

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 for 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. Bishop Fred 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 Martin 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 "Come Thou Fount" and "I'm Bound for the Promised Land." The organist and soloist played the traditional wedding marches.

The main altar held arrangements of white chrysanthemums and purple statice. On either side of the altar were two large green and white floral arrangements. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of white carnations, orchid pompons, purple statice, and camellia foliage centered with a large white Camellia orchid.

The mother of the groom, Mrs. Edna Merrifield, was attired in an apple green chiffon gown accented by a center panel of heavy crocheted lace.

Both mothers wore white Camellia orchid corsages.

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

HOLIDAYS

The following is a list of holidays agreed upon by Eagle Lake merchants

1974

Memorial Day Monday, May 27

Independence Day Thurs., July 4

Labor Day Monday, Sept. 2

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 28

Christmas Wed., Dec. 25

New Years Wed., Jan. 1, 1975

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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 linens accented by orchid bows. The table held a five branch candle holder with one large English and orchid carnations trained 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 a tray of punch and a service of trays of finger sandwiches and mints.

The groom's table was centered with an arrangement of red carnations and silver canary. On one end was the groom's German Chocolate cake. The cake was decorated with a silver ribbon and was placed at the opposite end. Trays of silverware, ham and party bread were also on the groom's table.

In the informal reception room champagne punch was served from a round punch bowl. The punch bowl, white linen cloth, English ivy and orchid carnations circled the silver service.

Forming the house party were Mrs. Edna Merrifield, Mr. Mike Spanneth, Wayne Mease, Edward Sunderman, and Misses Mary Jo and Teresa Span-

nett. Little Patty Ann Stephens, sister of the groom, distributed rice bags to the guests.

Following a short wedding trip, the couple is now residing in their new home at 310 W. Main, 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 8 p.m., Fri., Jan. 25 for Donna Black and Chuck.

The bride's white dress was re-embroidered with pearl sequins. The bride's elbow-length veil of illusion cascaded from a coil covered in matching Venetian lace, the rose design was re-embroidered.

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 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 Andrus.

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

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The bride's gown was attended by Mrs. Edna Merrifield, Jr. of Eagle Lake as best man. Groomsmen were Brice Stephens, brother of the groom, Richard Williams of Garwood and John Cheneau of Houston. The groomsmen's formal shirts represented the bride's chosen color of lavender.

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Military Rites Held For John Popp Sat.

Martha Class Has Valentines Day Meeting

Military funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 13th for John Edward Popp, a life-time resident of the Nada community, who died in the Nada Hospital in El Campo on Sat., Feb. 8th at the age of 77 years. He was born in Nada on March 17, 1896.

Funeral services were held under the direction of Rev. Herman House 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. Kiehle officiated. John Edward Popp was a son of Alfred J. Popp of Houston; four grandchildren; and three brothers, Fred Popp, Jr. and August Popp both of Nada and Fred Popp, Sr., of Garwood. He had four sisters, Agnes and Elizabeth Popp and two brothers, Mrs. Thomas Darnell of Garwood and Mrs. Mary Kuehne of San Antonio; and many nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers included Robert Crennel, Gary Crennel, Stephen Brandy, Arthur Leopold, Herman Popp and Henry Boehmick.

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

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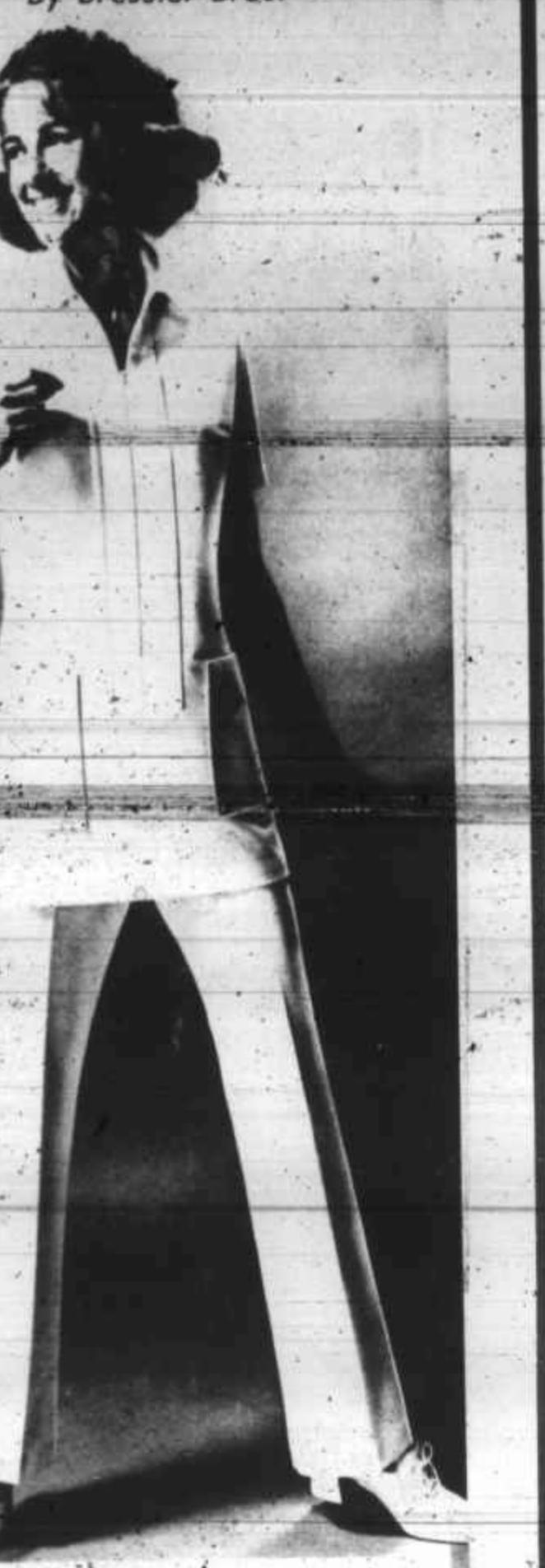
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DORNON RITES

Albert Marion Dornon was born Jan. 10, 1903 at Neosho Falls, Kansas the son of James and Mary Ellen Gandy Dornon. He came to Rock Island with his family in 1903. He spent all of his early life here but lived in Fresno, Calif. for many years. He died Feb. 13 at the age of 71 years and was laid to rest at Fresno, Calif.

Survivors include his wife, Theo Miller Dornon; one daughter, Hope Dornon Causey of Houston; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Billie Miller of Pasadena, Calif.; 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.

Friends of Marion, Mrs. Christiana, Mrs. Chester Chisholm of Houston, Mo., arrived last week for a visit with relatives and friends. They expect to be here for several days.

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

The use and appreciation of flowers was discussed by Michele. In planning a landscape garden, the interior of the home should blend to the

exterior. She suggested that a color theme from the inside can be carried onto the patio or garden making a picture-frame scene through a large window.

She also suggested some helpful hints on cutting and preserving fresh flowers for inside enjoyment.

Everyone enjoyed a game of matching specific flowers with the month of the year. A prize for a fresh flower was given to everyone. It was a most informative and enjoyable program.

Refreshments were served by hostess, Mrs. Ann Gertson, and co-hostess, Ernie Sonnenburg.

On February 25th, the meeting will be in the home of Jean Williams.

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