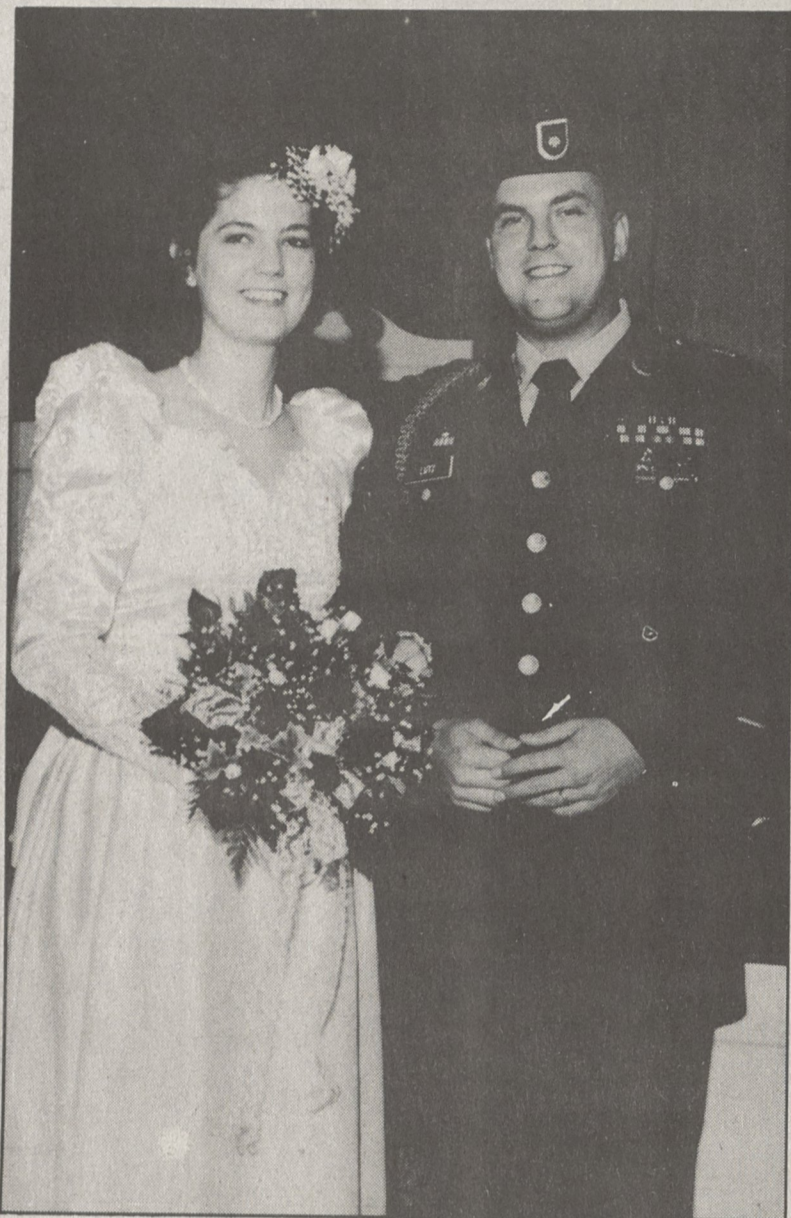


Wedding



MRS. DEAN EARL LUTZ
(Linda Renee Hambricht)

Hambricht-Lutz

First Baptist Church in Grover was the setting December 12, 1993 for the wedding of Linda Renee Hambricht and Dean Earl Lutz.

Rev. John Bridges officiated the ceremony for which Roxeanne Bridges, soloist, Lynn Rowland, pianist, and Sandra Anderson, organist, presented the wedding music.

The bride and bridegroom came to the altar together. The bride wore a full-length gown of white bridal satin designed with Sweetheart neckline and drop waist, long sleeves and bodice adorned with hand-sewn pearls and sequins. The waistline was accented by a large bow at the back. Her headpiece was a spray of roses and pearls and she carried a bouquet of red and white roses, ivy and baby's breath.

Lisa Forrester was her sister's matron of honor and only attendant. She wore a tea-length gown of Christmas red and carried a bouquet of red roses, white carnations and baby's breath.

Marshall Forrester was best man. The rehearsal dinner and cakecutting was hosted by the bride's mother, assisted by Lynn Rowland, on December 11 in the church fellowship hall.

The bride is the daughter of Beryl Hambricht of Grover and the late Albert Hambricht. A 1987 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, she is a 1992 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B.A. degree in Radio, Television and Motion Pictures. She studied abroad in 1991 at the University of Manchester, England. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hambricht of Grover and the late Yates Ross of Kings Mountain.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Dittberner of Elk River, Minnesota and the late Dwight Lutz. He is a 1986 graduate of Mountain View High School and attended West Coast Christian College. He is now serving in the United States Army's 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kaptur of Portland, Oregon.

The newlyweds are at home in Fayetteville until February when they will move to Vancouver, Washington.

Engagement



JENNIFER DIANE SUMMEY
Summey-Ballard

Mr. and Mrs. Quay E. Moss announce the engagement of her daughter, Jennifer Diane Summey, to Gene Clifford Ballard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene C. Ballard Sr. Both families are of Kings Mountain.

Miss Summey is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and attended Central Piedmont Community College's Dental Assisting Program. She is employed at Trez & Cullum, Maxillo Facial Surgery, Gastonia-Shelby.

The bridegroom-to-be graduated from Kings Mountain High School and attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is self-employed at J. B. Computers in Shelby.

The wedding will take place February 26.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club celebrates its 80th anniversary

The 80th anniversary of the Thursday Afternoon Book Club was a festive holiday affair December 11 as 33 members and guests dressed up in the fancy clothes their mothers wore to luncheons long ago.

Luncheon attire featured hats, gloves, furs and fringed stoles.

Helen Cornwell Logan, a daughter of one of the charter members, gave the sentimental reading, "The Christmas Rose."

Evelyn Hambricht led the blessing and asked each guest to recite John 3:16 in keeping with the meaning of Christmas.

Christmas poinsettias were centerpieces for the tables in the North Lake Country Club dining room and were later won as door prizes by Ethel McGinnis, Pucky Lewis Nantz, Judy Logan Herndon, Barbara Plonk Bridges and Marion Patterson.

Miniature silver and gold candy baskets marked the places of guests. Green and pink history booklets were conversation pieces.

Marinated chicken breast, congealed raspberry salad, asparagus with Hollandaise dressing, and poppy seed muffins were topped off with chocolate pie.

Mary Frances Hord Cothran shared memories of her mother entertaining in the early years and how many bowls of Heavenly Hash and chicken salad sandwich-

es had to be made in preparation for the guests. She said that when they hired a new maid that she would often be in the kitchen helping with the refreshments.

Marion Arthur Thomasson said she attended her first meeting in the beautiful home of Mrs. L. P. Baker on North Piedmont Avenue. She said she dressed in her best blue hat, blue suit and accessories to attend the festive affair.

Elizabeth Arthur said that when she moved to Kings Mountain in an apartment at the home of Mrs. Mike Plonk that it was several years before she was invited to join the club. "When we entertained for the club we cleaned every rug, washed all the curtains, cleaned every corner, washed all the windows and tried to prepare some special refreshments for the members," she said. Arthur learned early that Book Club meetings were special occasions.

Alice Betty Mauney Snow talked about the way the children of members were given their first opportunity to perform in public through programs for this club.

Maude Plonk Patterson said she was more like the "window washer" rather than the cook when her mother entertained. She also helped to borrow plates, silverware and other items needed to supplement the items in the Plonk household.

Sarah Finger Warren told of how her mother always wanted to do something special for the book club. Since her father had a drug store on Main Street, Mrs. Finger decided to send to Washington, DC to get block ice cream for the party. This type ice cream was not even available in Charlotte at that time. She recalled how excited they all were when the train arrived from Washington, DC with ice cream packed in dry ice. She also remarked how wonderful that this club still exists after 80 years.

Sara Herndon Simpson remembered how pleased her mother always was to bring out all the china, silver, etc for her time to entertain. She recalled that with all their children, these items did not come out very often. Sara recalled an incident that occurred when she was three. A lady was trying to balance her plate on her lap at book club and somehow it slipped to the floor and broke. Sara was down on the floor and she raised her face up to the lady and said, "This is my mother's best china." Of course, Mrs. P. D. Herndon was very embarrassed by that scolding.

Charlene Padgett was the bride of Dr. Philip Padgett when she was asked to join the club. The Padgetts had formerly lived in Texas and New Orleans.

Ethel McGinnis, who lived at the time in an upstairs Parton

apartment, said she and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney were invited to visit the club. Mrs. Parton, mother of Mrs. Tom Trott, warned them, "You'd better wear your best outfit, and be sure there are no spots on those white gloves."

Saralee Harrill Norton, an out-of-town guest, said she appreciated being part of the celebration.

Gerry Werner had been a member of the club for some years but when her job required her to be in an office in Gastonia, she no longer could be an active member. She stated that she had known most of the mothers of the present members and considered belonging to the club a real privilege of her life in Kings Mountain.

Grace Neisler Page related the time she and Helen Ridenhour were to play a violin duet with Margaret Neisler Hunnicutt accompanying them. When Grace began to play, her hand quivered so much and she was so scared that she left through the kitchen. That was her first and last time for violin performances. Page said she tried piano lessons but they offered no more secure performance.

Letters were read from Peggy Baker Fulford, Kathy Hoyle Smith and Mary Klepper.

Barbara Plonk Bridges ended the party with Christmas music on the guitar and a carol sing.

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