



Elizabeth Ann Meeks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Gordon Montreat and Memphis, Tenn., became the bride of Alvin McCormack, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Hudson Paul McCormack, Friday at 4 p. m. in Gaither Chapel, Montreat.

McCormack is a senior in Montreat college, majoring in Education and Bible. She will complete her last semester work at Louisville university this summer.

The bridegroom is a senior in Tusculum college, Greenville, and will enter Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Ky., where the couple will live. He has served as student in the Green county parish Liberty Presbyterian church, this year.

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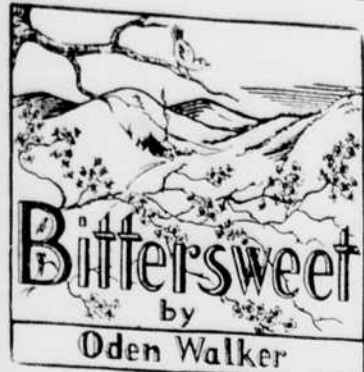
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Mrs. Vick Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Laura Savannah Rogers Vick, 82, of Swannanoa, died in an Asheville hospital Monday, May 16, following a long illness.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Elsie McCuen, Swannanoa; one son, Exey Vick, of Bingham Heights; three brothers, Charles of Indiana, Wiley Rogers of Asheville and Arthur Rogers of Charlotte; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Bittersweet by Oden Walker

As we near the end of the fiscal year in our church, I would like to summarize some of the outstanding progress that has been made. While on the subject of finances I will say that we will handle about \$3600 this year, over a far cry from the old church where the collection was from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per Sunday, then I remember back much farther than that. I have an old record book that shows a weekly collection of .90 or \$1.00. So you see that we have progressed in money matters. This, of course, comes from new members that we have received in recent years who believe in tithing. The collection plate used to be to us a thing of ornament instead of a thing of service. We pay the janitor a larger salary now than we used to pay the pastor. We support the Baptist Co-operative program to the fullest, as we are on a budget there are no special collections, our treasurer simply writes a check.

Greater progress has been made in the show of reverence in and around the church. This has been a long hard fight, fraught with heartaches, hard feelings, and criticism. Once I heard a young man that was trying to conduct a Training Union get into the pulpit and say to the other young people, "This church is known as Racket Hill from Oteen to Old Fort, you are a shame to the country." I have heard whooping and hollering a mile away many times. There is seldom a disturbance of any kind now. Someone said the other day that this was because of a more reserved crop of children, but I know better, all youngsters will run wild if not kept under control. This progress comes from teaching the chaps to love and respect the house of God.

Our Sunday school attendance has been considerably more than it was last year. We have started a B.T.U. that is growing gradually, we have an unusually strong adult union. The most commendable thing about the Sunday school is the faithfulness of the officers and teachers. Last summer we conducted a highly successful vacation Bible school, this was done with local teachers and leaders. I put in my 2 cents worth by teaching the boys crafts. The school closed with an evangelical message delivered by my beloved Minnie. Five young people accepted the Saviour, four of which led to baptism. The last and finest service that Ole Huldy ever did for North Fork was to help the children to the Bible school. Ed Duguay came out and photographed this fine group of young people and devoted leaders.

More near and dear to me is the music department. This is under the direction of Betty Jean Shook and myself, we take our work seriously and study constantly, sometimes under trying circumstances. North Fork has always been known for good congregational singing, and there has been much special music. At Christmas time there was a semi-musical program which brought pleasure to everyone's heart. We got even more ambitious at Easter—we took a number of anthems by such composers as Sibelius, some of the greater hymns together with Scripture readings and rendered it as a simple cantata. This was the most impressive musical program that has been at Mountain View in my memory. Yes, I think our musical standards have progressed.

It is almost superfluous to mention the quality of the preaching at Mountain View. I used the word poignant to describe this until folks started poking fun at me, but this word with its many meanings is the only one that tells the story, any visiting stranger will bear me out in this. These sermons are so simple and moving that they melt a plain person like "Uncle" Tommy Morris into a torrent of tears, yet deep and erudite enough to satisfy the utterly sophisticated. After making a living teaching school and tending to his other business, I just don't see how the Rev. Eugene Byrd does it. Of course, his case is like the rest of us—being devoted to the task.

Yes, our standards are high, and we are progressing. Yet there are those that would change all this. Why? Well, My Dears, in the common vernacular, that is the \$64 question. We are trusting to a benevolent God to guide us through this whirlwind hour. The Book says that these things will come, but that we will be given strength and grace to sustain us.

Last Monday night Betty Jean Shook, Minnie, and I had a cozy visit with Mrs. Pearl Perkins of Ridgecrest. Betty Jean and I had lots of fun with Mrs. Perkin's Hammond organ.

Miss Sarah Kitchen was our honored guest at midweek prayer meeting.

We see where we made Reflections last week. It is always nice to share a bow, or any of the other little social graces with the charming Lib Dinwiddie. (We will also jump at the chance to share a bow with the fat editor.)

Mack Burnette had a nasty fall

Miss Seagle Is Married

Miss Thelma Garlene Seagle, daughter of Mrs. Garland Lester Seagle and the late Mr. Seagle of Lincoln, N. C., became the bride of Kay Norbert Stutts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Erastus Stutts of Spartanburg, S. C., on Saturday, May 21 at 4 p. m. in Gaither Chapel, Montreat.

Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, president of Montreat college performed the double ring ceremony. Vows were spoken before a background of mountain greens, white snapdragons and gladioli with white cathedral tapers.

Miss Frances Mouzon, organist, Montreat college and Miss Ramoth Richard, vocalist of Agnes Scott college, Decatur, Ga., presented a program of wedding music.

The bride is a graduate of Lincoln High school and is a junior in Montreat college. She will receive her B.A. degree in English next spring.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Midway High school and Draughton's college, Winston-Salem where he majored in accounting. He holds the position as office manager with the Montreat college and the Mountain Retreat association.

They will live in the Assembly Inn, Montreat.

STEPHENSONS HAVE CANASTA PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stephenson entertained with a canasta party last Saturday night at the Monte Vista hotel. Before the game a dessert course was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Potter, Mrs. Clyde Jumper, Mrs. L. R. Thomas, Miss Mary Hooker, Mrs. Ray Harrison, Miss Genevieve Fisher, Miss Susan Hooker, Mrs. Albert Maddox, Mrs. L. B. Poole, and Mrs. W. W. Phillips.

Prizes for the evening were awarded to Mrs. Maddox, high; Mrs. Harrison, low; Mrs. Phillips, bingo; and Miss Fisher, floating.



Samuel Erwin Kennedy, son of the Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Kennedy of Black Mountain, sailed Monday for duty in Japan. He was promoted to recruit squad leader, petty officer, following completion of his boot training at the U. S. Naval Training center at Great Lakes, Ill. Prior to sailing for Japan on Monday he was stationed at the naval base at San Diego, Calif.

from a ladder last week and injured his feet, but is about well enough to go back to work.

Shirley Williams favored us with a beautiful solo at Sunday morning church services.

Clyde Nanney, B. H. Chandler, and Thelma Williams took a group of young people to the Old Fort picnic ground on an outing last Saturday, 15 were in the party.

The Happy Four quartet of the sheriff's department put on a delightful program at Mountain View Sunday night, the only trouble was that they didn't sing enough. The Rev. Seth Perkinson made a short talk. The quartet looked very chipper in their snazzy uniforms. We had many visitors. I remember the time when part of the congregation would have jumped out the windows if this many deputies had come in.

We went to the meeting of the Black Mountain Garden club last Friday night at Rangoon Lodge. We always have a wonderful time at the Styles' unique place. Several of the new members and visitors were surprised at the many interesting things, one lady wanted to know if there was an auxiliary heating plant other than the great stone fireplace, she was told that there was, she looked up and saw a big moonshine still hanging from the rafters, and wondered if that was part of the heating plant, we assured her that this apparatus is in the hands of an expert could be made to generate plenty of heat.

Mr. Styles says that there are 2700 bags of cement in the walls of their home. This was a covered dish supper and we ate on the terrace overlooking the valley and away to the Craggies. The food was as delicious as ever with any number of tantalizing meat dishes, and more desserts than we knew what to do with. The program following was a film called The Waters of Coweeta, it's a pity that more people can't see this film. Mr. Dolittle, who ran the film, answered a number of enlightening questions later about water supply, one of those was as to how long it took water to purify itself in a mountain stream, he judged about a mile if the stream was really turbulent. Someone said that an old mountaineer told him that it was purified after it ran across two rocks, but I do not believe this, I always heard that it took nine rocks. Anyway it was a good meeting and everyone had a good time.

This clipping will entitle Miss Shirley Williams and one guest to free admission to the Pix Theatre to see the gigantic cinemascope hit "Hit the Deck."

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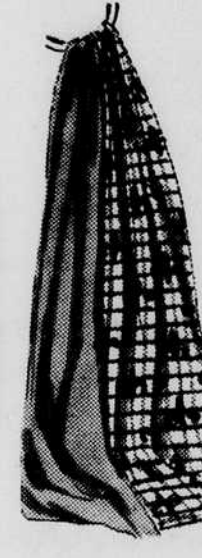


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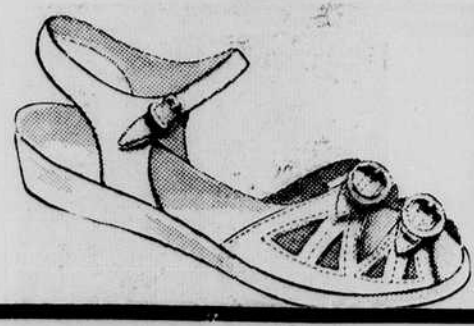
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