Couple United In Marriage At Historic Prospect Church

MR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER EUGENE PETHEL

Miss Leah Carol Craven and Christopher Eugene Pethel were united in marriage on Saturday, May 11, at the historic Prospect Presbyterian Church of Mooresville. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Craven of 3740 Jim Johnson Road, Concord. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Pethel of 607 West 8th Street, Kannapolis.

The 4:00 p.m. ceremony was performed by Dr. Steve Hundley, pastor of the Prospect church. Wedding musicians were Jerry McGuire, pianist-organist and Rusty Barkley, soloist-guitarist. Selections included Fan Fare in C, Purcell; O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, Buxtehude; Allegro, Handel; Prelude and Fugue in F, Bach; Voluntary on Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow, Purcell; Three variations on Perfect Love by David Johnson and Air by Handel. The vocalist presented Pledging My Love after which Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by Bach was played and another solo Forever Is As Far As I'll Go.

Trumpet Voluntary in D by Purcell was played for the processional of the attendants and the bride entered to Wagner's Bridal Chorus. Mendelssohn's Wedding March was presented for the recessional.

Spiral candelabras and a center arch of candles in the midst of large forns and coral azaleas graced the altar of the sanctuary.

Escorted and given in marriage by her father, the bride was beautiful in a gown of white satin, designed with a fitted bodice, victorian neckline and bishop sleeves. The gown was heavily accented with alencon lace appliques enhanced with teardrop and seed pearls. The back of the gown fell into a chapel length train, bordered in matching lace.

A Juliet cap held her veil of silk illusion.

The bride carried a crescent-shaped bouquet of white tiger lilies framed with coral lilies and mixed flowers in coral, white and aqua.

Maid of honor was Angela Dawn Craven, sister of the bride. She wore a gown of coral taffeta featuring a dropped waistline with a peplum that draped to the side. The peplum was accented with a butterfly bow. She carried a diamond-shaped bouquet of coral lilies with mixed flowers in white, coral and aqua.

Bridesmaids were Rhonda Hager Barnhardt, Amy Murphy Welch, Kim Wilkie Watkins, Jamie Griffin Craven and Traci Boone Broadaway. They were dressed identically to the maid of honor and carried the same style bouquet.

The bouquets were designed by the mother of the bride, Donna Craven and Jamie Craven, sister-in-law of the bride.

Little Miss Amber Wells of Rockwell was a flower girl. She wore a full length white gown accented with coral bows and ribbons. She carried a fancy basket filled with flower petals.

The groom's best man was his father. Ushers were Mike Pethel, brother of the groom; Scott Craven, brother of the bride; Alan Watkins, Jeff Deaton and Gavin Griffin.

Master Steven Wells of Rockwell was ringbearer.

The groom's tuxedo was white with tails and a coral floral boutonniere. The best man, ushers, ringbearer and father of the bride were dressed identically to the groom.

The mother of the bride wore a seafoam tea length two piece silk dress while the groom's mother chose an aqua chiffon dress with draped bodice. Both of the mothers added corsages of coral blush roses with coral and white ribbons.

Grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Roy (Martha) Poston of Yaupon Beach, formerly of Mooresville, and Mrs. Ruth Craven of Concord and the groom's maternal grandmother Mrs. Ruth Johnson of Kannapolis were remembered with corsages and boutonniere of white roses. The bride's paternal grandfather is the late Foy Craven.

An outdoor reception was held on the church lawn immediately following the ceremony.

A garden setting was formed with white wicker furniture and gorgeous baskets of ferns and azaleas.

The round bridal tables were covered in white and overlaid with aqua while the cake table was covered in white lace over aqua linen and the buffet table featured a white cloth. The large table was arranged with a centerpiece of coral and white lilies with accents of aqua and arranged in a white basket.

Served with the cake and punch were heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Assisting with the reception were Charles Tilson, Dawn Poston, aunt of the bride, Jenni Brown, cousin of the bride, Trudy Griffin, Dana Martin, Linda Efird and Candy Coleman.

After a Florida honeymoon, the newlyweds are residing in Huntersville.

The bride is a 1984 graduate of Northwest Cabarrus High School in Concord. She attended Central Piedmont Community College and Rowan Technical College. She is employed as bookkeeper at Wher-Rena Boatland at Huntersville.

The groom, a 1984 graduate of A.L. Brown High School in Kannapolis, is employed with Southeastern Freightlines of Charlotte.

A rehearsal dinner party was hosted by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Pethel, at the Lake Norman home of Mr. and Mrs. George Williford, uncle and aunt of the bride.

A cookout with all the trimmings was enjoyed by the bridal couple and their wedding party and other invited guests.

Pre-nuptial courtesies held in honor of the bridal couple included a miscellaneous shower on March 17 at the home of Kim Watkins in Kannapolis. Associate hostesses were Connie Wilkie and Christy Wilkie

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April 21, a miscellaneous shower took place at the home of the groom's grandmother Mrs. Ruth Johnson in Kannapolis. Hostesses were Linda Efird and Starla Wells.

The staff of Wher-Rena Boatland hosted a cocktail party on May 8, at the home of Charles Tilson in Davidson.

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MR. AND MRS. BURL C. THOMPSON

Couple Honored At Lovely 50th Anniversary Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Burl C. Thompson were honored with a lovely reception for their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 4, in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Cornelius from three until four o'clock in the afternoon.

Hosting the reception were brothers and sisters and their spouses of Mrs. Thompson. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Keith Howard of Old Hickory, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Howard of Charleston, SC; Mr. and Mrs. Rollen Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Thad Hobbs and Mr. Hubbert Howard, all of Mooresville.

Guests were greeted by Mr. Hubbert Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson, brother and sister-in-law of Mr. Burl Thompson while Mrs. Kay Brown attended the guest register.

The anniversary tables, covered in yellow linen and overlaid with lace, were arranged with a beautiful yellow silk floral centerpiece with lighted tapers on either side.

The four-tiered anniversary cake was topped with a 50th bridal couple and served from one end of the table while golden fruit punch was served from the other end of the table. Served with the cake and punch were ribbon sandwiches, cheese daisies, pickles, mints and nuts.

Mrs. Brenda Goodman and Mrs. Alice Howard, nieces of the honored couple, served the cake while another niece, Mrs. Peggy Cashion and Mrs. Sarah Grace White, sister of Mr. Thompson, presided at the punch bowl.

Other nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters and their spouses assisted with the serving. Each person helping with the occasion received a yellow rosebud corsage or boutonniere.

All flower arrangements were created by a niece of the couple, Mrs. Kay Brown, as a gift to the honored couple.

The anniversary cake was also made by a niece of the couple, Mrs. Brenda Goodman, as a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

For the celebration, Mrs. Thompson chose a pink chiffon dress to which she added a corsage of yellow rosebuds. Mr. Thompson added a yellow rosebud boutonniere to the lapel of his navy blue suit.

Miss Tonya White, a niece of the couple, presented the guests with a thank you bookmark as they departed the reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were married at York, SC, on May 4, 1941. Mrs. Thomspon is the former Zetta Howard, daughter of the late Horace and Annie Howard. Mr. Thompson is the son of the late Lon and Sally Thompson.

Approximately 150 friends and relatives offered congratulations to the couple during the appointed hours.

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From Left: Manning, Pierce, Nichols And Kendall

Moonrakers Club Meeting At Thomasson Home; Program On Herbs And Officers Installed

The Moonrakers Garden Club met on May 7 at the home of Mrs. John A. (Rheba) Thomasson in Norman Woods, Lake Norman. Mrs. Thomasson presented interesting information about growing herbs; she then conducted a tour of her own herb garden giving samples of various herbs to club members along with suggestions of uses for herbs. She, then, served lemon balm, saffafras and chamomile teas.

During the business session led by President Mrs. Alan (Evelyn) Sims, it was reported that the azaleas had been planted as a part of the beautification project at Duke Power Energy Explorium.

The installation of new officers was conducted by Mrs. Sims. She used colors to represent the responsibilities of each office and presented a potted plant of that particular color to each officer being installed. The following will serve for the upcoming year: Mrs. Paul (Ann) Manning, president; Mrs. Dick (Lynn) Pierce, vice president; Mrs. Carl (Jane) Nichols, secretary and Mrs. H.R. (Nancy) Kendall, treasurer. Mrs. Sims thanked officers and members for their cooperation and presented each with a package of Forget-me-not seeds.

Co-hostesses who served strawberry shortcake and drinks were Mrs. Carroll (Anita) Teeter and Mrs. Bud (Muriel) Lovett.

Miss Mayhew Honored At Bridal Shower

Wendy Mayhew, June bride-elect of Richie White, was entertained at a miscellaneous shower on May 5, from three until five o'clock in the afternoon. The courtesy was held in the Fellowship Hall of McKendree Chapel United Methodist Church with Melissa Kreider and Ollie Talbert as hostesses.

Upon arrival of the pretty honoree, a corsage of miniature soft pink carnations was pinned to her attire of a pink sweater and pink floral skirt.

Decorations carried out a pink and purple color scheme with the refreshment table being centered with a basket of gorgeous pink and purple roses while the gift table was arranged with roses and carnations. One of the shower invitations was placed on an easel for guests to view.

As the 35 guests attended, the honoree opened her many lovely and useful gifts and placed them on display.

Guests helped themselves to refreshments of cake squares, adorned with wedding rings, mixed nuts, mints, pickles and a refreshing pink punch. The plates and cups for the guests were designed with an attractive mouse bride and groom and depicted the bridal colors.

Special guests included the mother of the bride-elect Mrs. Todd (Marsha) Lipe and her grandmother Mrs. Ford Mayhew and a special aunt of the bride-elect Miss Ollie Talbert.

Mayhew-White wedding vows will be pledged on June 22 at 6:00 p.m. at McKendree Chapel United Methodist Church of Mooresville.

Battle Of Bentonville Chapter Recognized For New Members

The Battle of Bentonville Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held its monthly meeting May 7 at the Western Steer Restaurant with 14 members present. Ritual was conducted by Mrs. Robert Kennerly. Mrs. Earl Huntsberger, president, announced that at the recently held District III meeting in West Jefferson, the chapter received recognition for having the most new members this year. Also at the Distrct meeting was Greg Mast of Roxboro who is seeking images of civil war soldiers in uniform for a forthcoming book to be published in July 1992. He wants to acquire as many different images from all the states' regiments as possible. Tar Heel artillery and cavalry soldiers images are especially desirable because they seem to be rarer than those of the infantry. He will come to your house to make copies so the original photographs never have to leave your possession. Interested persons may contact Mast by writing him at route 3, Box 451-D Roxoboro, N.c. 27573.

During the program, Mrs. John Redden read the following Confederate Soldiers Prayer:

I ask God for strength that I might achieve

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy

I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,

I got nothing that I asked for—but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

This anonymous Confederate soldier's prayer has become well known in our day thanks to Max Cleland, Georgia's current secretary of state and former head of the Veterans Administrations. Having lost two legs and an arm as a combat officer in Vietnam, Cleland has "got nothing that I asked for" to guote this prayer and yet, as both men discovered, God blesses us in ways we can't anticipate.

In May the chapter likes to remember our Veterans in the hospital in Salisbury with small personal gifts. Mrs. Robert Kennerly is chairman of a committee in charge of the project this year.

A highlight of the meeting was recalling the recent Historical Evening when six crosses of military crosses were bestowed upon confederate descendants. The Chapter was honored by the presence of Mrs. Frank S. Leake, Jr. president general, Mrs. E. Thomas Drake, div. pres. and Mrs. Jesse Grimes, div. recorder.

The following colorful description of the people who gathered to celebrate Confederate Memorial Day in Mooresville in 1908 was read by the president:

"The local Bentonville chapter of the U.D.C. held its memorial exercise in the graded school auditorium last Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. The old soldiers filed in one by one until 65 old comrades once again stood shoulder to shoulder though facing different conditions and under vastly different circumstances. On the other side of the auditorium were seated 300 school children, each with cherry countenance and carrying wreaths of flowers; directly in front were seated descendents of the civil war heroes and members of the local chapter of the U.D.C."

The meeting was closed with remarks by Mrs. Emma Boyd in which she recalled for the group a lovely old custom. She said the school children gathered flowers from their mother's gardens and decorated the graves of Confederate soldiers on May 10. How nice it would be to revive that tradition.

The annual memorial service at the confederate monument is Willow Valley cemetery was held on May 10 with short memorial messages.

Miss Clontz Weds Mr. Harkey At Rocky Mt.

The Reverend Chris Fitzgerald officiated at the Saturday, May 11, wedding of Lillian Renee Clontz and Freddy Lynn Harkey at the Rocky Mount United Methodist Church of Mooresville. The ceremony took place at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hewitt (Hugh) Clontz of Route 1, Troutman. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Harkey of 644 Cherry Street, Statesville.

Wedding music was provided by Charlotte Clontz, organist and Kim W. Lippard, soloist.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She was lovely in a tea length gown of candlelight romantic satin fashioned with a vee in the front and back and three-quarter length gathered sleeves and a dropped waist. The gown was overlaid with schiffli embroidered lace and a matching satin sash accented the waistline.

Her shoulder length veil of candlelight illusion was held by a halo of satin rosettes and leaves.

The bride carried an alluring bouquet of fresh daisies, sweetheart roses and baby's breath.

Matron of honor was Ann M. Alley and Cindy Clontz, niece of the bride, was a junior bridesmaid.

The groom's father was best man. Ushers were Eric Clontz, brother of the bride; Dean Mills, Buck Nooe, and Jeff Vinson of Greensboro.

Special guests were the bride's maternal grandparent Mrs. Eloise Talbert. Honorary grandparents were Mrs. Lillie Cline and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnson.

A reception followed the ceremony in the church Fellowship Hall.

Hosting the reception was the bride's family and assisting with the serving were Pat Mayberry, Diane Talbert and Kathy Talbert, aunts of the bride; Mrs. Lillian Sherrill, great-aunt of the bride and Nancy Morrison and Lisa Rankin, cousins of the bride.

After a honeymoon cruise to The Bahamas, the newlyweds will reside at 530 Lake Circle, Troutman.

A graduate of Bandys High School, the bride is employed as a dental assistant for Dr. Dan S. Tedder. The groom is a graduate of Statesville Senior High School and is employed by Rubbermaid.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the groom on Friday evening, May 10, in the church Fellowship Hall.

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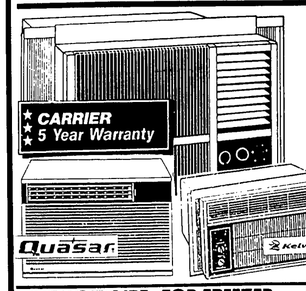

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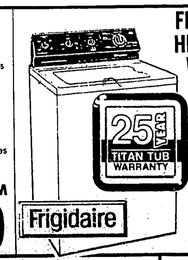

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