

Couple exchanges vows in candlelight ceremony

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nalla was the setting for the marriage of Stephanie Anne Schneider, of Garwood, and James Doak Hartley, of Columbus. The couple exchanged vows in a double ring candlelight ceremony at five o'clock the afternoon of Saturday, November 28 with Father Edward Schoellmann officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Schneider of Garwood and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Hartley of Columbus.

Large fan-shaped candelabra, adorned with greenery, graced the altar. Behind the altar were two large bouquets of gladioli. Aisle candelabra lined the center aisle of the church.

Eddie Rueswald, organist, and Donnie Rueswald, soloist, performed a medley of musical selections including "Our Father," "Ave Maria,"

John Denver's "Annie's Song" and "Wedding Song."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a formal gown of candlelight delustered satin and beaded lace. The groom wore a tuxedo with a white shirt and a white bow tie. The bride's hair was styled in a deep V'd back, and elbow length sleeves with puffed shoulders accented with lace insets. The outstanding train featured two large satin roses at the waistline holding a lace edged floor flowing peplum. Exquisite cut work motifs of lace, bridal pearls and iridescent enhanced the train.

Her headpiece was an ivory wreath covered with iridescent and pearls and adorned with silk blossoms on each side. A puff at back held her two tier veil of silk illusion. She carried a bouquet of privet roses, white roses, lilies and English ivy.

Attendants

Carmen Schneider, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Karen Schneider and Christine Schneider, sisters of the bride, both of Garwood; Lana Stein, friend of the bride, of Columbus; Julie Duncan and Lee Woody, friends of the bride, both of Austin.

They were identical in formal gowns of candy satin styled with Sabrina necklines, dipping to a deep V in the back. The elongated bodices held slightly gathered, tea length skirts and accented with a large satin bow at the waistline in the back. The carried bouquets of lilies and greenery.

Best man was James Stein, of Columbus. Groomsman were friends of the groom, James Redus, Hines Harrison, Bobby Marburger, J.R. Saul

and John Waligura. Serving as ushers were Kirk Schneider, Dennis Hartley, John Hajovsky and Montie Holladay.

Witnesses for the ceremony were Sharon George, sister of the bride, and Marsha Frary, sister of the groom.

The mother of the bride chose a tea length gown of rose pink silk featuring long tapered sleeves and a softly flared skirt. The groom's mother wore a tea length gown of sapphire blue silk. They wore wrist corsages of pink sweetheart roses.

The bride was honored with a miscellaneous shower on Saturday, Oct. 24 at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nalla. Upon arrival, the bride, mothers of the bride and groom, and the bride's godmother were presented corsages in shades of pink, the chosen color of the bride.

Stephanie opened and admired all the nice and useful gifts that were presented to Doak and her.

Guests were greeted at the door by Stephanie and the mothers. The afternoon was spent visiting and enjoying delicious refreshments of chicken salad, breads, crackers, relish, cake, mints, tea and coffee which was served by the hostess.

The hostess presented Stephanie with the serving pieces to her pottery. Mrs. Jean Ortolan, Mrs. Jeff Faris, Mrs. Elbert Cassell and Mrs. John Saul hosted a recipe shower in the Ortolan home on October 25. Each guest shared a recipe and an ingredient with the bride. A recipe file book was the gift to her.

A luncheon was held Saturday, November 1 at Schol's Restaurant. Sharing hostess duties were Mrs. Lee Hammans, Mrs. Ernest Lawrence, Mrs. R.C. Ritchie, Mrs. Bobby Hunt and Mrs. Hugo Salguero.

Approximately 27 guests enjoyed the triple salad plate. A lovely silk table arrangement was the bride's gift.

A dinner party honoring the couple was held at the Dittman Harrison home on November 7. A delicious Italian menu was enjoyed by the

guests. Several out of town friends of the couple attended.

Co-hostesses were John and Holly Waligura and Lana and Jim Stein. Their gift to the couple was an ice bucket.

On November 8, employees of the Columbus State Bank honored the



Mr. and Mrs. James Doak Hartley

couple, along with Miss Sandra Reichardt and Robert Berger, with a stew supper at the Ronnie Frank's camp house.

Games and visiting were enjoyed by the large group attending. Each couple was presented with a gas barbecue grill.

Talking to parents; communicating with teenagers

By PEGGY BRADEN, County Extension Agent

Are your parents driving you crazy? Are they on your case all the time? Do you wish they'd just back off and leave you alone?

The griping and squabbling which occurs between teenagers and their parents is quite common and by no means a recent phenomena.

Teenagers need to distance themselves from their families as they give up their childhood identities and establish their new, separate identities.

Here are some things that you can do to ease this difficult time and improve communication with parents:

•Avoid looking at your parents as the enemy. Chances are that they love you and have your best interests in mind, even if you don't necessarily agree with their way of showing it.

•Try to understand that your parents are human beings, with their own insecurities, needs and feelings.

•Listen to parents with an open mind and try to see situations from their point of view.

•Share your feelings with your parents so they understand you better.

•Live up to your responsibilities at home and school, so that they'll be more inclined to grant you the kind of independence you want and need.

•Bolster your criticisms of family, school and government with suggestions for practical improvements.

•Be as courteous and considerate to your own parents as you would be to the parents of your friends.

Communicating with teenagers. Adolescent and parent conflict is not new—it dates back as far as recorded history. In the past, however, adolescents rarely lived at home beyond puberty. They left home as apprentices or married shortly after reaching sexual maturity. Today, sexually mature adolescents may continue to live in the parental home for seven to 10 years.

The adolescent years can be a trying time for any maturing teen and his or her parents.

Here are a few suggestions for improving communication with teens:

•Give your undivided attention when your children want to talk. Don't read, watch TV, or busy yourself with other tasks.

•Listen and concentrate on understanding their point of view.

•Speak to teenagers as courteously and pleasantly as you would to a stranger. Your tone of voice can set the tone of a conversation.

•Understand your teenagers' feelings even if you don't always approve of their behavior.

•Keep the door open on any subject. Be an "askable" parent.

•Avoid humiliating and laughing at what may seem to you to be naive or foolish questions and statements.

•Don't judge the teenagers' ideas and opinions. Love and mutual respect can co-exist.

•Help teenagers build self-confidence by encouraging participation in activities of their choice (not yours).

•Make an effort to commend teenagers often. Often good things are taken for granted, focusing on the bad.

•Encourage your teenagers to participate in family decision making and to work out family concerns together.

•Understand that they need to challenge your opinions to achieve the separating from you that's essential for their own adult identity.



Susan Gold, Bryan Popp

Susan Gold, Bryan Popp engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gold of Nalla announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Bryan Popp, son of Mr. and Mrs. August E. Popp of El Campo.

The bride-to-be is a 1985 graduate of Rice High School and a 1987 grad-

Cullen Travis Holderman born

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Holderman, of Hemdon, Virginia, announce the birth of their second child, a son, born Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Columbia Hospital for Women in Washington, D.C. The baby was named Cullen Travis and weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Welcoming Cullen home is a sister, Kathryn, three years old. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker of Eagle Lake.

Charles Jackson Hooper III born

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson Hooper, Jr. announce the birth of their first child, a son born December 13, 1987 in The Woman's Hospital of Texas. The baby weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces and was named Charles Jackson Hooper III.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bauer of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jackson Hooper of Houston. The mother is the former Janelle Bauer of Eagle Lake.

Justin Blair Jobe turns 7

Justin Blair Jobe, of Eagle Lake, turned seven years old on December 17. He celebrated his birthday at Silverado Park on December 19 in El Campo.

Justin, along with 15 friends, his mother Tracy Jobe, Victor Brewer, Aunt Tricia and Sherry! I shooe skated from two until five p.m. and ate pizza and chips.

The group also played video games, did ping pong and opened a slew of exciting birthday gifts.

Everyone reported having a good time and the birthday boy thanks everyone for all the wonderful gifts.

Jerri Lynn Romine graduates Summa Cum Laude; 2 others graduate

Three students from Eagle Lake were among the 1,396 Southwest Texas State University students who were candidates for degrees awarded in winter commencement ceremonies Dec. 18 and 19.

State treasurer Ann Richards delivered the keynote address at the undergraduate ceremony Dec. 19 in Strahan Coliseum. The student speaker was graduating business major W. Bret Baldwin of Victoria.

There were 1,233 candidates for bachelor's degrees and 4 candidates for associate degrees; 159 students were candidates for master's degrees conferred in Evans Auditorium.

Eagle Lake candidates, their degrees, and majors are: •Ronald Wayne Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Cook Jr., received a bachelor of business administration degree with a major in management. While at SWT, Cook was a member of the ski team.

•Robert Klekar, son of Agnes Klekar, received a bachelor of social work degree.

•Jerri Lynn Romine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clippson Jr., received a bachelor of science in home economics degree with a major in nutrition and foods. Romine was a member of Alpha Chi Honor Society and Golden Key National Honor Society. She graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Judy Walker graduates from Sam Houston State University

On December 13, 1987, Judy Walker graduated from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville with a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting. Judy is the former Judy Emmel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Emmel of Eagle Lake.

She and her husband, Bill Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Walker of Eagle Lake, reside in Houston with their twin daughters, Kimberly and Kristie. Judy is a graduate of Eagle Lake High School.

Attending graduation exercises from Eagle Lake were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Emmel and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Walker. Others attending were Dr. & Mrs. Bill Braden (Judy's sister) and daughters of college station. Also attending were friends from Houston and Huntsville and Bill, Kimberly, and Kristie Walker.

Mr. Walker has been employed by the Entex Corporation of Houston as a junior accountant.

Betty Bauer attends White House conference

Betty Bauer, director of the Colorado Valley Drug Council, recently attended the White House conference for a Drug Free America in New Mexico. Authorized by Congress and established by President Reagan, six regional conferences were held. This conference included the states of Texas, Arizona, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and New Mexico.

The conference brought together 400 drug abuse professionals to share information and experiences with respect to drug abuse, law enforcement, prevention, education, treatment and research. Mrs. Bauer served on the education committee which discussed their experience and knowledge of strategies and methods that have been successful and made recommendations on a strategy through education to combat the drug abuse crisis facing the country.

It was an opportunity for those attending to share their ideas and experiences in order to move vigorously and directly attack drug abuse at all levels.

The primary purpose of the conference was to gain a more thorough understanding of the nature and extent of this problem, and by working together, develop the most effective national strategies to help make America drug free.

The culmination of the conference will be the submission of a report to Congress and the President with recommendations in each of the areas of concern.

Some types insurance services are taxable. According to state officials insurance premiums are not taxable but some types of insurance services are. "Everyone needs to be aware of the new rules and the exemption for premiums," comptroller Bob Bullock, has said.

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