



**Mrs. John Vincent Branham**

Lutheran Church of Prosperity with the Rev. Wilbur Miller officiating the double ring ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pickens Riser of Newberry and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Branham of Winnsboro.

Mrs. Jane Ringer of Newberry served as organist. Mrs. Ringer played a lovely arrangement of wedding music.

A lovely setting for the nuptial event was created with an arrangement of gladiolas and daisies; also palms and glowing candles at the altar. White bows marked the reserved pews.

Ushers were Mr. Charles Ruff of Newberry, cousin of the bride and Mr. Edward Branham of Winnsboro, brother of the groom. Acolytes were Mr. Tony Branham of Winnsboro, nephew of the groom and Mr. Billy Durham of Winnsboro, cousin of the groom.

Best man was the groom's father, Mr. Grover Branham of Winnsboro.

The bride's only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Pamela Branham of Winnsboro. She wore a green polyester and cotton dress with round neck and long sleeves, tucks accented the sleeve and skirt. She carried a nosegay of yellow daisies.

Escorted and given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a white chiffon wedding dress. The design featured a high neckline with pearl-trimmed bodice and bouffant sleeves. The elbow-length silk veil was designed of Venicelace and fell from a Juliette cap. Her attire was complemented by a diamond necklace, borrowed from the bride's sister. She carried a bouquet of white daisies, lily of the valley and white ribbon streamers.

The bride's mother wore a pale pink polyester gown. She wore a white rose corsage.

The groom's mother wore a peach polyester gown. She also wore a white rose corsage.

Mrs. Nell Ruff of Newberry, maternal grandmother of the bride wore a wine polyester gown. She wore a white carnation corsage.

Mrs. Ruth Riser of Leesville, paternal grandmother of the bride wore a blue polyester gown. She also wore a white carnation corsage.

Mrs. Myrtle Ellen Russ, great aunt of the bride wore a green floral two piece dress with matching green blouse. She also wore a white carnation corsage.

Upon leaving the wedding, notes of thanks were handed out by Christi Harmon, cousin of the bride, and Leigh Glisson, niece of the groom.

**BRASWELL-ESTES**

Mrs. A. B. Braswell of Winnsboro announces the marriage of her daughter, Mildred Ruth, to Billy J. Estes. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. M. Smith of Lexington on September 9. The bride is a graduate of Mt. Zion Institute and at the time of her marriage was a student at the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Estes of Winnsboro. He is a graduate of Mt. Zion Institute and attended Clemson College. The couple are making their home in Camden, where Mr. Estes is an instructor at the air base.

**Williams-Bratton 10/19/47**  
(The Columbia State)

Interesting news is the engagement of Dorothy Jane Williams and Randolph Bratton of Columbia, formerly of Winnsboro.

Dottie is the daughter of Mrs. Hugh Miller Williams and the late Mr. Williams of Columbia. She was graduated from Columbia college with a B. S. degree in music and is now doing graduate work in voice at Columbia college. She possesses a lovely coloratura soprano voice and has sung in many churches in Columbia. At present she is soprano soloist in the young people's choir of the First Presbyterian church. She is a member of Columbia Choral society and the Reveler club. Since graduation from Columbia college and Draughton Business college, Dottie has been employed with the personnel division of the VA hospital.

Randy is the son of Mrs. Randolph Bratton of Columbia, formerly of Winnsboro, and the late Mr. Bratton. He is the grandson of the late Theodore Dubose Bratton, bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi and former president of the University of the South, Seawanee, Tenn. Randy served for three years in the armed forces, 21 months of which were spent in the European theater. He received his education in the public schools of Winnsboro and is now a student at the University of South Carolina.

Dottie and Randy are to be married at 5:30 the afternoon of November 22 in St. Paul's Lutheran church.

**BRANNON-SPIRES**

Lovely simplicity marked the wedding of Miss Doris Brannon and Wilmot Jefferson Spires, major United States Marine corps reserve, of Winnsboro and Quantico, Va., which was solemnized at 5:30 o'clock, June 9 in the Gordon Memorial Methodist church, the Rev. W. F. Moore, Jr., pastor of the bride officiating in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends.

Miss Isabel McDowell, pianist and Miss Louise Haddad of Chester, vocalist furnished the wedding music.

The ushers were Bill Joe Spires, Jr., and Cody Spires, brothers of the bridegroom.

The bride's only attendant was her sister, Mrs. W. A. McDonald.

The bride who was given in marriage by her brother, Burrell E. Brannon, was attired in street length dress of aqua-blue silk made with sweetheart neckline and draped skirt. With this she wore a tiny black hat with veil and black accessories with long white gloves. Her corsage was of white orchids. The bride's only ornament was a lavalier of aquamarine stone, a gift of the bridegroom from India.

Monroe Spires, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. Battles of Guadacanal and Tarawa.



**Mrs. James Edward Branham**

Phillip's Lutheran Church of Prosperity. 1981

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wilbur Miller, pastor of the bride, and Rev. Graham Lyons, pastor of the groom.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pickens Riser of Route 2, Newberry. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Branham of Oak St., Winnsboro.

Mrs. Jane Ringer of Newberry served as organist. Mr. Bill Kimble of Winnsboro sang "The Twelfth of Never" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The church was decorated with palms and altar flowers of mums, gladiolas, and carnations.

The bridegroom's father was best man. Ushers were Avery Anderson, cousin of the groom; Vince Branham, brother of the groom; Charles Ruff, cousin of the bride; and Eddie Crouch.

Miss Donna Riser of Newberry, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Cathy Anderson, cousin of the groom; Miss Nancy Ruff and Mrs. Rene Salters, cousins of the bride; and Mrs. Libby Smith. Miss Christi Harmon, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

The bridal attendants wore floor-length dresses of burgundy chiffon, fashioned with a lace collar and cuffs with wrist length sleeves. The flower girl wore a matching dress of that of the bridal

Honorary attendants were Mrs. Carolyn Branham, sister-in-law of the groom; Mrs. Marion Clack, Mrs. Betty Glisson, Mrs. Ruthie Glisson, sisters of the groom; Miss Angie Fallaw, cousin of the bride; and Mrs. Anna Riser, aunt of the bride. Each wore a silk carnation corsage made by Mrs. Lunelle Harmon, aunt of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harmon, aunt and uncle of the bride, served at the register.

Escorted and given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a white chiffon wedding gown accented with Venice lace. The gown featured a sweetheart neckline, with a lace bodice with embroidered pearls and bouffant sleeves which ended in lace. The elbow-length silk veil was designed of Venice lace and fell from a Juliette cap. Her attire was complemented by a diamond necklace, borrowed from the bride's sister. She carried a bouquet of white silk roses and lily of the valley and white ribbon streamers. The bouquet was made by the bride's aunt, Mrs. Lunelle Harmon.

The bride's mother wore a rose polyester gown with a burgundy velvet vest. She wore a pink rose corsage.

The groom's mother wore a peach polyester gown. She