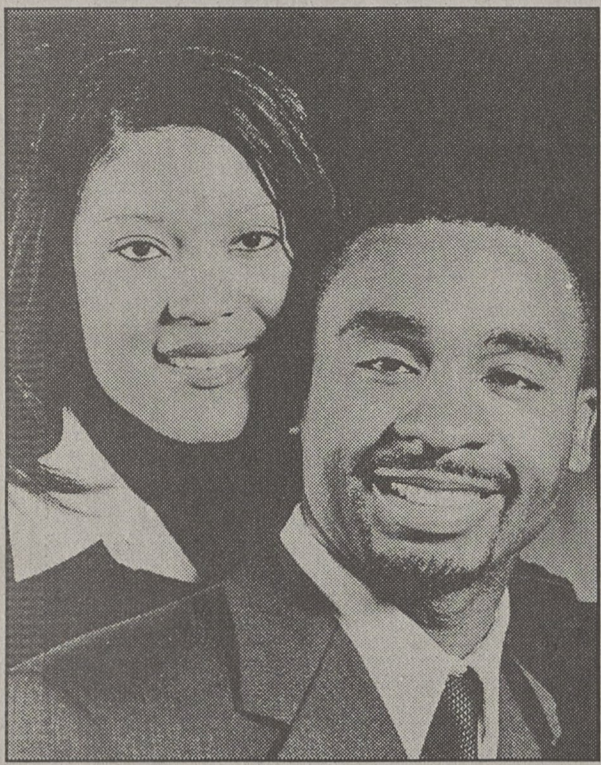


ENGAGEMENT



BRIDGET LASHA' WILLIAMS
DEMOND WILSON

Williams-Wilson

Bridget LaSha' Williams and Demond Wilson, both of Charlotte, have announced their plans to be married on July 13, 2002 at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Charlotte.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Betsy Williams of Kings Mountain. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School where she was a member of the cheerleading team, band, and yearbook editor. She attended UNC-Charlotte and is a member of the N.C. Association of Educators and Black Student Union.

The bridegroom-to-be is the son of Dewey and Virginia Wilson of Charlotte. He is a graduate of Myers Park High School in Charlotte and North Carolina A&T University, where he received a B.S. in Industrial Technology.

Howard Ware notes his 85th birthday

Howard Ware of Kings Mountain observed his 85th birthday recently at a family celebration at the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church.

Family members came from seven states, including Utah, Michigan, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, and North Carolina. Every member of his immediate family was present.

Ware's six living children are Cornelia and husband Jim Kimmell of Myrtle Beach, SC, Kathryn and husband Ron Kincaid of Mt. Gilead, Mike and wife Barbara Ware of Pomaria, SC, Martha Lou and husband Toney Wells of Kings Mountain, Tony and wife Kathy Ware of Highland, MI, and Pete and wife Judy Ware of New Smyrna Beach, FL. Also attending the party were 16 grandchildren and their spouses, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Also attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Rob Ware and Mrs. James Ware of Kings Mountain.



WARE

ANNIVERSARY



PAUL AND DOT HAM

Paul and Dot Ham note 50th wedding anniversary

Paul and Dot Ham celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary December 1 with a drop-in reception at Boyce Memorial ARP Church Pressly Fellowship Hall.

The couple were married December 5, 1951 in York, SC.

Dorothy "Dot" McCarter Ham is retired from Kings Mountain Hospital and is secretary at Boyce Memorial. Paul Ham is retired from Burke Narrow Fabrics.

Hosts were their daughters and sons-in-law, Jody and David Parker and Paula and Rob Wilson, and grandchildren, Robin and Chad Perkins and Wesley and Ben Parker.

Special guests were Dr. and Mrs. Neil McCarter and John of Hillsville, VA, Col. and Mrs. Don McCarter and Rachel of Winter Park, FL, Ventress Wilson and friend of Tampa, FL, Willard and Mary Ann Upchurch of Winston Salem, and Pansy George Cunningham of Kings Mountain. Willard and Pansy accompanied the couple to get married.

The Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated with white poinsettias, candles and greenery using a golden theme. The serving table and memorabilia table held beautiful arrangements of roses.

Many friends and relatives came to share the day with the Hams.

WEDDING PAGE DEADLINES

Deadlines for wedding, engagement and anniversary information is Monday at 12 noon. When holidays or other reasons make it necessary for us to change our publications date, the deadline will be Friday at 12 noon.

Articles submitted after the deadline will be published in other parts of the paper if time and space permit. If not they will be withheld until the following week.

Articles are published free of charge, however there is a \$10 preparation fee for pictures. Pictures should be 4 x 5 black and white or high quality color. To have a picture returned supply a self-addressed stamped envelope.

CLUB NEWS

Carpenter hosts club

The Open Gate Garden Club met December 12 with Phyllis Carpenter. A delicious dessert was served to 14 members and one guest.

Jessie Collins, President, welcomed members. She introduced Louise Roberts, who presented an interesting program on "The Legends of Christmas."

Mrs. Roberts stated that in the 8th century an English missionary replaced German sacrifices to the sacred oak tree as there was no custom of decorating trees in Germany. However, the Christmas tree is a German tradition, and it has become America's all-time favorite decoration. It may range from a small table tree to the gigantic national tree in Washington, DC.

Martin Luther used the first candles on Christmas trees in Germany. It was an attempt to explain to his family how the beautiful night sky affected him.

St. Francis of Assisi originated Christmas carols and nativity scenes were originated in 1224 by St. Francis.

In 1822 Englishman Clement Moore wrote "The Night Before Christmas" to please his children. And in 1843 Charles Dickens wrote "The Christmas Carol."

Santa Claus is distinctly American. In 1842 a 16-year-old boy from England designed the first Christmas card.

Poinsettias have long symbolized the holiday spirit with their colorful foliage.

Another symbol of Christmas is the candy cane. Its shape, like that of a shepherd's staff, symbolizes guidance and protection for the shepherd. The color red means sacrifice and white symbolizes purity.

Fourteen beautiful framed pictures painted by the late Elizabeth Gamble were passed around. Each picture was a different flower found in the Bible with the Bible book, chapter and verse beneath the flower.

Ethel McGinnis read a poem "A Gardener's Christmas."

Timely tips were given by Mrs. Carpenter. Put two or three inches of mulch around trees and shrubs. It prevents cold damage, keeps in moisture and protects roots during the winter.

Cuttings of holly, magnolia, pine and boxwood keep longer if soaked in cold water overnight.

The Happy Holidays arrangement was a very beautifully decorated mantel with greenery, lights and candles.



MR. AND MRS. HUTCHINS IN 1951



MR. AND MRS. HUTCHINS NOW

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins to note 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Hutchins will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 23.

Jack and Georgia were married in Walhalla, SC. Originally from Bryson City, they moved to Kings Mountain in July 1952.

They will be observing this milestone with a family celebration hosted by their children and spouses, Susan and Steve Hutchison, Neil and Diane Hutchins, Bridget and Butch Harrison, and Angela and Mike Harris.

Their grandchildren are Jessica Hutchison, Erica and Beverly Hutchins, Casey and Justin Harrison, and Cameron and Emily Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins are planning a trip in celebration of their 50 years together.

Magnolia Garden Club meets at Shelby nursery

Magnolia Garden Club met for the November meeting at Shagreen Nursery and Arboretum in Shelby.

Mrs. Juanita Lutz, who had arranged the program, introduced Mr. Gebel, who presented an interesting and informative program on ground covers. He showed a variety of ground cover that do well in this area.

During a short business meeting points were counted and Team I had 14 points and Team II had 12 points. There were 11 members present.

Plans were made to plan pansies in the garden spot downtown.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Mondays

9:45 a.m. - Aqua aerobics, Kings Mountain YMCA. No charge for members. \$15 month for non-members. Also meets on Wednesday and Friday. Call 739-9631 for information.

9:30 a.m. - Morning aerobics, Kings Mountain YMCA. No charge for members. \$15 month for non-members. Also meets on Wednesday and Friday. Call

739-9631 for information.
9:30 a.m. - Yoga, Kings Mountain YMCA. No charge to members or \$15 month.

5:45 p.m. - Land aerobics. Also meets Tuesday and Thursday; also 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Free to members. \$15 for non-members. Call 739-9631.

7 p.m. - Second Monday of each month, Kings Mountain Board of Education, Central School, 105 East Ridge St.

5:30-6:30 p.m. - Overeaters Anonymous, every Monday, Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain. For more information call Phyllis Carroll at 864-7629.

5:45 p.m. - Aerobic classes, Kings Mountain YMCA. Land aerobics. Call 739-9631 for more information.

7 p.m. - Parents Without Partners, every Monday, Shelby Presbyterian Church. For more information call Alan Smith at

481-2986.

7 p.m. - Hurting Families Support Group, every Monday, Christopher Road Baptist Church, Shelby. For information call 538-0410.

8 p.m. - AA Big Book Study, every Monday, Serenity Club, Highway 74 at Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain.

Tuesdays

6 p.m. - Cleveland County

Board of Commissioners, first and third Tuesdays, County Administration Building, Shelby.

10 a.m. - (Second Tuesday)- LaLeche League of Gaston County, mother to mother breast feeding support group, Sacred Heart, 100 Mercy Dr., Belmont. For more information call Judy at 704 853-0449.

6-7 p.m. - Free aerobics classes, First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. For more information

call Rosemary at 739-9631.

6:30 p.m. - Kings Mountain Lions Club, dinner meeting, second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

7 p.m. - Kings Mountain City Council, last Tuesday of the month, City Hall, East Gold St.

7:30 p.m. - Southern Arts Society, first Tuesday of the month, at Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

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Monday Night Football & WWF

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