

Letterman And Wilson Are United In Holy Matrimony

Miss Donna Letterman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Letterman of Burnsville and Alletta Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elige Wilson, also of Burnsville, were united in marriage December 20, 1975 at 3 p.m. at the North Bend Baptist

Church. A double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. C.H. Price.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore an empire gown of Peau de Soie, Chantilly lace sprinkled with seed and tear drop pearls, in a V-shape neckline. A chapel-length train was attached. Her veil of silk illusion was attached to a Camelot cap of matching lace,

also sprinkled with seed pearls. Her bouquet was of white flowers arranged with holly and red berries with red and white streamers.

Mrs. Linda Letterman of Hickory, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a hunter green empire floor-length dress of polyester crepe with scoop neckline and puff sleeves. She carried a single long-stemmed white mum with green streamers.

Miss Debbie Higgins of Burnsville was maid of honor; Miss Debbie Wilson of California and Miss Linda McCurry of Burnsville were Bridesmaids. They wore true red dresses fashioned as that of the matron of honor. They carried a white mum with red streamers.

Miss Sherry Letterman of Hickory, niece of the bride, and Staci Briggs of Burnsville were flower girls. They wore hunter green dresses fashioned like the others.

Mr. Elbert Wilson of California was his brother's best man. Gary Letterman of Hickory and Ralph Letterman of Burnsville, brothers of the bride, and Thomas Wilson of Burnsville, brother of the groom, were ushers. Richard Wilson of Burnsville, the groom's nephew, was ring bearer.

Music was provided by Mrs. Phillis Campbell. Mrs. Betty Briggs attended the bride's book.

A reception followed in the church fellowship hall. Hostesses were Mrs. Wilma Woody, Mrs. Sandra Gouge, Mrs. Cathy Peterson and Mrs. Pat Weatherman.

The couple will live in Burnsville.



Mrs. Allen Wilson

Hensley, Welton Vows Are Spoken

Major Nellie Loretta Hensley, Army Nurse Corps, of Burnsville became the bride of Major John Kenneth Welton, Medical Service Corps, of Petersburg, Virginia at 4:00 p.m., Saturday the fourteenth of February, in Heritage Chapel, Fort Lee, Virginia. Chaplain (Major) Lathrop P. Utley officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Marcene Hensley and the late Mr. Mark A. Hensley of Route 4, Burnsville. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Welton of Kirtland, Ohio.

The groom's brother, Dr.

David A. Welton of DeWitt, New York, served as best man. The bride's only attendant was Mrs. Maria R. Mitchell of Annandale, Virginia. Ushers were Mr. Robert Welton, brother of the groom, of Cleveland, Ohio and Mr. Lloyd Whelan of Alexandria, Va.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the American Legion Hall in Petersburg. Decorations were done in Valentine motif by Lt. Col. (ret.) Dorothy Fess of Wheaton, Maryland.

The couple plans to reside in the Philadelphia area.

Whitson, Grindstaff To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Whitson of Green Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter Joan to Michael Avery Grindstaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Grindstaff of Spruce Pine.

The bride-elect is a 1975 graduate of Cane River High School and is employed by Modern Globe Inc., in Bakersville.

The bridegroom-elect is a 1973 graduate of Harris High School and is employed by



Joan Whitson Ingles in Spruce Pine. At the present time wedding plans are incomplete.

Homemakers Enjoy Covered-Dish Lunch

The Open Gate Homemakers held their monthly meeting February 17 at Mt. Celo Presbyterian Church.

The members enjoyed a covered dish luncheon, after which the business session was held.

Those present were Mary Margaret Deyton, County

Agent; Lillie Crowder, President of Club; Gertrude Ramsey; Grace Simmons; Nell Huskins; Thelma Loftis; Lois Loftis; Wilma Huskins; Doris Dietz; Mary Bennett; Judy Loftis; Florence Woody; Adelene Briggs and Joyce Clifton.

Local Briefs

Giant print Bibles, Greeting Cards with scripture verses, and ladies pocket-books will be sold in front of Ingles this Saturday morning, March 6, weather permitting, with all proceeds going to the Church of God of Prophecy Building Fund.

The Good Neighbor is you.

Belong.

A joint meeting of the Cane River Baptist Church and the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will be held Sunday night, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. There will be singing by the Cane River Quartet, and a movie will be shown entitled "The Mountain Within".

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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The Brown Gospel Singers from the Buffalo Baptist Church in Robbinsville will be at the Green Mountain Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come hear these fine Indian singers.

HERE AND THERE
In Burnsville
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Mr. and Mrs. Larry E. Fortner and Jennifer from Indianapolis, Indiana were in Burnsville due to the death of Larry's grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Brinkley.

Mr. and Mrs. John R.W. Greenwood, British Vice Consul, and son Tim spent the weekend with the George Downings.

David Keith Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bailey of Burnsville has been promoted to the rank of Army Sargent in the 78th Maintenance Company in Stuttgart, Germany. Sgt. Bailey received his basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. and spent two years at Fort Lewis, Washington before going to Germany. His wife, Bonnie has joined him there.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Purdue and Donna of Wilkes County visited in town over the weekend. Mr. Purdue was an Assistant County Agent some years ago.

Mrs. Mary Louise Wray and Betsy Fowler visited Mr. Rush Wray over the weekend.

Miss Julie Fouts, a student at Appalachian State University, spent the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dover Fouts.

Paddy Downing is at Hickory Hollow Farms, Germantown, Tenn. teaching riding at special classes for a couple of weeks.

Bicentennial Forums Set At Harris

Mayland Technical Institute's guest speaker, Dr. Harley E. Jolley, will open the first Bicentennial program. Harley E. Jolley is professor of history and Field Director of Appalachian Studies at Mars Hill College. He is the Seasonal Historian of the Blue Ridge Parkway for the National Park Service, and is the author of the book, **The Blue Ridge Parkway**. He is a past president of the WNC Historical Association and has written numerous articles on North Carolina labor, forest history and environment. He won the Thomas Wolfe Literary Award in 1969 and the Award of Merit of the American Association for State and Local History in 1970.

The forums have been scheduled at Harris High School for three consecutive Thursday nights, March 11, 18, 25 at 7:30 p.m. Audience participation with the exchange of ideas and questions will be conducted informally with the moderator and the guest panel members.

Older Workers Week: Proclamation

During this bicentennial year Americans have been reflecting upon the contributions citizens through the years have made to this country. We need also to think about a group of Americans who have made a contribution and can still make even greater contributions—given the opportunity.

There are 74 million Americans 40 years of age or older. They have worked hard to get where they are today, and get us as a community and nation where we are. During their years of work they have learned a great deal, gained invaluable experience and have come to appreciate a good job and to be proud of doing a good job.

Many of these people, though, are having difficulty finding work for no reason other than that there is a prejudice against older workers.

The Federal Government is now working to eliminate this unfounded discrimination against older workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Helmle, Mayor of Burnsville, do hereby endorse the efforts of our Federal Government on behalf of the older workers and designate March 7-13, 1976 as NATIONAL EMPLOY THE OLDER WORKER WEEK here in Burnsville. I am urging all employers of this area to give special consideration to the skills and qualifications of those men and women 40 years of age and older.

I am also asking those public officials who are responsible for job placement, counseling, training and retraining services to intensify, throughout the entire year, their efforts to help older workers find suitable jobs and training opportunities.

This is a community-wide effort which should engage the active support of all our institutions.

This February 26, 1976

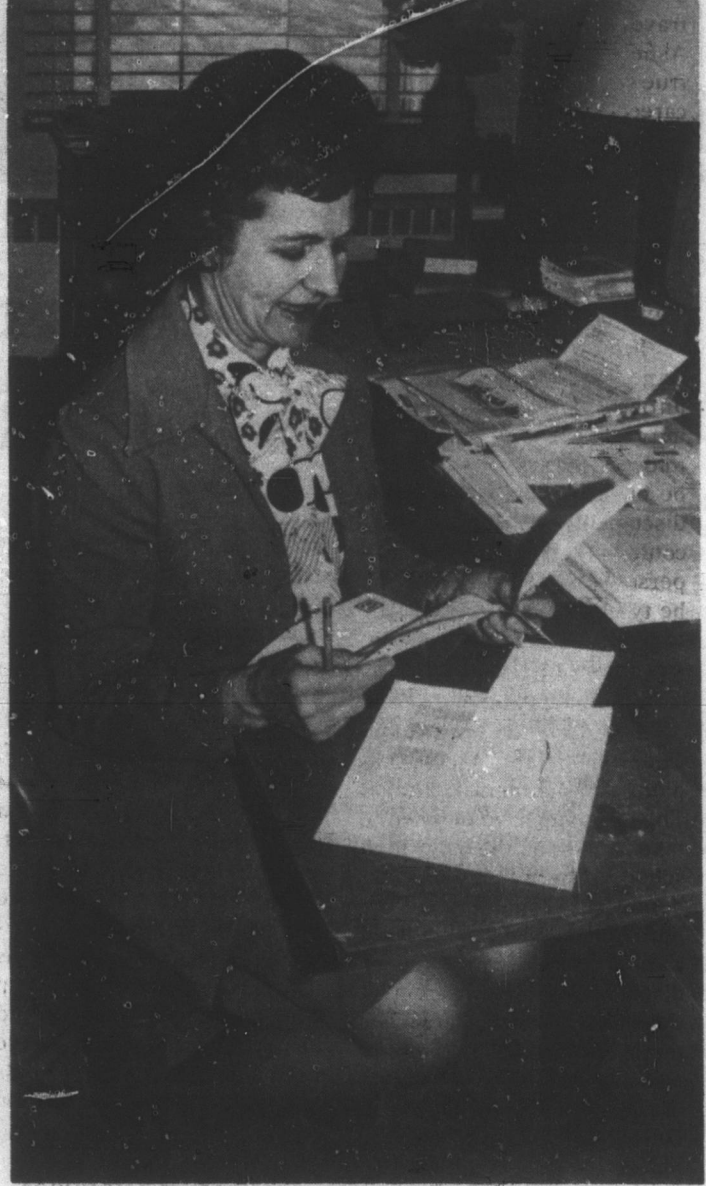
Mrs. George W. Roberts visited her mother, Mrs. Lester H. Lamb, in Ingold last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Higgins and Dee Dee of Charlotte, N.C. spent the weekend with Mr. Higgins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Higgins and friends.

Mrs. Laura Hensley is spending a week with her daughters, Mrs. Carl Sisk and Mrs. Orville Tipton in Erwin, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bailey have returned home after visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McMahan of Morehead City, N.C.

Rev. and Mrs. David Russell and son Timothy were called to Newport, N.C. due to the death of his mother, Mrs. Bulah Russell who passed away on February 21.



Mary Margaret Deyton

Home Extension Agent Retires

Mary Margaret Deyton, Yancey County Home Economics Extension Agent, retired March 1 after 22 years of service in the field of education.

Mrs. Deyton began her Home Economics career as a teacher in Buncombe County and later entered the Extension Service as Home Economics Extension Agent in Transylvania County and in Mitchell County. Following a period of employment with the Pisgah Girl Scout Council as Field Advisor, she was appointed by the N.C. Extension Service as Home Economics Extension Agent for Yancey County, a position which she has held for the past seven years.

Mrs. Deyton received her

training at Asheville College, University of Tennessee, and NCSU. She holds professional membership in the District, State and National Associations of Extension Home Economists, N.C. and American Home Economics Associations and Epsilon Sigma Phi, Honorary Extension Fraternity.

In retiring, Mrs. Deyton said that during her 22 years of service, "My greatest interest and concern has been for people. My greatest joy has come from serving them and seeing each individual reach her full potential. I now look forward to having more time for my home, family, friends and others who might need me."

Mandatory Merit Exams

Appointments for taking state merit exams has been mandatory since March 1, 1976.

The Office of State Personnel announced that applicants who want to qualify for a state competitive service job can schedule the time, location, and merit exam by calling 800-662-7094 or in Raleigh, 829-3850. Scheduling will allow better utilization of test centers in Asheville, Boone, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Greenville, and Wilmington.

Information about jobs requiring merit tests is available from local Employment Security Commission offices.

New STVFD Telephone Number

The South Toe Volunteer Fire Department has a new number, 682-2414. New telephone stickers were mailed to all residents last week. If you didn't get one, or need more, contact James Murphy 675-4969. To report a fire to the South Toe Fire Dept. call the new number 682-2414.

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