

Of cordial interest to numbers of friends here and in Columbia was the wedding of Miss Velmer Baggott and Sergeant Charlie R. Nixon which was solemnized on Thursday evening at eight o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie A. Baggott in Winnsboro.

Before an improvised altar of lace fern and white gladioli, flanked by seven-branched candelabra, the ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. B. Yates, pastor of the contracting parties. A program of music was rendered by Miss Lucy Sims, who played "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," before the ceremony and "I Love You Truly" during the service. The Lohengrin's Wedding March was used for the processional.

Mrs. Althea Baggott Spigner was her sister's only attendant, and Connie Nixon was his brother's best man. The bride was attired in an ensemble of soldier blue, with which she wore accessories of guggle tan, and her corsage was a single orchid. Immediately after the ceremony, at the home, Mr. and Mrs. Baggott entertained with a reception for the bridal party and the invited guests.

Sgt. and Mrs. Nixon left during the evening for a brief wedding trip. Mrs. Nixon will continue to make her home in Winnsboro, while Sergeant Nixon is stationed at Fort Jackson.

Baker-Castles Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Baker of Kingstree announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Elaine, and William Herbert Castles. Mr. Castles is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Castles of Winnsboro.

Miss Baker graduated from Kingstree High School and attended Winthrop College in Rock Hill. She is employed as secretary of Shandon Presbyterian Church in Columbia.

Mr. Castles graduated from Greenbrier High School and is employed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in Columbia.

The wedding will take place February 12 at 4 o'clock in the Central Presbyterian Church of Kingstree.

OWENS-BALLENTINE

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Franklin Blair announce the engagement of their niece, Miss Sara Owens, of Blair to Frank Ballentine of Augusta, Ga. The wedding will be solemnized at an early date.

HICKOK-BALLARD

Mrs. Matthew Patrick has received news of the approaching marriage of her nephew Captain Nixon Ballard to Miss Mary Anderson Hickok of Orford, Ohio.

Captain Ballard, who has many friends in White Oak and Winnsboro, attended the Citadel and was graduated from Annapolis. He was with the Fourth regiment of Marines in Shanghai and for the past two years has been attached to the American embassy at Tokio as a student of Japanese language. He is to be stationed at Quantico after his marriage.

Miss Hickok is the daughter of President Ralph Hickok of Western Woman's college and Mrs. Hickok. She was graduated from Randolph-Macon in 1938 and has spent the past year in travel around the world.

While with her brother at the American embassy in Tokio, she and Captain Ballard met. The marriage will take place at Orford, Ohio, September the fourteenth.

Ms. Marrison Lee Brown was Miss Sondra Lou Baggott before her marriage August 18th in Chester, S. C. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baggott of Winnsboro, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. E. M. Brown and the late Mr. Brown of Blair, S. C.

Hall, Ballentine



Miss Kimberly Ruth Hall and Thomas Neil Ballentine were united in holy matrimony on Sunday, June 3, at 4 p.m. in the afternoon at Pineview Baptist Church in Blythewood. The Reverend Roger Brown officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall Jr. of Blythewood. She is the granddaughter of Albert D. Smith of Ridgeway and the E. Ballentine of Blythewood and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Timms of Winnsboro.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Ballentine of Columbia. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Davis

The bride was escorted to the alter by her brother, James D. Hall, who, with her father and mother, gave her to be married. She was lovely in a formal gown of white sataglow and French Chantilly lace. The gown was fashioned with a rise pearl-studded lace bodice featuring a Queen Ann neckline and long bishop sleeves closed at the wrist with a deep cuff. The full A-Line skirt and attached chapel train fell in tiers from the bodice with each tier edged with a deep lace border. The matching chapel length viel of silk bridal illusion trimmed with lace fell softly from a Camelot headpiece. She carried a white Bible trimmed with a Colonial bouquet of pink sweetheart roses, white button pompons, fiji mum, baby's breath and accented with matching streamers.

Miss Carla Janelle Hall, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. James D. Hall, of Blythewood, sister-in-law of the bride; Mrs. William Ballentine of Columbia, sister-in-law of the groom; Mrs. Gregg Bingleman of West Columbia and Mrs. Julian Caudle of Elgin.

Junior bridesmaid was Miss Angie Hall, niece of the bride, Blythewood. Miss April Diane Hall, niece of the bride, served as flower girl.

The Bridesmaids wore pastel blue polyester gowns styled with spaghetti straps. They were matching removable chiffon capes. They each carried a bouquet of mixed spring flowers consisting of pompons, mums, carnations and statis accented with baby's breath. The Junior Bridesmaids and Flower Girl wore pastel blue polyester gowns which featured a pastal floral overlay with blue ribbon at the waistline. The Junior Bridesmaid carried a nosegay of mixed spring flowers similar to that of the bridesmaids. The flower girl tossed pink rose pedals.

Julian Ballentine, father of the groom, served as best man. Usher groomsmen were William Ballentine, brother of the groom, Todd Rexrode, cousin of the groom, Marty Hall, brother of the bride and Allen Branham of Columbia. Master Scott Ballentine, nephew of the groom, was ringbearer.

The bride's mother wore a floor length gown of pastel pink knit which featured a matching pink cape frilled at the edges. She wore a shoulder corsage of white and pink carnations. The groom's mother wore a floor length gown of mint green knit which featured a chiffon overlay bodice. She wore a shoulder corsage of white and green carnations.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Blythewood Community Center. Mrs. Larry Hall, sister-in-law of the bride, was in charge of the bride's register. Assisting in serving were: Miss Carolyn Rexrode, Winnsboro; Mrs. Lyn Bailey, Columbia; Miss Ann Graddick, Miss Connie Martin and Miss Susan Lynch all of Blythewood.

Later in the evening the couple left for a wedding trip to the coast. They will reside at Route 1, Columbia.

Miss Estelle Banks, Mr. Shirley Are Married May 30th in Chester

Miss Estelle Banks and Charlie Colvin Shirley, both of Blackstock, were united in marriage on Saturday evening, May 30, at 7:30 o'clock, at the parsonage of the Rev. A. L. Willis in Chester.

Decorations of white gladioli and white snapdragons were used in the living room where the double ring ceremony was performed.

The bride was attired in an attractive model of blue summer linen with which she used matching accessories, and wore a corsage of white orchids. The couple were unattended and entered the ceremony room together.

After a wedding trip to the mountains of Tennessee, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley will make their home for the present with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shirley at Blackstock.

Among those present were: Mrs. Rebecca Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banks, Jr., Miss Mary Agnes Banks, Buck Banks, of

Blackstock; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Betts, Mrs. Tommy Patrick, Mrs. William Lee Branham of Chester; Mr. and Mrs. John Renwick, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitworth, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Joyner of Winnsboro.

Banks-Williamson

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Banks of Rion, announce the marriage of their daughter, Margie Mae, to Marion Osborne Williamson of Orangeburg and Sumter, March 2, 1940. Mrs. Williamson has been employed by the highway department in Columbia for the past two years and Mr. Williamson is a young business man of Sumter where the couple will make their home after October 1st.

Bankhead-Sykes Wedding in Capital

Of interest to friends in Fairfield County and other parts of South Carolina was the marriage of Miss Jane Bankhead to James H. Sykes of Washington, D. C. The wedding took place Saturday, February 3, at the Holy Comforter Church in Washington, D. C., with Rev. Raymond Moriarty officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

She was gowned in white lace over a satin dress of ballerina length with fingertip veil, and carried a white satin prayerbook cascaded with streamers and topped by a white orchid. Her only ornament was her maternal grandmother's gold brooch.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Grace Nisson. George W. Nisson was best man, and serving as ushers were Edward Bankhead and Keith Compton.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Palm Room of Hotel 2400. Following a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will reside in Washington.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Bankhead of Blackstock, is employed in Washington with the Federal Security Agency.

Mr. Sykes is the son of Mrs. Barbara Sykes of Washington and is employed by the Calvert-Jones Airconditioning and Refrigeration Co., of Arlington, Va.

Easterling- Bankhead

A marriage of interest to many relatives and friends was that of Miss Sara Frances Easterling and James Marvin Bankhead, which took place, November 27 in Columbia, S. C.

Rev. Dr. E. E. Colvin of Rosemont Baptist church, formerly of Bennettsville, officiated.

Mrs. Bankhead is the youngest daughter of Mrs. W. C. Easterling and the late W. C. Easterling of Bennettsville, S. C. She is a graduate of Winthrop College and has been teaching at the Zoar school in Chesterfield county for several years.

Mr. Bankhead is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Bankhead, Blackstock R. F. D., and is connected with the transportation division of the Baltimore & Ohio railway, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., where they will make their home.



Prior to her marriage in Washington, D. C., February 3, M. James H. Sykes was the former Miss Jane Bankhead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Bankhead of Blackstock. Mr. Sykes is son of Mrs. Barbara Sykes of Washington.