

Guests were greeted at the door by Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Merritt and introduced to the receiving line which consisted of the honored couple; their daughters, Oakese and Althea; their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dorian J. Merritt and granddaughters, Lorrinda.

Mr. and Mrs. M.W. Merritt invited guests to the dining room where Mrs. Robert Fields served bridal cakes and Mrs. Clem Vann poured punch.

The refreshment table was covered with a lace-over-satin cloth draped and caught with silver bows centered with an arrangement of white mums and gladiolus, flanked with two three branched silver candelabras holding tall silver tapers. A four tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom was used on the hutch to complete the decorations. Silver serving dishes were used for the minks, cheese straws and nuts. Miss Katie Lou Merritt Mrs. Oscar Bryant and Miss Jennie Mae Fields assisted in serving.

Mrs. A.J. Johnson directed guests into the gift room where Miss Annette Carter and Miss Nancy Carter presided.

Mrs. Manley Johnson presided at the registry. Mrs. Harold Maready rendered special music which added to the festivities of the afternoon.

Goodbyes were said to approximately 135 guests by the Rev. and Mrs. George Bercaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt were married on October 3, 1938. Mrs. Merritt is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac M. Sanderson and Mr. Merritt is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Maury W. Merritt.

## WSCS Meets In Kenansville

"Our youth is the church of today" was the thought put forth by Miss Ethelynde Ballance, guest speaker at the fall sub-district meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service which was held October 17 at the Kenansville Methodist Church, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Miss Ballance, Conference Secretary of Youth Work challenged the adults with the thought that our youth looked to them to show the way.

Miss Lottie Williams, president of the Kenansville Woman's Society of Christian Service welcomed the members and made necessary announcements. Rev. J.P. Pegg pastor of the host church brought the morning meditation.

Officers training classes were held, after which a business session was conducted. The business was presided over by Mrs. A.J. Carr, assistant sub-district leader, in the absence of Mrs. C.W. Surratt, Jr. sub-district leader. The roll was called by individual societies and district officers were recognized.

The benediction and grace was said by Rev. J.P. Pegg, and the meeting was adjourned with a dutch luncheon. Approximately 80 women attended the meeting.

## Free Wheeling

BY BILL CROWELL  
The perfect driver has yet to be born. Probably he'll have to be invented.

The next time a friend boasts he's all but a perfect behind the wheel, after checking to see if he's flesh and bone try these qualifications on him.

The perfect driver stays within the speed limits, both posted and according to road and weather conditions.

He signals all turns and stops. He stays in his lane, never crosses the yellow line, never passes another car without a clear distance ahead.

He never drinks even a beer before getting behind the steering wheel. If he feels tired he'll pull over and rest for awhile.

His car is in top mechanical shape. He stops at railroad crossings and carefully looks both ways if the crossing is unprotected by flashing lights.

If it is protected, he slows down and immediately stops if the lights are flashing.

He watches for children in school and residential areas. He gives the pedestrian the right of way. He never runs a stop sign and slows down for all curves and obeys all traffic signs everywhere.

At night he'll never overdrive his headlights. He's careful to see his bright lights don't blind the driver in front as well as the on coming motorist.

He's patient and understanding of others. Never loses his temper while driving no matter what the provocation.

He gives all his attention to driving, never being distracted by objects along the way or by day dreaming.

If your friend can pass these qualifications every day he's on the road, you'd better get out an oil can.

He's not human--he's been invented!



## Gray - Blanchard Wedding Solemnized

Miss Vivian Estelle Blanchard and Eric Raynold Gray were married October 12, at Calvary Baptist Church. The Rev. Aster L. McGee officiated at the 7:00 p.m. ceremony. Music was by Mrs. Lila Head, organist, and Mrs. C.B. Sellars, soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Blanchard of Rose Hill. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gray of Newport.

Joseph Blanchard gave his sister in marriage. She wore a short white brocade dress, and

a veil attached to a crown of lace. She carried an orchid on a prayer book.

Miss Joan Raye Gray, the bridegroom's sister, was maid of honor. She wore a tulle-trimmed chiffon dress and carried a bouquet of carnations and orchids.

The bridegroom's father was best man. Ushers were Lanny Turlington and Mitchell Smith.

A reception was held at the church. After a wedding trip to the mountains the couple will live here.

## Health For All Hidden Tragedies

We live in a child-centered culture--so the oft-heard story goes. And yet, a discussion in the Journal of the American Medical Association points out physical abuse of children by their parents is on the increase.

The "battered child syndrome," in fact, is estimated to be one of the most frequent causes of child death. Only a small percentage of such tragedies are officially reported in their true guise. No matter how plain the medical evidence, the facts are extremely difficult to establish 100 per cent in a court of law.

Psychologically, parental cruelty is a fact of life difficult for most of us to face. Yet those who do face it grow increasingly aware that abusive parents aren't criminals in the ordinary sense. They are basically disturbed, in need of protection against themselves.

What makes them beat their children? Psychiatrists have found that patterns of child-rearing are passed from one generation to another. Many abusive parents find themselves willy nilly repeating the treatment they received. Psychologically, they are still angry children. When life is too difficult, they often can't help acting like angry children. They break their dolls.

The majority of abusive parents don't suffer from "hopeless" mental disorders. Nor do social or economic status race or religion appear to be important factors. Abusive parents are generally found to be immature, unable to cope with adult reality. But in general, they can be helped.

Psychological counseling in fact seems to offer the most hopeful pathway to correction of this tragic situation, most authorities agree. More hopeful, at any rate, than yielding to attitudes of revulsion, disbelief, or irrelevant wrath.

## CP&L Organizes Public Relations Dept.

Carolina Power & Light Company today announced a new public relations department to serve the company's two-state service area.

Shearon Harris, CP&L president, announced the appointment of E.N. (Red) Pope as director and J.R. (Jack) Riley as assistant director of the new department and also named four section heads who will report to them.

Harris said the new department's role was "to formulate and direct the over-all policies and programs of the company as they relate to advertising, publicity, public information and management development."

Pope will advance to vice president and public relations director from vice president in charge of advertising and sales promotion, and Riley will move up to the number two position from director of publicity. Both are veteran executives with the company.

Richard H. (Dick) Byrd, assistant to the director of publicity for the past seven years, will be promoted to director of publicity.

Albert L. Morris who has served as Pope's assistant for the past year, will be promoted to director of advertising and sales promotion.

E.V. (Ted) Breeden, Jr., will be promoted from division residential sales coordinator to director of information whose functions will include the organization and direction of a speakers' bureau.

W.J. Ridout, Jr., for the past two years director of the agricultural development section

for CP&L, will be promoted to director of the new management development section.

"More customers and greater demand for service call for correspondingly better communications with our 440,000 customers and 2,201 employees," Harris commented. "The new department will tell the public more about the exceptionally good job CP&L has done in providing service of highest quality at rates among the lowest in the nation. Our goal will be a better public understanding and appreciation of the contributions investor-owned electric utilities are making to the economic progress of the Carolinas."

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## Merritts Celebrate Silver Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright Merritt of Route 1, Magnolia (Waycross) celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 6, when they were complimented at a reception by their children at their home from four until six in the afternoon.

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