mass. were the maids of honor.

Bridesmaids were Wanda Cary of Greensboro, Marcelle Boyd of Raleigh, Pamela Watkins of Greensboro, Jermain Sumler-Faison of Charlotte, Cortina Leonard of Oxford, cousin of the bride, Debbie Pratt Sweet of Charlotte and Angela McGleen of Greensboro. They wore formal red chiffon A line gowns with spaghetti straps and neck scarves. Their bouquets consisted of six white roses with baby's breath and ivory lace ribbons.

The maids of honor carried bouquets of six white roses with baby's breath, button pom poms, accented with mixed foliage and ivory lace ribbons.

Best man was Steven Kelly of Greensboro, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Myron Beck, Tyrus Bond, Brian Check, Alvin Whetstone, Rodney Cooper, brother of the bride, Adrian Baker, John David and Clyde Lea. They wore After-Six tuxedos.

Flower girl was Alexandria Poole of Chapel Hill, cousin of the bride.

Denzal Poole Parker of Henderson, cousin of the bride, served as ring bearer.

Dinners, receptions

A rehearsal dinner was given in honor of the bridal party at the Sheraton Regal Hotel in Durham. The groom presented his groomsmen, father and father-in-law to be gifts.

Following the ceremony, a pre-reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church. The hall was decorated with white silk flowers, wedding balls, greenery and red and white table covers. Assisting were aunts of the bride, friends and relatives.

The wedding reception was held at the Durham Hilton Hotel. The banquet hall was decorated with candles, greenery, white table attire, mixed floral and white centerpieces and oversized egg sculpture.

The menu consisted of heavy hors d'oeuvres, roast beef with assorted condiments, pasta with marinara and Alfredo sauces, chicken drumettes, Swedish meatballs, cheeses and fruits, vegetable crudites with dip, punch and champagne.

The wedding cake was three-tiered with six satellite cakes surrounding a



Michelle Cooper recently became the bride of William Preston Kelly Jr.

waterfall display adorned with red roses, carnations and ribbons.

After a wedding trip to the island of Maui in the Hawaiian Islands, the couple will live in Atlanta, Ga.

Showers, parties

On Feb. 16 an engagement party was given at the Holiday Inn of Charlotte for the bridal couple.

An engagement party was given at the home of the bride's family on April 6. Friends and relatives of both families came out to meet and greet

the couple.

An Around-The-Clock bridal shower was given on July 27 at the Omni-Western Hotel in Charlotte. Maids of honor Christina Townsell and Gwendolyn Taylor hosted this event.

On August 30 a bridal luncheon was given at The University Club's Trinity Room of the University Towers in Durham.

The bride gave a breakfast for her bridal party on August 31 at the Durham Hilton.

Engagements

Harris-Bannon

Lee Harris of Sanford and Dr. Ray Harris of Raeford announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Anne Harris, to Marshall Scott Brannon of Morehead City. Brannon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brannon of Cary.

The bride will graduate in June 1997 from UNCG with a double major in voice performance and education. The groom is employed by Carteret County Schools as a band teacher in the middle schools.

A December 28 wedding is planned at the Raeford Presbyterian Church.



Elizabeth Harris

McNeill-Breeden

Carla McNeill and Willie Breeden, both of Hamlet, announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Walter and Marian McNeill of Hamlet. She is a graduate of Richmond Senior High School and is now attending Richmond Community College and is employed at Richmond Apparel.

The groom-elect is the son of Willie and Ruby Breeden of Raeford. He is owner and operator of Breeden's Barber shop.

Their wedding is planned for Saturday, Nov. 30 at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Hamlet.



Carla McNeill and Willie Breeden

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