



MISS SHARON KAY PUTNAM

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mrs. Betty Putnam of Kings Mountain announces the engagement of her daughter, Sharon Kay, to Steven Anthony Blanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Blanton of Grover. Miss Putnam, also the daughter of the late David Paul Putnam, is a graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School and Cleveland Technical College where she graduated with an Associate degree in Applied Science in Medical Technology. She is employed by Norick Brothers, Inc. Mr. Blanton, a graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School, is employed at Lithium Corporation of America. The wedding will take place April 25th in Oak Grove Baptist Church.

TAMARA L. SLAWTER
(Bride Elect Of H. Allen Baird)

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Dunn, Jr., announce the engagement of her daughter, Tamara L. Slawter of Charlotte, to H. Allen Baird of Hickory. Tami is also the daughter of the late Bobby E. Slawter. Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Baird of Kings Mountain. Tami graduated from East Gaston High School and attended Appalachian State University. She is employed by James, McElroy & Diehl of Charlotte. Allen graduated from Kings Mountain High School and attended Lees McRae College. He is employed by Piedmont Corrugated Container of Hickory. The couple plan a May 23rd wedding.

MRS. RODNEY LEE SELLERS
(Elizabeth Ann Ellison)

Ellison-Sellers Couple Wed At Oak View Baptist Church

Oak View Baptist Church in Kings Mountain was the setting Saturday at 7:30 p.m. for a candlelight wedding uniting Miss Elizabeth Ann Ellison and Rodney Lee Sellers in marriage.

The couple exchanged vows of the double-ring ceremony before the Rev. Robert Moore, minister of the church.

Mrs. Evelyn Bridges was organist for the program of nuptial music and vocal selections were by her son, Michael Chambers. Mr. Chambers sang "Saviour Like A Shepherd", "Flesh Of My Flesh" and the benediction "Lord's Prayer." Prior to the ceremony Mrs. Bridges presented a program of classical and religious music.

The altar of the church was decorated in the wedding colors of ivory and mauve with greenery banking the setting. The pulpit area of the sanctuary was decorated with crescent-shaped candelabra holding tapers and family pews and each window of the sanctuary were appointed with crystal globes with ivory candles and mauve bows.

A rose was presented to both the bride and bridegroom's mothers as the newlyweds left the church.

Larry Milton Ellison gave his daughter in marriage. The bride wore a white lace and satin wedding gown that had been especially made for her mother 28 years ago by Mrs. Albert Harper of Greenville, S.C. The dress was enhanced by a satin bodice overlaid in lace with an overkirt of ruffled illusion net topped by a top skirt of illusion net with inserts of Chantilly lace. Long sleeves and a chapel train featured the gown. The bride also wore her mother's wedding veil, which draped over the face during the ceremony. The veil of double tiers of illusion was attached to a coronet of seed pearls. For "something old" she wore her mother's gown and veil; for something blue, a garter; and as a good luck charm she wore a penny in her shoe given her by her grandfather. She carried an old-fashioned nosegay of ivory roses and mauve flowers and wore a string of pearls given to her by her father.

Mrs. Rebecca Ellison Brooks of Greenville, S.C. was her sister's matron of honor and bridesmaids were Mrs. Penny Sellers Mertz of Kings Mountain, sister of the bridegroom; Mrs. Angie Benge of Hickory and Miss Ashley Moss of Kings Mountain.

All the attendants wore long formals of deep mauve lace over satin with dropped waistlines accented by bows, high banded Victorian necklines and sleeves puffed at the shoulders and narrowed to the wrist. They carried ivory and mauve nosegays.

The bridegroom's father was best man. Groomsmen were David Benge of Hickory, Mark Cloninger and Dale Champion, both of Kings Mountain.

Ralph Dennis Brooks, Jr. of Greenville, S.C., the bride's nephew, and Jonathan Dean Mertz, nephew of the bridegroom, carried the rings.

Participating in the wedding as honorary attendants were Miss Yvonne Chapman of Greenville, S.C., Miss Robin Chapman of Rock Hill, S.C., and Miss Leslie Dover of Kings Mountain. Honorary groomsmen were Todd Weaver, Jamie Black and David Green.

The bride's mother was gowned in a two-piece antique ivory silk crepe in a two-piece design with blouson top and long sleeves trimmed in silk ivory tating fringe and long skirt. She wore a corsage of ivory and mauve roses.

The bridegroom's mother was gowned in light mint formal featured a deep waist with pleated floor length skirt and long, loose sleeves. She wore a corsage of ivory roses.

The bride's parents hosted the reception in the church fellowship hall which carried out the wedding colors of mauve and ivory. Centering the bride's table was a three-tiered cake topped with ivory and mauve flowers and on the center tier were china angels which had been used on the bride's sister's wedding cake nearly 10 years ago. White cloths overlaid the tables which were decorated with ivory candles in silver candelabrum and ivory and mauve flowers. Adding a warm glow to the event was the fire in the stone fireplace of the church fellowship hall. Silver trays held an assortment of vanilla chocolate hearts, chicken drumettes, cheese biscuits, sausage balls, and pine cone balls of cream cheese and pecans and finger sandwiches. Pink punch was served from a silver punch bowl decorated with flowers and greenery. Assisting in serving refreshments were the honorary attendants, Mrs. Bob Myers, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Childs of Greenville, S.C., longtime

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Showers Honor Beth Ellison

Miss Beth Ellison, whose wedding to Rodney Sellers took place Saturday, was honored Jan. 15th at a lingerie shower hosted by Mrs. Gene (Duck) Stone in the Bethlehem Community. Entertaining with Mrs. Stone was Mrs. Gloria Spicer.

After gifts were opened the displayed, the hostesses fashioned a bouquet from the bows on the packages for the bride-elect to carry at her rehearsal party.

Guests were invited to serve themselves from a decorated refreshment table holding orange sherbet punch, cake squares, mints and nuts.

Guests, in addition to Mrs. Brenda Sellers, mother of the bridegroom-to-be, and Mrs. Linda Ellison, mother of the bride-elect, were Mary Lee Broadwell, Penny Mertz, sister of the bridegroom-elect; Betty Hampton, Lucy Bowen, Connie Ledford, Brenda Ross, Peggy Jackson and Donna Russ.

Mrs. Rebecca Brooks and Mrs. Pamela Durham of Greenville, S. C. honored bride-elect Beth Ellison at a household shower recently at the East Cliffway home of Mrs. Brooks, sister of the bride-elect.

Attending were friends and family members from Greenville, S. C. and family members from Kings Mountain, including the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Linda Ellison; the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Brenda Sellers, and Mrs. Penny Mertz, sister of the bridegroom-elect.

A color motif of pink and green featured decorative details.

Homemade lemon and chocolate pound cakes were served with party refreshments from a festive table.

Miss Ellison was presented a shoulder corsage of pink flowers and guests showered her with gifts for her new home.

The home of Mrs. Penny Mertz on Plantation Drive was setting for a Jan. 11th bridal shower honoring Mrs. Mertz's sister-in-law-to-be Beth Ellison.

Entertaining with Mrs. Mertz were Mrs. Donald Sellers, Mrs. Marsha Putnam, Jean Moore, and Mrs. Ken Cloninger, all aunts of the bridegroom-elect.

Guests were friends and relatives of the engaged pair from the Kings Mountain area.

Cake squares, sandwiches,

nuts and punch were served from a festive table.

Present as out-of-town guests were Mrs. Jewell Ellison, grandmother of the bride-elect; Mrs. Rebecca Brooks, sister of the bride-elect, both of Greenville, S.C. and Shelia Tucker, Marie Moore, aunts of the bridegroom-to-be and Janice Moore, all of Gaffney, S.C.

Women of Oak View Baptist Church honored bride-elect Beth Ellison at a household shower Jan. 18th in the Social Hall of the church on York Road.

Present as special guests were Mrs. Linda Ellison, mother of the bride-elect, and Mrs. Brenda Sellers, mother of the bridegroom-to-be.

The refreshment table was overlaid with a white cloth and arranged with silver candelabrum holding tapers and bridal ribbon. Raspberry punch was served from a silver punch bowl at one end of the table. Party refreshments were served from silver appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sellers honored their son, Rodney Sellers and his fiancée, Beth

Ellison, at a beautifully-appointed rehearsal dinner Friday evening at Kings Mountain Country Club.

Guests were members of the two families and out-of-town guests. Present as special guests were grandparents of the engaged pair: Mrs. Alma Sellers and Cleve Moore, both of Kings Mountain, and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Nash and Mrs. Jewell Ellison, all of Greenville, S. C.

Out-of-town guests from Greenville, S.C. were Miss Yvonne Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brooks, Sr. Ralph Brooks, Jr., Ellison Brooks; Mr. and Mrs. David Benge of Hickory and Miss Robin Chapman of Rock Hill, S.C.

The menu for dinner included a garden salad with chicken and cream sauce, broccoli casserole and rice and dessert, which included cutting and serving of the groom's chocolate cake. The groom's cake centered the refreshment table.

The wedding colors of mauve and ivory were featured in the table decorations in the dining room and in the foyer of the clubhouse.

Rehearsal Dinner In Charlotte Honors Lisa Cash, Lee Neisler

Lisa Davis Cash and Lee Sommers Neisler were honored prior to their wedding day at a rehearsal dinner Jan. 23rd at Charlotte City Club.

Entertaining together were Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Neisler, parents of the bridegroom-to-be, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Andrew Neisler and Mr. and Mrs. G. Scott Neisler, brothers and sisters-in-law of the bridegroom-to-be.

The pink and green theme of the wedding was beautifully carried out in decorative details. The bride's table was centered with an arrangement of asters, painted daisies, miniature carnations, protea and fern.

A dinner of veal, miniature vegetables, ribb lettuce salad and lemon chiffon was served to 100 guests.

Champagne toasts to the bridal pair were offered by

Sandy Sewing, Parks Neisler and Marlene Neisler, all cousins of the bridegroom-to-be, and Bob Maner, uncle of the bridegroom-to-be. A song honoring the couple was written and sung by the bridegroom-to-be's twin brothers, Andy and Scott Neisler. Wendall Smith of Gastonia provided piano music during the dinner.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Millar, the bride-elect's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ballew, wedding directors; and members of the wedding party, including Kathleen Anderson, Irene Dixon, Katherine Hornady, Leslie Cash, Aletha Pierson, Anthony Cabrales, Sean Goudie, Jim Mconkey, Eric Arkin and William Cash, Jr. Greeting guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Maner and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Watson.

Social Deadlines

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All social news items will be published free of charge. However, there is a preparation charge of \$3 for birthday pictures and \$5 for engagement, wedding and anniversary pictures.

Only black and white and high quality color pictures will be accepted. Poloroid pictures will not be accepted. All wedding pictures must be half poses. No full length wedding pictures will be published.

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