

Pritchard-Mathews exchange vows



MRS. MICHAEL ALLEN PRITCHARD

Miss Pamela Lynn Mathews and Michael Allen Pritchard were married Sept. 9 at 4 p.m. in Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, Elizabeth City by Rev. Robert Poole in a double ring ceremony.

Wedding music was provided by Wesley and Rachael Grayson and Betty Miller.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Mathews of Elizabeth City. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harold Pritchard Sr. also of Elizabeth City.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a formal gown of ivory silk and organza fashioned with a V-neckline, raised waistband and long, fitted sleeves. The bodice and bottom of the sleeves featured re-embroidered rosepoint lace. The A-line skirt was designed with a large flounce edge with lace which extended into a chapel length train. She carried a bouquet of white and talisman roses.

Maid of honor was Lisa Mathews, sister of the bride, of Elizabeth City.

Bridesmaids were Miss Fran Small of Rockville, Md., Miss P.K. Hoffman of Newport News, Va., Miss Ellen Chesson of Raleigh, Miss Kathy Anderson of Nags Head, Mrs. Wesley Higgins of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Michael Johnson of Raleigh.

Flower girl was Wendy Gurganus of Elizabeth City.

Ring bearer was Mark Pritchard, nephew of the groom, also of Elizabeth City.

Raymond Harold Pritchard Sr. served as his son's best man. Ushers were Harold and David Pritchard, brothers of the groom, of Elizabeth City, A.O. Roberts of Hertford, Randal Mathews, Wayne Mathews, of Elizabeth City, and Rodney Mathews of Kill Devil Hills, brothers of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception for the couple was held in the church social hall.

After a wedding trip to various points in the western part of the nation, the couple will reside at Rt.

6, Elizabeth City. The bride received her fine arts degree from College of the Albemarle and a dental hygiene degree from Wayne Community College in Goldsboro. She is employed by the District Health Department in Elizabeth City as dental hygienist.

The bridegroom attended College of the Albemarle and is employed by the Elizabeth City Police Department.

Prior to the wedding, the couple was entertained at a buffet dinner hosted by Miss Fran Small, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Small and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ward.

A bridesmaids' luncheon was given by relatives.

A beach party at Nags Head was given by Miss Kathy Anderson, Miss Ellen Chesson, and Miss Mary Alice Riddick.

Sunday school lesson

REVERENCE FOR GOD

John 4:24

Christ taught the Samaritan woman that true worship is not confined to a particular place, but that it must be spiritual and must be done in an understanding manner. Worship is a proper recognition of the worth of God, an adoration of His person and a veneration of His name. True worship of God is a very important factor in the spiritual development and fruitfulness of God's children. It elevates character and improves conduct. Inasmuch as "God is a spirit," the only worship which can possibly be acceptable and honoring to Him is that which is offered in spirit and in truth by His children.

Matthew 6:24

Christ made it clear that two masters, whose interests are entirely incompatible, cannot be served by the same person at any given time. To attempt to serve two masters is a futile effort. Our Lord said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." The meaning of "mammon" may be a little obscure, but it seems to be the god of riches. What a pity that it became necessary for Christ to speak to Christians about their yielding to the temptation to make riches their God! What an insult to God to claim allegiance to Him and then to place a personal trust, love, and delight in riches! What a revelation when money gets scarce and the first place that a church member economizes is in his support of the Lord's work! True and devoted servants of the Lord give Him the preeminence in all things, and rightly so.

Exodus 20:3-7

Because the human heart will worship someone or something, God requires the worship of each of us, and refuses to tolerate worship of any other. The Second Commandment prohibits the use of idols or images in connection with the worship of God. Since God is Spirit, there is nothing in heaven or on earth to which He may be likened. To attempt to represent the living God by that which is without life and made by man is useless, sinful, and truly a debasement of deity, for which there cannot be any justification. The worship of images is expressly forbidden in the Scriptures because God is jealous. While God visits the penalty of bad fathers upon the children of the third and fourth generation of them that hate Him, He also visits the reward of good fathers upon their children.

In verse seven God requires reverence for His name, and forbids its use flippantly, irreverently, falsely, insincerely, deceitfully, or profanely. The Hebrew word, which is translated "in vain", means falsely, emptily, frivolously, and profanely. People take God's name in vain when they speak irreverently of it, when they use it in idle discourse, when they speak hypocritically honor God with their lips while their hearts are far from Him, and when they use His name in swearing. Many think profanity is a trivial matter, but God considers it a grievous sin. It is an evidence of the lack of both intelligence and Christianity.

Luke 4:8

When Satan tempted Christ Jesus to comply with his will rather than conform to God's will, our Lord defeated the tempter on the ground of His humanity and not on the basis of His deity. When Satan tempted Christ did not enter an argument with him, but refused to yield and quoted the Word of God to him. Inable to stand

before the incisive power of God's Word, Satan fled and left Christ alone for a season.

Matthew 5:33-37

When Christ was here in the flesh many were accustomed to lying, just as is the case today. There grew up the unnecessary and sinful habit of trying to make others believe their falsehoods by using oaths. It was thought that when a person made an oath that he would certainly tell the truth, which was far from correct. Knowing that swearing under oath does not increase the truthfulness of one's words, and that making an oath will never change the value of one's testimony, Christ uttered His prohibition against all vain and useless swearing. A person who is honest and truthful need not resort to the use of an oath. Using God's name may impress some listener, but it will not make any liar honest.

The Sunday School Lesson is sent in by Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Ky.

Obituaries

MARGARET LOUISE ALLEN
NEWPORT NEWS, VA. — Mrs. Margaret Allen, 52, of 616 Sterling St., died Sunday in Riverside Hospital. She was a native of Perquimans County but had lived in Newport News for 35 years. She was a member of Parkview Baptist Church.

She is survived by her widower, William B. Allen and one daughter, Mrs. Daniel Waddles, both of Newport News.

Other survivors include one step-daughter, Mrs. Dana Hinnant of Knoxville, Tenn.; one son, Douglas Mahone of Jacksonville, Fla.; three sisters, Mrs. Iris Byrum of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Hattie Etheridge of Hertford, and Mrs. Gertrude Kehler of Willow Grove, Pa.; seven brothers, Jarvis Elliott and Hubert Elliott, both of Elizabeth City, Troy Elliott, Will Elliott, Joseph Elliott, and Preston Elliott, all of Hertford, and Alphonso Elliott of Roper; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Peninsula Funeral Home in Newport News by Rev. V. Allen Gains. Burial was in Peninsula Memorial Park.

HARRY SESS BELCH
Harry Sess Belch, 73, of Rt. 3, Edenton, died in his home Wednesday after an extended illness. He was a native of Chowan County. A retired carpenter and commercial fisherman, he was the husband of Mary Jones Belch and son of the late Charlie and Georgia Mitchell Belch. He was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. Funeral services were held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Willford-Barham Funeral Chapel by Rev. Mark Willard with burial in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Surviving other than his widow, are three daughters, Mrs. Carolyn B. Swine, Creswell; Mrs. Joyce Ann Fesperman of Hertford, and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Carnezero, of Chicago, Ill.; two sons, Wilbur Ray Belch and Carroll "Buddy" Belch both of Edenton; one sister, Mrs. Ruth Mattern, Chesapeake, Va.; and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Lester Jackson, Jarvis Skinner, Erie Jones, Edward Goodwin, Thurman Goodwin and Bristoe Perry.

Announcements from area churches

USHERS' ANNIVERSARY
The Senior Ushers of Winslow Grove A.M.E. Zion are having their Anniversary the first Sunday in October 1978 at 1:30. Dinner will be served and the public is invited. Mrs. Malinda Riddick is president.

HARVEST DAYS
Woodville Baptist Church will sponsor Harvest Days Oct. 8. Lunch will be served starting at 12:30 p.m. at the church. Rev. Kater Franklin White will be guest speaker for this special event. The afternoon session will begin at 2 o'clock. Rev. Joseph H. Scalf, host pastor, invites the public to attend.

TO HOLD REVIVAL
Rev. Leroy Wills, pastor of Pools Grove Baptist Church, will conduct revival services at St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church beginning Sunday, Oct. 8 with Rev. Howard Manley opening the revival.

The service with Rev. Manley will be held Sunday starting at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Wills will speak the remainder of the week and will be accompanied by different choirs, ushers, and congregations.

Monday night will feature the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church; Tuesday night, Saunders Grove Baptist Church; Wednesday night, First Baptist Church; Thursday night, Pools Grove Baptist; Friday night, Moses Temple Male Chorus.

Rev. Alexander Green is host pastor.

HOMECOMING
Sunday school at Hertford First Baptist Church will convene this week at 9:45 a.m. under the direction of Mrs. R.B. Gibbs.

The morning worship service will follow at 11 with Rev. John H. London preaching from the text of Matthew 4:18-19 on the subject, "Simon Peter's Call to the Ministry." The Senior Choir will sing. Following the service, a

homecoming worship will begin at 3 p.m. with Galis Street Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. Oliva Welch, in charge. Also participating will be New Calvary Baptist Church where Rev. Welch is assistant pastor, New Oak

Grove Baptist Church Youth Adult Choir from Virginia Beach, Va., plus all former members. This event will be the closing of the church's week-long revival celebration. Dinner will be served and the public is invited.

For Your Information

Dear friends,

After the surviving family has properly and legally selected those items from the deceased's belongings that it wishes to retain, some useful items will remain unwanted by the family. It is considerate to offer these items to a charitable organization, such as the Salvation Army or Goodwill Industries.

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Celebrate

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Gordon of Hertford celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sept. 30 at Hillcrest Gardens, Hertford.

Sarah and John have six children, 30 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Music was provided by grandson Ronnie Jennings of Washington, D.C.

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