

Fortenberrys Married In Gastonia

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around the wreaths. Large pots of white chrysanthemums on the steps, complemented the entrance on each side of the front doors. Inside summer and tropical floral arrangements in shades of peach and white, with baby's breath and green ivy foliage were placed in each window of the church. The altar was enhanced with two pedestals holding brass urns with summer and tropical floral arrangements in shades of peach and white with greenery, flanked by branch candelabra's in the center and spiral candelabra's on the side, holding lighted tapers, entwined with green ivy foliage. Family pews were marked with bouquets of peach roses tied with bows and long streamers of peach silk illusion. A wooden kneeling prayer bench completed the setting.

A program of wedding music was presented by organist, Mrs. Martha Overcash of Gastonia, handbells; Miss Gayla Green of Dallas, and trumpeter, Mr. Roger Myers of Gastonia. Selections included, "Festal Fanfare", "Aria" by Bach, "Fairiest Lord Jesus", by Schonster Herr Jesu, "A Mighty Fortress", by Luther, "Dreams" by McAmis, "Grazioso" by Telemann, and "Wedding Bells" by Peele.

"Cannon in D" by Pachelbil, was presented by harpist, Miss Gayla Green, for the seating of the bride and groom's grandmothers. "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach, for the seating of their mothers. Soloist, Mrs. Ann Marie Lentz of Gastonia, sang "The Greatest of These Is Love" by Bitgood. The processions presented by trumpeter, Mr. Roger Myers, included "Trumpet Voluntary" and "Trumpet Tune" by Clark. The recessionals were "Psalm XIX" by Marcello and "A Song of Joy" by Beethoven.

Lector, Dr. Lewis Bolin of Gastonia, read I Corinthians, thirteenth chapter.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride was escorted to the altar by her father. She wore a "Jeunelle Original" formal wedding gown of white satin and alencon lace, featuring a fitted satin bodice and short puffed sleeves, overlaid with alencon lace, and lavishly re-embroidered with pearls and sequins. Pearl and crystal droplets adorned the front bodice. A scalloped front and back V-neckline enhanced the basque inverted front and dropped back waist, trimmed with scalloped lace and sequins. The skirt of satin trimmed with a scalloped alencon lace hem, was softly gathered and flowed to a double puffed back skirt, and extended into a chapel length train. Small white self bows with silk flower trim, were attached to the skirt at the sides. Large bustle bows with silk flower trim, were attached at the dropped back waist, and the bottom of each puffed. The bride's veil was an original design by "Symphony". The fingertip veil, double layers of white silk illusion with scalloped edge and pearl trim, was attached to a pearl and crystal halo with silk imported flowers and pearl drapes to one side. Pearls were sprinkled throughout the large puffed of bridal illusion at the crown. She carried a lovely designed cascading bouquet of white sweetheart roses, white tuberose, peach alstroemeria lilies, accented with freesia gypsophila baby's breath and iridescent beads.

In keeping with tradition, for something new, she wore designers bridal bell hosiery with white satin shoes, for something blue, her white lace garter was trimmed in blue, for something old and something borrowed, she wore the bridegroom's mother's diamond solitaire wedding ring. Completing her outfit was a pearl necklace and drop pearl earrings.

Mrs. Sudonna McManus Valentine of Gastonia, sister of the bride, was matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were, the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Melissa Fortenberry Costner of Gastonia, and Mrs. Beth Davis Pierce of Lenoir.

Attendants were identically gowned in tea length dresses of apricot satin, featuring a sweetheart neckline, short puffed sleeves and a full gathered skirt. The fitted gathered bodice was accented with a dropped waist and bow at the hip. Each wore apricot satin shoes to match their

dress with off white hosiery, a spray of baby's breath in the side of their hair, and carried a designed cascading bouquet of alstroemeria lilies in shades of peach and white, yellow roses accented with white and peach colored baby's breath and green fern. Completing their outfit, was a pearl necklace and earrings, gifts from the bride.

Miss Kim Robinson of Dallas, presided at the bridal register and distributed wedding bulletins. She wore an off-white tea length dress trimmed in white and was presented a white rose corsage.

The bridegroom's father, Mr. James A. Fortenberry, Jr. was his sons' best man.

Groomsmen were, the bridegroom's brother, Mr. John Eric Fortenberry, of Kings Mountain, the bridegroom's cousins, Mr. Charles Sharif Edmonson, and Mr. Sheldon Eugene Edmonson, of Mooresville, and the bridegroom's uncle Mr. David Osborne Fortenberry, of Inman, S.C.

Crucifer, was Miss Allison Robinson, of Gastonia.

Banner Bearer, was Mr. Zac Lentz, of Gastonia.

Acolytes, were Miss Bonnie Robinson of Dallas, and Mr. David Cook, of Gastonia.

Mrs. McManus chose for her daughter's wedding, a tea length, puffed sleeved dress of peach brocaded silk. The bodice was enhanced with a silk berth of collar, bordered with a row of lace rosettes. The flattering dropped yoke skirt was adorned with all around knife pleats. She wore peach satin shoes to match her

dress with off white hosiery, a long pearl necklace and pearl earrings. She was presented a peach rose corsage centered with a white orchid.

Mrs. Fortenberry, mother of the bridegroom wore a tea length, fitted long sleeved dress of mint green crepe de chine. The straight bodice was enhanced with a V-neckline, and dropped waist with a double tiered skirt. A sheer crepe frontal tiered overlay, draped from the shoulders and sides of the dress to a midriff, handmade, crepe rosette, and was sprinkled with pearls. She wore peau de sau shoes and hosiery to match her dress, and pearl earrings. She was presented a yellow rose corsage, centered with a white, yellow throated orchid.

The bride's paternal grandmother, wore a rose, georgette two piece dress. The pleated bodice overlay, featured a round neckline, elbow length sleeves, and a band bottom trim, with a softly gathered street length skirt. She wore off white shoes and accessories. She was presented a white rose corsage.

The bridegroom's maternal grandmother, wore aqua, georgette tea length dress. Fashioned with a tucked V-neckline bodice, gently gathered from the shoulders, a slim skirt, and a sheer draped frontal overlay, with a self sash, trimmed with white iridescent bugle beads and buttoned at the back waist. She wore aqua peau de sau shoes with off white hosiery, crystal earrings, and was presented a floral spray, of aqua miniature rosebuds and bugle beads, for her hair.

The wedding was directed by the bride's mother, Mrs. Ann McManus and Mrs. Mary Beam of Gastonia.

The bride's parents were hosts for a wedding reception in the church fellowship hall.

The bride's colors of peach and white were used throughout the fellowship hall. The windows were decorative with peach colored flowers accented with baby's breath and ivy foliage. The tables were covered with white skirts and topped with white linen table cloths, accented at the corners and centers of the tables with large, white bows. On each end of the buffet table were arrangements of mixed summer and tropical flowers of peach and white.

The four tier round wedding cake, each layer separated with crystal columns, was decorated and iced in white garland and ruffles, with silk flowers consisting of peach roses, white daisies, baby's breath and greenery topping each layer and draping the sides of the entire cake. Fresh peach roses and greenery encircled the cake.

Mrs. Roby Robinson, Mrs. Bill Ward, Mrs. Fred Ward, and Mrs. Cathy Finch assisted in serving wedding cake, hors d'oeuvre, mints, and fruit punch at the reception. They were presented white rose corsages.

Miss Meredith Finch distributed birdseed sachets at the reception.

Mrs. Shirley Huffstetler of Gastonia, was caterer for the reception.

The newlyweds have returned from a wedding trip to Florida, and are residing in Gastonia.

CRIME OF THE WEEK

The Cleveland County Sheriff's Department is currently investigating a larceny which occurred July 6 on Windemere Lane in Shelby. A well pump, pipe, and wire valued at \$500.00 was stolen from a construction site of a residence near the Moss Lake. This site has been the scene of other recent acts of thefts and vandalisms.

Should anyone having information concerning this crime or similar crimes, they may be eligible to receive a reward of up to \$1,000.00 for information leading to the recovery of property or the issuance of an arrest warrant.

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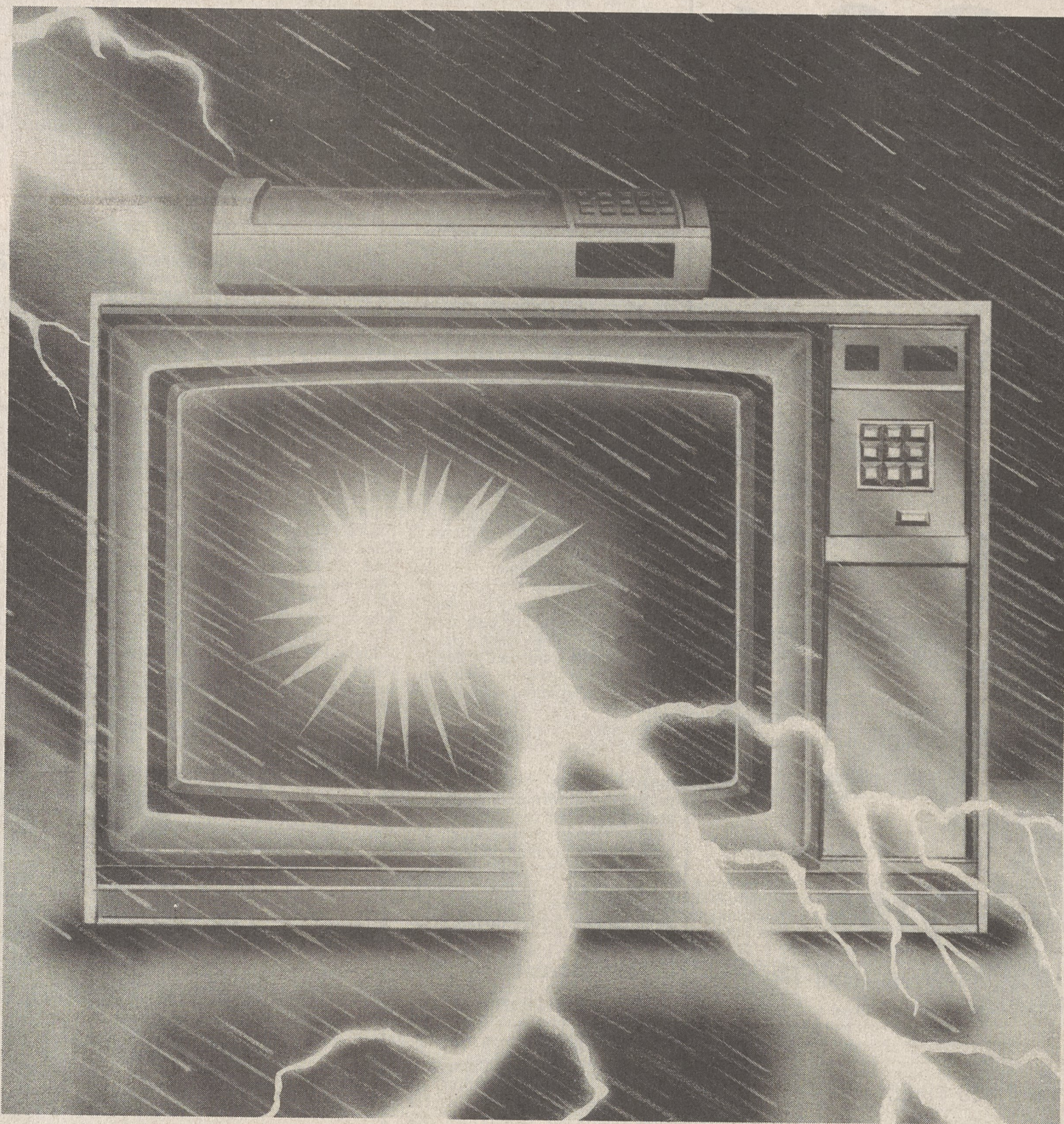
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UF MEETING

The local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) for Cabarrus, Gaston, Mecklenburg and Union counties will announce its decision on local applications for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) at an open meeting on Friday, July 22, at 3 p.m. in Room 104 of the United Way Building at 301 S. Brevard Street, Charlotte, N.C. The public is invited to attend.