

MR. AND MRS. KEVIN ECHOLS

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Echols Wed June 29 In Gastonia

The home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jack Simmons, on Edgeville Drive in Gastonia, was the setting June 29th for the 3 p.m. wedding uniting Amanda Christine Gore and Kevin Alan Echols.

Rev. Alan Vickery of Commerce, Ga., uncle of the bridegroom, heard the exchange of vows in the double ring ceremony which featured the lighting by the couple of the Unity candle. The couple spoke their vows before an arch of greenery and ferns and Kentia palms.

Mrs. Tim Echols was organist and Mike Chambers was vocalist for the program of wedding music. Mr. Chambers sang "You And I" during the lighting of the Unity candle and "The Wedding Prayer" as the benediction.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore her mother's wedding dress, a floor length gown of pure silk organza and re-embroidered Alencon lace designed by Mendicino. The empire bodice was trimmed with seed pearls and featured a scoop neckline. Garlands of lace accented the front of the controlled skirt which swept in the back to a carriage train. The bouffant veil of pure silk English illusion was caught to a pillbox of matching Alencon lace encrusted with pearls. She carried a cascade of white roses.

Miss Lynn Gore attended her sister as maid of honor and Miss Bonnie Gore was bridesmaid for her sister.

The two attendants wore full skirted floor length silver

polished cotton gowns designed along empire lines and enhanced with Alencon lace and embroidered pink roses. They carried bouquets of pink roses and wore matching headdresses.

Best man for the bridegroom was his father, Randy Echols, brother of the bridegroom, served as usher.

The bride's parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jack Simmons and Mrs. Ambrose Lutz, hosted the reception after the ceremony for members of the wedding party and friends. The pink and white theme of the wedding was carried out in decorative details. Mrs. Dennis Putnam served the three-tiered wedding cake and Mrs. Ambrose Lutz served punch. Roses and mixed flowers decorated the bride's table and were used throughout the house for decoration.

The newlyweds have returned from a wedding trip to Atlanta, Ga., and are residing at 1504 Northwoods Drive in Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall C. Gore of Princeton Drive are parents of the bride who is a student at Kings Mountain Senior High School.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Echols of 1504 Northwoods Drive and is a graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School and attends Wingate College. He is employed by Minette Industries in Grover.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Echols of Kings Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Vickery of Commerce, Ga.

Mrs. Trott Reviews Book At Thursday Club Meeting

Mrs. Tom Trott reviewed the book, "Preserving the Constitution", the autobiography of the late U.S. Senator Sam Ervin, at the June meeting of the Thursday Afternoon Book Club.

Mrs. Frank Hoyle entertained members at her home. Present was a guest was Mrs. Hoyle's sister, Mrs. E.A. Smith.

Upon arrival of 12 members and guests, Mrs. Hoyle served a salad and dessert plate with iced tea.

Mrs. Trott was presented by Mrs. W.M. Moorhead, program chairman. During her review of the book, Mrs. Trott said that she and her husband attended the funeral of "Senator Sam" in Morganton, along with Sarah Helen

Summitt Randall, formerly of Kings Mountain. The Randalls were across-the-street neighbors of the Senator in Morganton. She played a 1974 recording made by Senator Ervin, in which he gave anecdotes and expressed his philosophies.

Mrs. George Thomasson presided in the absence of Mrs. George Houser, president. The club voted a contribution to the American Cancer Society.

The club voted not to hold a meeting in July and August in order to give members summer vacations and were invited to hold the September meeting at the home of Mrs. Robert Wilson with Mrs. Paul McGinnis as program chairman.

Medlins Return From China

Dot and Bud Medlin of Kings Mountain found China to be a good place to visit but were happy to return home following a two-week visit to China recently.

They saw the most bicycles they've ever seen, found Christianity, crime and unemployment to be almost non-existent and marveled at sites such as the Great Wall of China and the Tien An Men Square.

Early during their trip, they barely missed being caught in a typhoon and at the close of the trip, they experienced some tense moments when an airport baggage room exploded.

"Arriving in Japan after leaving China was like going into Paradise," Bud remarked.

However, they wouldn't take anything for their seventh trip to China.

Shortly after arriving in Hong Kong, the Medlins found that the only church on the Island of Macau was closed down due to lack of participation. More than 99 percent of the Chinese people do not believe in God and the one church on the island, a Catholic church, held its only service this year on May 13, the church's anniversary.

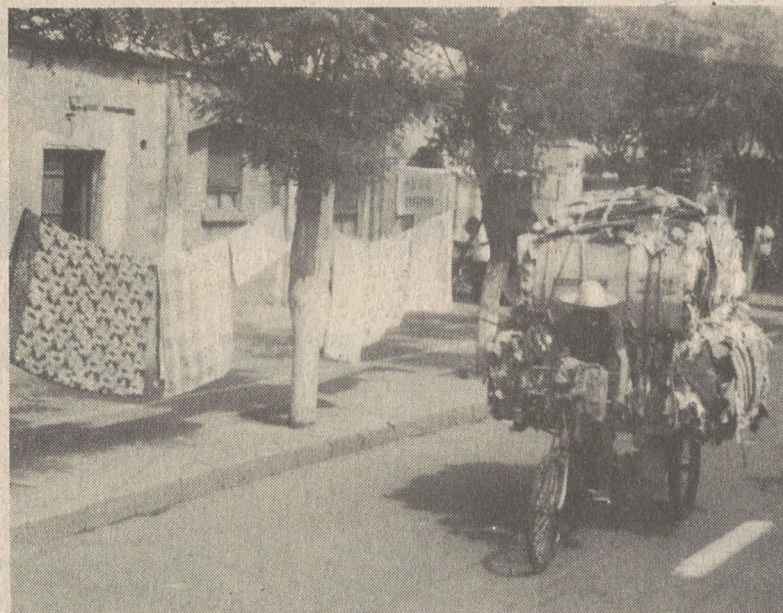
After leaving Hong Kong at 9:15 a.m. on a Tuesday morning, the typhoon "Hal" hit at 12:30 and closed the city for 16 hours. The city's economy was set back \$89 million.

"That was a hairy experience," Medlin said. "We flew into Canton, a city of 12 million people and 1.2 million bicycles, and I believe we saw most of the bicycles," he said. "They use them for everything. We saw a whole side of beef on a bicycle."

The city has the largest free market (flea market) in China and actually sells cats, dogs, field rats and snakes for human consumption. "We witnessed the cleaning of animals at the market and that led us to a vegetation diet for nine days," Medlin said.

Medlin said Canton is the only city that still allows the sell of such animals for human consumption and people in other cities make fun of "Cantonese Cuisine."

When they flew into



Bicycles Main Transportation



The Great Wall Of China

Shanghai two days later, the Medlins saw more bicycles. "What's so astonishing about that city," Bud noted, "is that the people drive without lights at night so they won't blind the bicycle riders. We rode from the airport to our hotel, a 45-minute drive, without lights. Occasionally, when entering a curve, the taxi driver would flick on the lights and then flick them right back off."

The city is known the world over for its trees. "Each Arbor Day, they plant one million trees," he said. "Most of China has picked up on their Arbor Day and the forestry program there has boomed from it. They will dig up a sidewalk to plant trees."

They saw the 27-mile Shanghai Harbor, one of the

largest in the world where the movie "Sand Pebbles" was made.

In the capital city of Peking, they saw "wall to wall people" and some of the world's most beautiful sites, including the Great Wall of China. They climbed the left wall which overlooks Inner Mongolia and the Gobi Desert.

"What is fascinating about it," Medlin said, "is that during the Cultural Revolution in the seventies, the Army and Red Guard tore out building blocks of the Great Wall to build homes and barracks, which is a disgrace because the Great Wall to China is like the Statue of Liberty to the United States. The present administration now has those same troops going back and tearing down the barracks

and homes and rebuilding the wall."

They also saw the Valley of the Tombs, of which 11 of the 13 remain untouched, and saw a commune where the 28,000 people who live there are broken into brigades and operate one toy factory, one jade factory and numerous agricultural businesses.

At the hospital, they found equipment dating back to the early 1900's and medicine to be in very short supply. "People don't go there unless they're on their death bed," he said.

At Tien An Men Square, the largest square in the world, they saw the Mausoleum of Chairman Mao and eight lanes of traffic coming into the 20-mile long square.

"One of the most interesting things about China is that crime is obsolete," Medlin said. "They behead rapists, murderers, thieves and drug dealers. There are very few jails."

They used two kinds of money, government money and street money. Police and Army personnel are dressed in identical outfits except for the insignias on their caps. They are armed only with scratchpads and pens "and you do not want your name to be written on their pad," Medlin said.

"The people are very friendly and curious," he said. "If you stop on the street, soon you'd attract a crowd of 50 to 100 people. They really like the United States and Western ideas."

Coca Cola and Marlboro cigarettes are everywhere, he said, and young women and men dress western style while the older generation leans toward the traditional Chinese dress.

"There are no churches, no Bibles and you can't discuss religion or politics," he said. "People here at home should count their blessings for our freedom because one day it could be taken away."

There are no private-owned automobiles, mainly because the costs are so astronomical the people can't afford them on their \$40-a-month salary. "But there is no unemployment," he said. "The government determines your job, education and future."



PHYLLIS LYNN ETTERS

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Ethers announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Lynn, to David Stanley Scruggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Scruggs. Both families are of Kings Mountain. The bride-elect is a 1979 graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School and a 1984 graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy with B.S. in Pharmacy and is employed as Assistant Manager/Pharmacist at Revco Drug Stores, Inc. in Hildebran. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Rufus Ethers and the late Mr. Ethers and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd M. Ormand, all of Kings Mountain. Mr. Scruggs is the grandson of Guy Scruggs and the late Mrs. Scruggs of Gaffney, S.C. and T.B. Rape and the late Mrs. Rape of Cherokee Falls, S.C. and great-grandson of Mrs. Annie Mae Rape of Cherokee Falls, S.C. A 1979 graduate of KMSHS, he is employed by Carolina Freight Carriers in Cherryville and is a 1983 graduate of Appalachian State University in Boone with B.A. in Sociology. The wedding will take place Sept. 21 in Bethlehem Baptist Church.



LISA LASHA HUFFSTICKLER

(Bride-elect of Charles Richard Morrow)

ENGAGED - Pat and Butch Clements of Houston, Texas, and Mike and Diane Huffstickler of Kings Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Lasha Huffstickler, to Charles Richard Morrow, son of Franklin and Marcella Morrow of Kings Mountain. A July 26 wedding is planned at Temple Baptist Church.