

NEWS OF PARTIES, CLUBS, WEDDINGS AND OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

# IN THE SOCIAL REALM

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## Miss Donnell Wed To Robt. Kirkman

In a beautiful ceremony Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 at the Home Moravian church in Winston-Salem, Miss Carrie Bogdon Donnell, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harper Donnell of Thomasville, became the bride of Robert Lee Kirkman, son of Mr. Robert Lee Kirkman and the late Mrs. Kirkman of this city. The Rev. R. Gordon Spangh, pastor of the church, officiated, using the double ring ceremony.

The church was decorated with evergreens. Baskets of white flowers against a background of palms and seven-branched candelabra were used at the altar. The veils were marked with bows of white ribbon.

Dr. Charles G. Vardell, organist, and Mrs. Elizabeth Tavis Jensen, contralto soloist, presented a program of popular music. The traditional wedding marches were played in procession and recessional.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Harvey Eugene Perryman, wore a gown of white chiffon velvet, fashioned with a soft-draped V-neckline. The full triple-skirted skirt adhered to a low waist and ended in a short train. Her veil of illusion fell from a tiara of seed pearls and had her only ornament was a single strand of pearls, a gift of the bridegroom. She carried a white velvet covered trousseau which was pinned a white orchid, showered with ribbons.

She was attended by Miss Eugenie Byrnes of Winston-Salem as maid-of-honor and Mrs. Walter Miller Spritt of this city as matron-of-honor. The bridesmaids wore white floor-length dresses fashioned with bodies of velvet, with sweetheart necklines and full necks over taffeta. The Juliet caps were of white velvet with shoulder length veils and their arm bouquets were of red roses and white snapdragons tied with red ribbons.

The bridegroom had as his best man his brother, John Frank Kirkman of Atlanta. Ushers were Staff Sergeant Frank Joyce, Jr., of Sanford; Walter M. Saffell, Jr., of Fort Bragg; Claude Farrell of this city and James Palk of Winston-Salem.

Mrs. James H. Dornell, mother of the bride, wore a gown of brown crepe, and Mrs. H. E. Perryman, aunt of the bride, wore green crepe. Both wore corsages of tansian roses. Mrs. R. L. Kirkman, mother of the bridegroom, wore a brocade and crepe with a corsage of red roses.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Perryman, uncle and aunt of the bride, entertained the wedding party and out-of-town guests at an informal reception at their home on Broad Street, Winston-Salem.

During the evening the bridal couple left for a wedding trip to unannounced points. For travel the bride wore a soft suit of black with a white blouse and other accessories of black. She carried a silver fur muff on which she pinned the orchid from her bouquet.

Mrs. Kirkman graduated from Salem College with a B. S. in 1942, where she was an outstanding student. Since her graduation she has been a member of the faculty of the city school here.

Mr. Kirkman was educated at Berea College, Kentucky and is associated with the Southern Railway company in the Elkin office.

After their return from their wedding trip they will be at home for the present at Lewis Apartments on Church street, this city.

**BACK THE ATTACK - WITH WAR BONDS!**

## Hawkins-McNeill Vows Are Spoken

Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the Home Moravian church in Winston-Salem Miss Barbara Bennett Hawkins of Blackstone, Virginia, became the bride of Dr. Claude A. McNeill, Jr., of this city.

The church was decorated with evergreens and lighted by candles. The bride's father, Rev. Frank Carter Hawkins, officiated, assisted by Rev. James M. Hayes of Winston-Salem, an uncle of the bridegroom.

Prior to the ceremony Dr. Charles Vardell, organist, and Mrs. Elizabeth Jensen, contralto soloist, presented a program of nuptial music.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, A. T. Hawkins, of Goldboro. She wore a gown of white stipple satin with a fitted bodice and low-cut neckline. The yoke and long tight sleeves were of tulle. Clusters of orange blossoms were caught in the full skirt. Her veil cascaded from a tiara of orange blossoms and her bouquet was of white orchids.

Miss Minnie Ruth and Elizabeth McNeill of this city, sisters of the bridegroom, Miss Ruth Bradley of Statesville, and Miss Sara Henry of Chesette attended the bride. Their gowns were of white chiffon with yokes of black and high necklines. The sleeves were bracelet length and the full skirts had scalloped hems. They carried arm bouquets of snapdragons and carnations.

Bob McNeill of this city, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The groomsmen were Frank D. E. Hawkins, Jr., of Blackstone, D. E. Ward and Kenneth Cherk of Durham, and Ed Lane of Bloomington, N. C.

The bride's mother wore a flame red chiffon gown with a corsage of roses, and the bridegroom's mother wore pale blue crepe embroidered with sequins and a corsage of American beauty roses.

The bride is the only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Hawkins of Blackburg, and is a graduate of Salem College and is an attractive and talented young woman.

Dr. McNeill is a graduate of Wake Forest College and of Bowman Gray School of Medicine and is a member of a prominent and well known family.

Following the wedding an informal reception was held at the clubroom of the Robert E. Lee Hotel for members of the wedding party and the families.

Dr. and Mrs. McNeill left during the evening for a wedding trip. For travel the bride wore a brown gabardine suit with an aqua blouse. Her accessories were of brown and she wore a brown chertfield topcoat. Her corsage was orchids from her wedding bouquet.

After the first of January Dr. and Mrs. McNeill will be at home in Hartford, Conn., where Dr. McNeill will serve his internship at the Hartford Hospital.

## Methodist Circle Meetings Monday

Circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church will meet Monday in the following homes.

In the afternoon at 2:30 circle number one will meet with Mrs. C. O. Garland; circle number two with Mrs. E. O. Clark; circle number three with Mrs. Chas. Ashby, and circle number four with Mrs. R. W. Harnshaw.

At 8 o'clock in the evening circle number five will meet with Mrs. Julius Hall with Mrs. Bernard Hall associate hostess and circle number six with Miss Betty Allen.

## Miss Smith Weds L. F. Chandler

Miss Annette Lyon Smith, only daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Walter M. Smith of this city, and Lawrence Foster Chandler of Chattanooga, Tenn., and New London, Conn., were married in a private ceremony Christmas Eve at 7:30 at the home of the bride's parents on Hawthorne Road. Rev. Smith, father of the bride, and superintendent of Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, officiated, using the double ring ceremony of the Methodist church. The vows were spoken in the living room of the home which was decorated with Christmas greenery and candles. Only immediate members of the bride's family and a few close friends attended the ceremony.

The bride wore a two-piece dressmaker suit of pale blue wool crepe with black accessories. Her hat was a calot of black felt, softly veiled. The bridal couple, who were unattended, entered together.

Mrs. Chandler attended Salem College, Winston-Salem and Greensboro College, graduating from the latter in 1941. Since her graduation she has taught home economics at Murphy and Jamestown and this year is a member of the Beulah high school faculty, Mount Airy.

Mr. Chandler is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lawrence Chandler of Chattanooga and New London. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, holding a degree in Industrial Engineering. Following his graduation he was with General Motors in Dayton, Ohio, and now holds a position with the Combustion Engineering Company in Chattanooga.

After a wedding trip of several days Mrs. Chandler will resume her duties as instructor in home economics at the high school here. In June she will join her husband in Chattanooga, where they will reside.

## Miss Laffoon Party Honored

The host of a round of pre-nuptial courtesies for Miss Louise Laffoon, who was married on Monday afternoon to Private Frank Hicks Walker was her sister, Miss Peggy Royall, at her home on Church street.

The bridal motif was carried out in detail in the appointments of the dining room. The table was centered with a miniature bride and bridegroom and on either end were white tapers surrounded by greenery.

In the living room, library and hall Christmas decorations were used.

Mrs. George Royall, mother of the hostess, poured tea and Misses Constance Greenwood and Eleanor Hayes served assorted sandwiches, individual cakes and minis.

Miss Laffoon was presented a gift of silver in her wedding party. The guest list was limited to close friends of the bride.

## Brides Honored At Bridge Party

Misses Oja Crowder and Mamie Dyer were hostesses at a lovely party Wednesday evening at the Olvin Roth Y. M. C. A. to honor Mrs. Preston Harper, bride of last month, and Miss Louise Laffoon, bride-elect of the week.

Christmas decorations were used in the Y parlor, where six tables were placed for bridge. Corsages of roses marked the places of the honor guests.

In the games the high score award went to Mrs. George Royall and the runner-up award to Miss To Baker. The honorees were each presented a crystal vase in their wedding party.

The refreshment plates were adorned with a lighted red candle in a gun-drum candelholder. Fruit cake with whipped cream and Russian tea were served.

Special guests for the refreshment hour were Mrs. H. F. Laffoon and Miss Grace Laffoon, mother and sister of the bride-elect. Miss Frances Benson of Atlanta, was an out-of-town guest.

## Miss Laffoon Bride Of Frank Walker

Miss Louise Laffoon, older daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Franklin Laffoon, and Private First Class Frank Hicks Walker, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Franklin Walker were married in a beautiful informal church ceremony Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Methodist church, Rev. Herman F. Duncan, pastor of the church, officiated, using the double ring ceremony of the Methodist church.

The altar was banked with native pine. Against this were two seven-branched candelabra and floor baskets of white snapdragons. The choir loft was also banked with pine, interspersed with graduated white candles to form a semi-circle. Bougns of pine were interwoven in the chancel rail on either side and the center was shaped with white satin ribbons and entwined with sprays of white narcissus and asparagus fern. In front of this was a white satin prayer pillow.

The Rev. Stephen Morrisett, pastor of the bridegroom was organist and Miss Kay Walker, sister of the bridegroom, soprano soloist. Rev. Morrisett played Schubert's "Serenade" and Ave Maria, and Traumer by Schumann. Miss Walker sang "Because" and "All For You." During the ceremony Rev. Morrisett led the marriage hymn "O Perfect Love" ("Barnby"). The traditional wedding marches were used in procession and recessional.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a street length dress of gray-blue crepe, fashioned with a sweetheart neckline and soft shirring at the waist. The peplum was edged with dove lace of the same shade as her dress. Her small hat was of black felt, with bows of grosgrain ribbon the same shade as the dress outlined the edge, and it was softly veiled. Her other accessories were of black and she carried a white suede prayer book topped with white ribbons and decorated with lily-of-the-valley.

Her only attendant was her sister, Miss Grace Laffoon, as maid-of-honor. She wore a soft woolen dress of shell pink with the neckline and sleeves embroidered in green and a small black hat with plume and blue plumes and carried a corsage of pink and black mixed flowers.

The bridegroom was attended by his father as best man. Ushers were Earl Pardu of the Naval Reserve, C. C. Chappell, and David H. Reams of Petersburg, Virginia.

The bride is an honor graduate of Mitchell College, Statesville, and since her graduation has served as secretary of the Elkin Merchants Association. She has been extensively entertained since the announcement of her engagement.

The bridegroom holds a B. S. degree from Wake Forest College and is a senior at the Medical College of Virginia. He is a member of Psi Chi fraternity.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride's parents entertained at a buffet supper at their home on Church street for members of the wedding party and out-of-town guests.

For travel the bride wore a two-piece dress of gray wool, studded with silver nail heads around the revers of the collar and down the front, with a bonnet shaped hat of the same shade and a wineberry top coat of imported wool, to which she pinned the orchid from her prayer book.

After the first of the year Mr. and Mrs. Walker will be at home at 308 Noble Avenue, Richmond. The bridegroom will resume his studies and the bride will be associated with the Federal Reserve Bank in Blacksville.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. T. Dodd Finger of Maiden, Mrs. H. O. Nichols and daughter, Misses Mary, Peggy and Elsie, of North Wilkesboro, Mr. and Mrs. Rex C. Helen Stroud and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. McQuase of Mocksville, Miss Elsie Solomon of Concord and Leula J. J. Robert W. Turner of Dante, Virginia.

All members are invited to attend.

## Presbyterian Circle Meetings

The circles of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will meet next week.

Circle number one will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. W. R. Wellborn and circle number two will meet Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. O. V. Caudill.

All members are invited to attend.

## Miss Williams Weds Mr. Gilliam

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Rebecca Ann Williams and John Reece Gilliam which was solemnized on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents in Monroe, with the pastor of the bride officiating, using the ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marsh Williams and for several years has been a popular member of the faculty of the city schools.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. John Gordon Gilliam and the late Mr. Gilliam of this city. He is a member of a well known family and is employed with

## Bridal Party Is Honored Sunday

Following the Laffoon-Walker wedding rehearsal Sunday evening at the Methodist church, Miss Grace Laffoon, sister of the bride, entertained at a cake cutting at her home on Church street.

The home was decorated with poinsettias and Christmas greenery. The dining room was in the bridal motif. The table was overlaid with a handsome cloth and centered with a two-tier wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom.

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bride dressed in white satin and a bridegroom in a soldier's uniform, designating the branch of service of the bridegroom. Tens of English lily and white candles in silver holders completed the decorations.

The wedding cake, which contained the traditional symbols, was sliced and served with ices and green and white minis. Mrs. George Royall served the wedding cake and ices and minis were served by Misses Peggy Royall, Eleanor Hayes, Helen Stroud and Dorothy Jean Salmons. Packages of wedding cake were presented the guests as favors.

The guest list of fifty included the wedding party, the immediate families and a few close friends.

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