

Charlotte Stephenson Weds Mr. Pearce



On November 6 at 4 p.m. in the Princeton Baptist Church with the pastor, Reverend Horace Ricks, officiating in the traditional double-ring ceremony, Miss Charlotte Stephenson became the bride of Mr. Roy Anderson Pearce, II. Given in marriage by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stephenson of Route 2, Princeton, the bride is also the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. A.P. Hinnant of Princeton. Mr. Pearce is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Roy A. Pearce, Jr. of Smithfield, and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Pearce, Sr. of Durham and Mrs. Ellie Weathers of Willow Springs. The couple lit a unity candle.

Prior to the wedding, Frances Ezzell of Goldsboro presented a program of wedding music. Vocal selections were rendered by Gray and Scott Boyette, accompanied on the guitar by Miss Janet Hinton, all of Princeton. Mrs. Glenwood Brown of Princeton directed the wedding and Chloe Wellons, cousin of the bride, presided at the guest register.

The nuptial scene was illuminated with white tapers in a 15-branch brass arch candelabra, accented with yellow dried flowers. On the lower area of the altar were 2- and 15-branch sprig candelabras of the same decor, centered with a kneeling bench and unity candle. Greenery of palms along with greenery in two antique wicker baskets complemented the setting. Windows were enhanced with a burning white taper encircled with magnolia leaves. White streamers and greenery marked the mothers' pews.

The bride wore a gown of

white crepe, fashioned with a V-neckline and Venise lace over a fitted princess bodice and long bishop sleeves with Venise lace appliques and cuffs edged in lace. The full A-line skirt fell from the empire waistline with matching lace appliques and flounces extending into a cathedral-length train. Her fingertip veil of soil illusion with lace trim was attached to a cap of lace encrusted with seed pearls. Her bouquet was of white daisies with gysophila and accented with a white orchid and accented with lace and satin streamers.

Maid of honor, Miss Duane Wright of Princeton and cousin of the bride, wore a floor length gown of rust colored polyester fashioned with a high neckline, short sleeves, V-empire waist with full skirt, and a matching cape with hood, long tapered sleeves, and full skirt. She carried a basket of dried flowers accented with rust ribbons to match her gown. Bridesmaids, Mrs. Ava Thompson of Zebulon and Mrs. Loretta Stallings of Princeton, cousins of the bride, and Miss Kathy Mazingo of Eureka wore gowns and carried flowers like the honor attendant. Flower girl, Beverly Baker of Cary and cousin of the bridegroom, was also attired like the honor attendants.

Best man was the bridegroom's father, Roy Sasser, Jr. of Princeton was ring bearer. Ushers were Jimmy Royall and Dixon Fleming of Smithfield, Bryan Benton of Raleigh, and Arthur Stephenson of Princeton, brother of the bride.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held

at the home of the bride's parents. Guests were greeted by Mr. & Mrs. William Wellons of Princeton and directed to a refreshment table centered with an arrangement of white carnations, yellow pompons, and gysophila and burning white candles in a two-branched candelabra. The bride's cake, made by her cousin Jean Wright, was served by Mrs. Verla Hocutt of Zebulon, aunt of the bride, and Polly Wellons of Durham, cousin of the bride. Mrs. Diana Stallings of Princeton, aunt of the bride, presided at the punch bowl. Mrs. Jean Wright and Mrs. Eula Wellons also assisted at the refreshment table. Goodbyes were said to Mr. & Mrs. Albert Peedin of Princeton.

For her wedding trip the bride chose a rust pinstripe suit with matching accessories. Following their return from points of interest in Georgia and Florida, the couple will reside in Smithfield.

Mrs. Pearce, a graduate of Princeton High School, holds an associate of arts degree from Wayne Community College in Goldsboro, and is employed by First-Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Smithfield. The bridegroom, a graduate of Smithfield-Selma High School, attended Riverside Military Academy and Louisburg College. He is sales manager for Gold Leaf Warehouse in Smithfield.

Mrs. Pearce was feted on several occasions prior to her wedding. Co-hostesses Duane Wright and Chloe Wellons honored the bride with a bridesmaids brunch at the home of Miss Wright on November 6. The honoree was presented a

corsage of gold mums tied with gold ribbons and a stem cut glass crystal pitcher. On November 5 employees of First-Citizens Bank in Smithfield surprised the bride-elect with a household shower. At the home of Mrs. Loretta Stallings on October 30, the bridesmaids honored Miss Stephenson with a lingerie shower. Hostesses Diana Stallings, Dorothy Wellons, Cornelia Peedin, Lillian Sasser, Maydene Martin, Beatrice Braswell, Linda Smith, Joyce Wellons, and Ruby Hinnant entertained at a miscellaneous floating shower on October 14 in the Princeton Community Building. The bride-elect was presented with a yellow mum corsage and numerous gifts.

Following the pre-nuptial rehearsal, The French Country Inn in Selma was the setting for an after-rehearsal dinner honoring the bride and groom to be. The dinner was hosted by parents of the bridegroom, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Anderson Pearce, Jr., of Smithfield. The couple-elect were entertained at a steak supper on November 2 at the Steak Barn in Goldsboro, hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Glenwood Brown and Miss Alberta Boyette. Dr. Luby F. Royall, Jr., assisted by ushers Jimmy Royall, Dixon Fleming, and Bryan Benton, honored the couple at a pig picking on October 29 at the Royall cottage on Holt Lake.

Out-of-state guests attending the wedding were Mr. & Mrs. Barry Foote of Montreal, Canada; Mike Story of Valdosta, Georgia; and Mr. & Mrs. Holton Pearce of Columbia, South Carolina.

In And Around Oriental

By MRS. G.P. MIDYETTE
Special Services

Most all the churches have had special Thanksgiving services during the week preceding the day.

On Wednesday night, November 17 the Women's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church had a project celebrating the 350th anniversary of the founding of the denomination in 1717 and the co-incident Bicentennial of national life.

The event opened with a presentation of the national flag and the Christian flag, following the call to worship by the pastor, Rev. Chandler. Salutes to the flags were recited. The National Anthem and "Onward Christian Soldiers" were sung by the congregation. Mrs. Bertha Thompson gave a reading on the history of Thanksgiving.

Rev. Willis Thompson, our retired Presbyterian minister was impressed with the presentation and especially with the display in the front of the church of all the fruits and vegetables of the earth from orchards and gardens that appeal to the taste, beauty and appetite overflowing from cornucopias. Standing in the midst, a farmer represented by a doll dressed as a Pilgrim added to the arrangement. He said the display was in effigy of the call to Thanksgiving.

The congregation, he said, was representative from a three months old baby who silently viewed the whole thing, to grandparents and great-grandparents.

The Methodist Church morning worship was led by the great beloved Rev. Dr. George McCrary. Of course he held his audience spellbound while he told the history of Thanksgiving and conservation. Mrs. Eula Dees Walker, organist, played the prelude and accompanied the choir as they sang Thanksgiving hymns.

On Sunday evening a special program was held there in the Methodist Church by a group of singers from New Bern. They were Ernest Smith, Peggy Edwards, Lynn Edwards, Lou Daniels, Dot Neal, Jim Oliver and Mike Oliver with the cooperation of the Baptist and Methodist churches of Oriental.

They gave a great sermon in song, answering the question, "Who is this man, Jesus?" Some of the answering songs were, "His Name is Wonderful," "Jesus Took My Burden and Left Me

With a Song, "No one ever cared for me like Jesus," "I wonder why He Loved Me So?" "Tis so Sweet To Trust in Jesus," and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Mike Oliver closed by singing, "I'd rather Have Jesus Than Anything."

It was a very inspiring program which brought many to the altar for a rededication of their love and devotion to Him. The program was narrated by Ernest Smith, interspersed with corresponding passages of scripture.

At the First Baptist service on Sunday preceding Thanksgiving a special Thanksgiving offering was made for the six Baptist Children's Homes in North Carolina. This offering will help care for children in need of specialized assistance, services for unwed mothers, social work services, continuing education for college, technical and vocational training and a pre-school educational program. We are glad to be given this opportunity once a year at Thanksgiving to express our love and appreciation for what is being done through our Baptist Children's Homes for precious children and needy adults with our prayers and financial support. We should count our blessings and give generously.

The worship service began with a processional by the choir singing the call to worship, "Make A Joyful Noise." The pastor, Michael Oliver playing played the accompaniment. This followed the organ prelude and chiming of the hour.

Thanksgiving hymns used were "Come Ye Thankful People, Come," "We Gather Together," and the anthem, "The Beauty of the Earth" by the adult choir. Mr. James Oliver led the devotional.

The pastor's message to the children was on the topic, "Showing gratitude based on Luke 17 and the story of the 10 lepers who were healed and only one gave thanks, and Jesus' question, "Where are the Nine?" His message to the congregation was from 1 Chronicles 16:23-34, "Living the Thankful Life." He told that Sara Hall originated the setting apart of Thanksgiving as

a national holiday, Abraham Lincoln being the first president to set the date.

An all day study course was taught by Mrs. James Oliver in the home of Mrs. Wilma Holton on Monday, followed by a covered dish luncheon. The book reviewed was, "Stronger than Mushrooms," which showed Baptist mission work in Mexico. Mrs. Oliver was very well equipped with first hand knowledge to tell about Mexico as she had been there on a tour with the N.C. Education Association a few years ago.

Those taking the course and enjoying the sumptuous meal were, in addition to Mrs. Holton and Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Lucy Gilgo, Mrs. Nina Dixon, Mrs. Irma Midyette, Mrs. Wayne Walters, Mrs. Doris Rockwood, Mr. and Mrs. John Bond, Mrs. Eva Mae Lewis and Mrs. Johnny Shine. Rev. Oliver accompanied his mother and enjoyed the study and luncheon and the Christian Fellowship.

Spent Thanksgiving In Orlando

Mike and Lucille Murray left Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving in Orlando, Fla. with Lucille's mother.

The Gumbrecht family went to Washington, D.C. to spend Thanksgiving with their two oldest daughters. Jay Gumbrecht joined a group of his college friends from U.N.C. in Wilmington to go to Cape Hatteras for a surfing party.

Mrs. Nina Dixon went to New Bern to spend Thanksgiving with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dixon.

Bridge Luncheon

Mrs. John Martin hosted a lovely Bridge Luncheon in the lounge of the Oriental Marina Restaurant for seven tables of bridge honoring her sister-in-law, Mrs. Margretta Dougherty of Chazy, N.Y. She is a well traveled widow who usually spends her winters in Texas but now that her daughter lives in Raleigh and her sister in Oriental, she will be spending more time in North Carolina.

Those playing were Betsy Thompson, Anne Gwaltney, Marguerite Ferrell, Ann Smith, Louise Oldham, Grace Gum-

brecht, Selma Morris, Fay Bond, Agnes MacRay, Flo McCreary, Katherine Spruill, Wilma Holton, Irma Midyette, Pep Keller, Lib Corey, Mary Harris, Isabelle Ruby, Elva Miller, Norma Smith, Annie Mary Kelecher, Anne Forman, Sue Barley, Sadie Paul, Eula May Walker, Emily Koppel and Dotty Luck in addition to her sister and herself. Louise Shorey joined the party for luncheon. The three winning prizes were Lib Corey, Sadie Paul and Mary Harris. Play began at eleven and ended at four.

A Letter Of Thanks From The High School

Dear Mrs. MIDYETTE, The Library Club expresses their thanks to you for helping us celebrate National Children's Book Week. Your talk and paintings on display were very interesting. We are certain that all of the viewers enjoyed this. We would like for you to visit our library again. Thank you!

Sincerely yours
Donna Stephenson,
Secretary, Library Club

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