

Miss Donna Lee Black Becomes Bride Of Charles Martin Stephens On January 26th



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES MARTIN STEPHENS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church of Eagle Lake marked the setting forth of the impressive double ring ceremony uniting Donna Lee Black and Charles Martin Stephens, on Saturday, January 26, 1974, at six o'clock in the evening. Reverend Father Edward Geiser officiated at the candlelight ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Edna Merrifield of Wharton and C. O. Black of Houston. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Draper Stephens, Jr. of Eagle Lake.

Providing the music was Mrs. Clarence Martin, grandmother of the groom, of Garwood. She gave a lovely prelude rendition of contemporary and traditional music and also played the traditional wedding marches.

The main altar held arrangements of white chrysanthemums and purple statice. On either side of the altar were candelabras entwined with green palm and white satin ribbon and holding tall white candles. Two large baskets of white gladioli, mums, purple statice, palm trees, and ferns completed the setting at the altar. The kneeling bench was draped with white satin and trailed with English ivy. The family pews were marked by white bows and purple statice.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her younger brother, Clifford. She was rad-

iantly beautiful in her white, full-length gown of rose design. The fitted bodice was accented by a necklace of pearls and a matching bracelet. Long, full sleeves were caught at the wrist with the tiny ribbon forming a soft ruffle. The full skirt of nylon marquisette, flowed in three tiers into a chapel train, each tier was accented by a delicate ruffle.

The bride's hair was styled in a soft, romantic fashion, accented by a large white veil. The bride's accessories included a pearl necklace, a matching bracelet, and a large white veil. The bride's hair was styled in a soft, romantic fashion, accented by a large white veil.

Donna's only jewelry was a delicate cameo necklace, a gift of the groom. For something old she chose to wear the groom's tiny, gold baby bracelet.

Mrs. Bob Hudson of Columbus served her sister as matron of honor. Miss Karen Hess of Houston, Miss Patricia Tate and Mrs. Bob Waddell of Eagle Lake served as bridesmaids.

The attendants were attired in identical gowns of floral print silk in multi shades of lavender over deep lavender

The guest registration table held the bride's book and purple plumed pen. Miss Dorothy Black of Houston, sister of the bride, registered the guests.

The focal point of the formal area was the bride's table. It was covered in white linen cloth accented by orchid bows. The table held a five branch candelabra with orchid candles. English ivy and orchid garlands trailed along the entire table. The four tiered wedding cake was a white confection decorated with purple statice. The top tier featured the traditional wedding bells. Opposite the cake was the silver punch service and trays of finger sandwiches and mints.

The groom's table was centered with an arrangement of red carnations and silver candelabra. On one end was the groom's German Chocolate cake and silver coffee service was placed at the opposite end. Trays of sliced turkey, ham and party bread were also on the groom's table. In the informal reception room champagne punch was served from a round table covered with a floor length white linen cloth. English ivy and orchid garlands circled the silver service.

Forming the house party were Madames Joe May, Suzanne, Wayne Meaux, Edward Sunderman, and Misses Mary Jo and Teresa Spaulding. The bride's bridesmaids were Little Lillian Stephens, sister of the groom, distributed rice bags to the guests. Following a short wedding trip, the couple is now residing in their home at 310 W. Center in Eagle Lake where Chuck is employed by Eagle Lake Implement Co.

Out-of-town guests were from Garwood, Columbus, Houston, El Campo, Wharton, Lake Jackson, Baytown and San Antonio.

REHEARSAL SUPPER Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stephens were hosts to the rehearsal supper held at Diner Hall at 5 p.m. Fri., Jan. 25 for Donna Black and Chuck Stephens. The tables were decorated with English ivy entwined among hurricane lamps and candles ringed with flowers of shaded purple and violet. The head table held a pretty arrangement of purple and violet stock, glads and mums. Silver candelabra held purple candles.

The honored couple and their parents and Rev. Edward Geiser were seated at the head table. The wedding party and special guests of Donna and Chuck's were seated at the other tables.

Champagne was enjoyed before the candlelight dinner of baked chicken, rice, green beans, tossed salad, hot rolls and cherry cobbler. The delicious meal was catered by Mrs. George Andel.

The bride couple presented gifts to their attendants and the organist Mrs. Clarence Martin.

RECEPTION FOLLOWING The Country Club in Wharton was beautifully decorated for the reception. The entrances to the reception rooms were marked by large white bells and purple bows.

Military Rites Held For John Popp Sat.

Military funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 19th for John Edward Popp, a life-time resident of the Eagle Lake community who died in the Nightingale Hospital in El Campo on Sat., Feb. 18th at the age of 77 years. He was born in Nada on March 17, 1896.

Funeral services were held under the direction of Triana Funeral Home in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada last Monday afternoon. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Nada with military honors accorded by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National Guard. The Rev. O. B. Kalkich and the Rev. Magr. Bernard Popp officiated at the services.

Mr. Popp is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emile Popp of Nada; three daughters, Mrs. Edgar (Gertrude) Crenk, Mrs. Madeline Popp, Miss Bridget Popp; one son, Alfred J. Popp of Houston; four grandchildren; and three brothers: Fred Popp, Jr. and August Popp, both of Nada and Frank Popp, Sr. of Garwood and four sisters, Agnes and Elizabeth Popp of Nada; Mrs. Theresa Bonisch of Garwood and Mrs. Mary Kubesch of San Antonio; and many nephews and nieces.

Burial services included Robert Crenk, Gary Crenk, Stephen Brandt, Arthur Leopold, Herman Popp and Henry Bonisch.

Martha Class Has Valentines Day Meeting

The Martha Class of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Herman Booth on Thursday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Katherine York presided.

Mrs. Kate Spallinger opened the meeting with prayer. A special February class project was discussed during the business session. The Valentine's decor was beautifully carried out in the living area. The class enjoyed games, namely, "Matching Scriptures" with one member having a verse with the word "sweet" in it and matching another member who had a verse with the word "sweet" in it, making the word "sweetheart", appropriate for the day; and "Hearty Expressions" guessing familiar expressions with the word "heart" in each. Both were directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Booth.

The class enjoyed singing a number of favorite popular songs of the past accompanied by Mrs. Clara May Nash on the piano. Mrs. Booth dismissed the meeting with prayer.

During the enjoyable social hour refreshments were served by the members assisted by Mrs. Sue Briscoe and Mrs. York.

Before leaving the class prayed and sang "I Love Him" a favorite hymn. The Martha Class will meet with Mrs. Clara May Nash on March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Cong. Pickle Reports Study on Winter DST

U. S. Representative Jake Pickle Saturday said his legislative committee will begin a study on repeal of winter daylight savings time.

"I've been advised by House Commerce Committee Chairman Harley O. Staggers that our committee would look into repeal of Daylight Savings Time as soon as the Department of Transportation submits a survey on the effects of the law as it exists," Pickle said.

The year-around DST measure was passed last year in a move to conserve energy and to expire automatically in October of 1975.

Ellana Johnson Honoree at Birthday Party

Miss Ellana Johnson was honored with a "Sweet Sixteen" birthday party last Saturday afternoon, Feb. 16. Family members and a group of close friends were guests.

The party was held at the home of her mother, Mrs. George Andel. The party was a celebration of her sixteenth birthday. The party was held at the home of her mother, Mrs. George Andel.

One has to attend one of these parties to realize with what magnificent fanfare refreshments can be served it was reported. Ellana's grandmother, Mrs. Charles Cassen, was hostess for the "once in a lifetime" occasion.

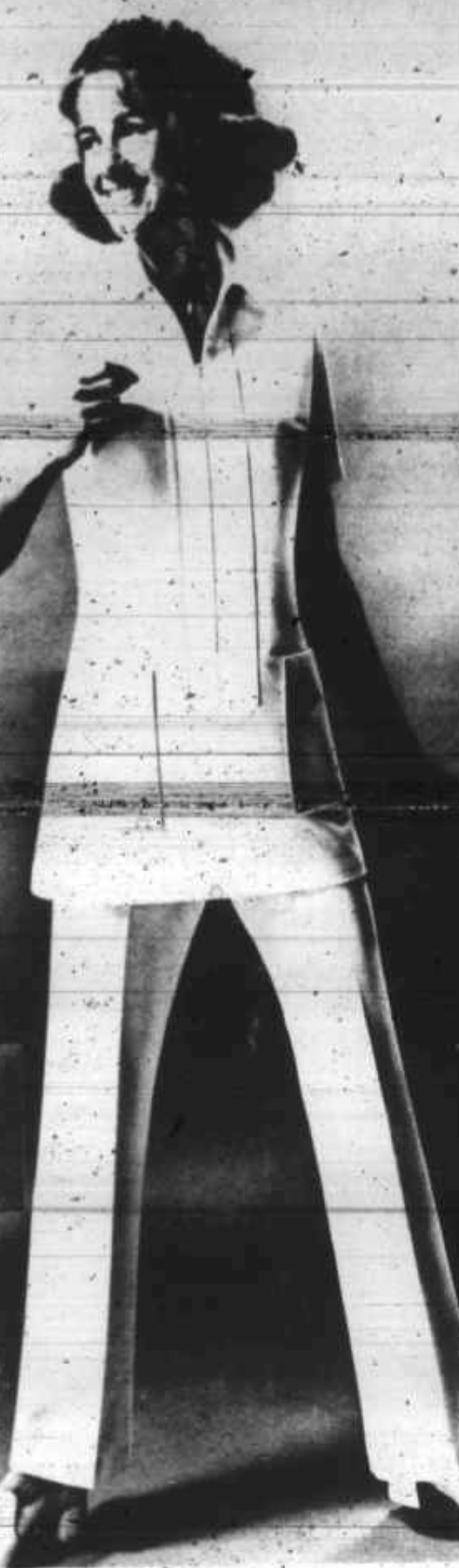
Survivors include his wife, Theo Miller Dornon; one daughter, Hope Dornon Clousey of Houston, one stepdaughter Billie Jean Pollard of Pasadena, California; one sister, Maude Lee Dornon of Rock Island and a brother, Paul Dornon of Los Angeles, California; and three grandchildren of Houston, a number of nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitors Mr. and Mrs. Chester Christians of Hamilton, Mo., arrived last week for a visit with relatives and friends. They expect to be here for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wall, their son, Courtney Wall, and daughter of Houston were visitors here Tuesday.

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