

# The WOMAN'S PAGE

## SOCIETY EVENTS, CLUB AND CHURCH NEWS OF INTEREST . . . . . TELEPHONE 74 or 495

### Simpson-Cox Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis D. Simpson announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Sue, to Russell M. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cox, of Laurens. The wedding will take place in January.

### Attend Wedding In Greenville

A number of Clinton friends and relatives were in Greenville Tuesday for the wedding of Miss Mary Etta Henry and David Craig Purcell of Salisbury, N. C., which took place in the chapel of the First Presbyterian church.

Those attending were: Mrs. J. Will Dillard, Miss Arva Henry, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Watts Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Len Ledford, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Godfrey and Mr. and Mrs. Cally Gault.

### Pitts-Rykart Rites In Camden

Of interest to a wide circle of friends and relatives in this city was the marriage on Sunday, December 25, at one o'clock in the afternoon, of Miss Cleon Vance Pitts, of Camden, daughter of Mrs. Ina Vance Pitts, of this city, and the late G. C. Pitts, to Johnnie Rykart, of Camden. The ceremony was performed at the First Presbyterian church in that city.

### December Meeting For Study Club

Mrs. Marshall Brown was hostess to the Study club on the afternoon of December 7. The program commemorated Pearl Harbor Day, with Mrs. Robert E. Wysor, Jr., as leader. Mrs. Wysor gave a program on the seaport of Honolulu, and a graphic review of the current history of the Hawaiian Islands.

During the social hour guests were invited into the dining room where the Christmas motif was attractively carried out in decorations and refreshments. Dr. Thornwell Jacobs, of Atlanta, Ga., was a guest for the meeting.

### Wedding Breakfast For Gray-Vance Party

On Tuesday a wedding breakfast was given by Mrs. C. M. Bailey and Mrs. W. L. Marshall, Jr., for members of the Gray-Vance wedding party and the immediate families.

The receiving rooms of the home were adorned with artistic arrangements in keeping with the season. A buffet breakfast was served and guests found their places at small tables. The bride's table, beautifully appointed in green and white, was centered with an arrangement of snapdragons gladioli and carnations in an antique bowl.

### Wedding Party Is Entertained In Laurens

Members of the wedding party, the out-of-town guests and the families were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Douglas Gray in Laurens on Monday evening following the rehearsal for the Gray-Vance wedding.

Pink predominated in the floral arrangements for the receiving rooms of the home. A beautiful wedding scene was featured on the dining table and the three-tiered wedding cake was reflected from the buffet. A turkey supper was served and later a wedding cake containing the emblems of fate was cut and served with wedding bell ice cream.

### Christmas Party For Employees

On last Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gasque and Mr. and Mrs. William R. Pitts entertained the employees of Royal Cleaners and Gasque Sales Agency, their wives and husbands, at the former's home on Lake Greenwood.

The cottage was festive with garlands of evergreens, red berries, candles and a Christmas tree. A buffet supper was served, after which ping pong contests and bingo were enjoyed. Later each guest was presented a gift from the tree by Santa, and carols were sung.

### Dinner Party Honors Mr. and Mrs. Ledford

Complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Len Ledford, who were married on December 14, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel B. Godfrey entertained with a dinner party on Friday evening.

Decorations throughout the home were in the yuletide motif featuring greens with bright berries and many lighted red tapers. A turkey dinner was served buffet style from a beautifully appointed holiday table. Guests were seated at small tables with the place of the bride designated by a corsage of white camellias. Mr. and Mrs. Ledford were also presented silver in their wedding pattern.

Mrs. E. H. Wilkes Mrs. John T. Young and Georgia Young assisted the hostess in serving. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Watts Davis of Parkersburg W. Va.,

Mr. and Mrs. Cally Gault of Mullins, Miss May Dicus, Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hicklin, Richburg, Me. and Mrs. Harry Austell, Laurens, Miss Kat Dicus, Otis Young and Reese Young of this city.

### Wickham-Reeves Announcement

Dr. and Mrs. Edouard Patte announce the engagement of their niece, Miss Francine Wickham, to George McMillan Reeves, Jr., son of the Rev. and Mrs. George Reeves, of Spartanburg.

Miss Wickham, who has been visiting with her uncle and aunt for some time, is the daughter of the Yves L. Wickham, M.D., of Paris, and Mrs. Wickham, the former Odette Patry de Seigneux, a sister of Mrs. Patte.

Mr. Reeves is on the faculty of Presbyterian college as an assistant professor of English; he is a graduate of Wofford college and hold an M. A. degree from the University of Alabama.

Miss Wickham, who has a B. A. degree from the University of Paris, is planning to spend the next semester as a student at Presbyterian college.

### Holiday Party Fetes Brides, Bride-Elect

An informal morning party was given Saturday at the W. C. Baldwin home for Mrs. George Frady and Mrs. Murphey Timmerman, brides of recent date. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Allen Draughon, Miss Barrie Jean Wingard and Miss Peggy Copeland. Mrs. W. C. Baldwin and Mrs. E. F. Wingard assisted in the courtesies of entertaining.

Decorations throughout the receiving rooms were in the holiday motif. For the dining table red berries, evergreens and white tapers with red ribbons were fashioned into a lovely arrangement. Assorted sandwiches, dates, cheese biscuit, and fruit cake were served buffet style.

The honorees and Miss Virginia Gray, bride-elect, who was a special guest, were presented corsages of red roses.

### Long Branch Club In December Meeting

Mrs. McLeese Cunningham was hostess to the Long Branch Home Demonstration club at her home on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Jim Cunningham and Mrs. Bob Wilkie as assistant hostesses.

The home was attractive with unique Christmas decorations at vantage points and a lighted tree as the center of attraction.

After the president, Mrs. Joe Poole, called the meeting to order, the group sang "Little Jesus, Come at Eve." Mrs. W. P. Abercrombie gave the Christmas story from Luke and a prayer. Carols were sung.

Mrs. T. B. Sumerel directed several games and contests appropriate for the season, and each member received a gift from her sunshine sister. Later the hostess served cake and ambrosia.

### Miss Virginia Gray Weds Robert M. Vance In Church Ceremony

Centering wide interest was the lovely wedding of Miss Virginia Sexton Gray and Robert Mercer Vance, which took place at five o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, December 27, at the First Presbyterian church. Dr. William Redd Turner, pastor of the bride and bridegroom, officiated at the ceremony, assisted by Dr. D. J. Woods, in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends.

Palms, bamboo, white gladioli and many white cathedral candles in candelabra effectively decorated the church.

Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, organist, Miss Mary Kent Wysor, Miss Margery Smith and J. Isaac Copeland, soloists, furnished the wedding music.

Before the ceremony Mrs. Jacobs played a medley of old songs and "Serenade" (Schubert). Miss Wysor sang "Because" and Mr. Copeland sang "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life." During the ceremony "Buona Notte" (Nevin) was softly played. For the processional the bridal chorus from "Lohengrin" (Wagner) was used and for the recessional the "Wedding March" (Mendelssohn). After the ceremony, as a benediction, Miss Margery Smith sang "The Lord's Prayer" (Malotte).

Ushers were P. S. Bailey, George H. Cornelson and P. Bailey Williams, of this city, all cousins of the bridegroom. James Gray Dunklin, of Laurens, cousin of the bride, and Reese Young, of this city, were groomsmen.

Miss Toccoa Bailey Wise, of this city, niece of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. She was gowned in Polonaise blue tissue faille, fashioned in drop shoulder effect with Belgian lace bertha, tight bodice and bias fold Farthingale skirts which fell into a butterfly bustle. She wore a bandeau of Polonaise blue velvet leaves in her hair and her flowers were a bouquet of Better Times roses tied with floor length matching satin ribbon.

The bridesmaids were Mrs. George

Blackford, of Spartanburg, and Miss Clara Barnes, of Charlotte, N. C., both cousins of the bride. Their dresses were identical to the maid of honor's and they also wore bandeaux in their hair and carried bouquets of Better Times roses.

The lovely young bride, given in marriage by her father, was exquisite in her wedding gown of candlelight bridal satin fashioned with high neckline, long pointed sleeves, tightly fitted bodice, draped hipline accenting the full skirt which fell into an aisle wide train. Her veil was double tiered finger tip of French illusion with a shadow bonnet of satin encircled with imported orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses showered with lilies of the valley.

Willard D. Campbell, of Columbus, Ohio, brother-in-law of the bridegroom was best man.

Mrs. Gray, mother of the bride, wore aqua crepe with a pink velvet hat and a corsage of pink perfection camellias.

After the wedding the bride and bridegroom received the good wishes of the assemblage in the vestibule of the church.

During the evening the young couple left for their wedding trip and upon their return will make their home here. For traveling the bride wore a holly berry red suit with matching hat, black accessories and a corsage of roses.

Mrs. Vance is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurens Russell Gray (Gertrude Sexton) of this city. She is a graduate of Queens college, Charlotte, N. C., where she was a member of the Phi Mu social sorority. In her senior year she was president of the student body, May queen and named in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." She is a young woman of unusual charm and attractiveness and her friends are delighted that her marriage will not take her away from the city.

Mr. Vance is the son of Robert B. Vance and the late Mrs. Mary Bailey Vance. He is a graduate of McCallie school in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Davidson college, Davidson, N. C. During World War II he served four years and seven months in the navy and was awarded six military ribbons and fourteen battle stars. Mr. Vance is prominently identified with the business life of this community. He is president of M. S. Bailey and Son, Bankers, and has textile and other business interests.

The wedding was attended by a large number of out-of-town guests from this state and elsewhere.

### Miss Marjorie Jones Weds Milford Smith In Church Rites

Miss Marjorie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Jones, of Blacksburg, became the bride of Milford Smith of this city and Ninety

Six, Saturday evening, December 17, at six o'clock at St. John Methodist church.

The Rev. J. A. Merchant, pastor of the bride, assisted by the Rev. P. L. Bauknight, pastor of the bridegroom, conducted the ritual in a setting of white flowers and burning tapers. Tapers and magnolia leaves were used in decoration of the church windows.

During the musical prelude presented by Mrs. George Dempsey of Gaffney, and Joe Beale of Presbyterian college, vocalist, the candles were lighted by Roy T. Smith and Bud Jones.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of antique ivory satin with portrait neckline and marquisette yoke. The long fitted sleeves ended in callapoints and the full skirt extended into a train. Her fingertip veil of silk illusion was attached to a satin and nylon illusion tiara. She carried a white orchid on a white satin muff and wore as her only ornament a strand of pearls, gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Jean Bonebrake was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Mrs. Charlie Sprouse of Gaffney, aunt of the bride, Mrs. Alsie Poole of Woodruff, roommate of the bride at Lander college, Miss Gwendolyn Laramore of Mountville and Miss Virginia Ann Cook of Clemson, suite mates of the bride. The flower girl was Lynn Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Crawford.

The bride's attendants were identically dressed in emerald green satin styled with boat necklines and long full skirts with inset shirring in points front and back. They wore headdresses of nylon illusion and carried emerald green muffs with American Beauty roses. The flower girl carried a white basket of rose petals and wore a coronet caught to her hair with rosebuds.

Thomas Jordan of Charlotte, N. C., was best man. Usher groomsmen were George Galphin, Jr., of Ninety Six, Leonard Jones of Blacksburg, cousin of the bride, Bud Jones, brother of the bride, and Roy T. Smith, of this city, brother of the bridegroom.

The bride's mother wore a dinner dress of peacock blue crepe with silver accessories and a corsage of red rosebuds. The bridegroom's mother wore rose silk crepe and a corsage of gardenias.

After the ceremony, the couple and attendants received in the vestibule of the church.

The couple left during the evening for a short wedding trip. Mrs. Smith wearing a mauve gaberdine suit with emerald green accessories and a mauve feather hat with touches of green. Her corsage was the orchid from her muff.

Mrs. Smith is a graduate of Centralized high school, Blacksburg, and

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