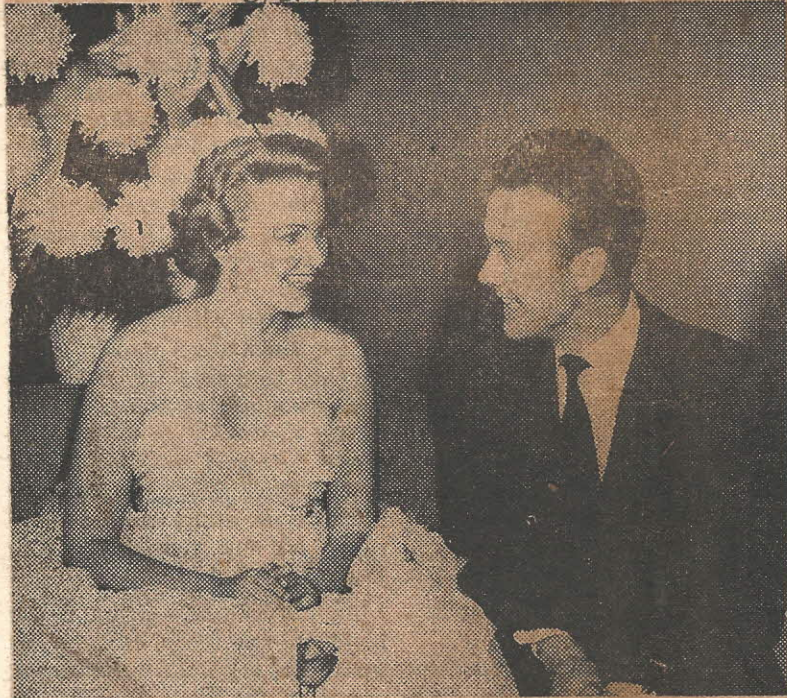


Expert Says Miriam Is Fairest and Finest of "Miss Universe" Winners

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MR. AND MRS. DONALD N. UPTON

The fairest of all the "Miss Universe" winners is Fairfield County's Miriam Stevenson, now Mrs. Donald Upton of Columbia, according to Oscar Meinhardt, who has directed beauty pageants since they started.

George Eres, writing in the Independent - Press - Telegram, Long Beach, Calif., says that "when Oscar Meinhardt looks at a mirror on his wall and murmurs who is the fairest of them all, does his mirror say 'Oscar Meinhardt?'"

"Nope."

"It says Miriam Stevenson of South Carolina, Miss Universe of 1955."

"And Oscar of the Beauty Pageants, who has directed them since they started and seen a lot of beauty with his untired twinkling eyes, confesses the mirror doesn't lie."

"I have to pick Miss Stevenson as the Miss Universe of all the Miss Universes so far," he said. "She was not only structurally beautiful, she was beautiful within. She was an honest, sincere, good girl—a marvelous girl."

"But, Oscar, whose girls they all were in a sense, hastens to add, 'they were all beautiful.'" Mr. Eres concluded.

Mrs. Upton, whose husband is chief announcer for WIS-TV, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard O. Stevenson of the Lebanon section of Fairfield. She has one sister and two brothers: M. L. Levi Q. Fellers (Emmy Lou Stevenson) of Winnsboro, L. O. Stevenson, Jr., of Jacksonville, N. C., and Donald Stevenson of Winnsboro. She is a graduate of Mt. Zion Institute and Lander College.

Fetner-Stevenson Wedding

Of much interest is the marriage of Miss Frances Elizabeth Fetner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Fetner of Columbia, to Mack Brown Stevenson of Winnsboro, which took place at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, August 27, in the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. The Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, D. D., rector, officiated in the presence of only members of the immediate families.

White gladioli adorned the altar for the occasion.

Mrs. Bryan H. Lumpkin, organist, furnished the wedding music. The matron of honor, Mrs. James W. Plyler, wore beige

BARKER — STEVENSON

The following taken from the Chattanooga News will be of interest to friends here:

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker, Parksville, Tenn., announce the marriage of their daughter, Gladys Virginia, to James B. Stevenson of Winnsboro, S. C.

The wedding took place on Nov. 6 at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. T. N. Hays, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The impressive ring ceremony was used.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker and is a graduate of Polk county high school.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stevenson of Winnsboro, S. C. He received his education in the Mt. Zion high school and is now employed by the Tennessee Electric Power Co., at Parksville where the young couple will make their home.

Stevenson-Mentzer

A marriage of interest to many friends was that of Miss Catherine Isabel Stevenson of Winnsboro and Pfc. Russell Mentzer of Pottstown, Pa., and Fort Jackson, which was solemnized Saturday evening, November 27, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Stevenson, on Frazier street.

The house was simply but beautifully decorated for the occasion. In the living room decorations of ferns and ivy were used effectively in the improvised altar. Floor baskets of white gladioli were used. The candles were lighted by the bride's aunt, Mrs. J. Earle Stevenson. Mrs. Mack Brown Stevenson, sister-in-law of the bride, played the wedding march.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, J. Earle Stevenson, wore a suit of aqua wool with brown accessories, and a shoulder corsage of pink gladioli. Attending the bridegroom as best man was Tom Stevenson of Columbia, brother of the bride.

Following the ceremony a small reception was held and the couple left for a short trip to Pottstown, Penn.

STEVENSON—MITCHELL

Of interest to their many friends is the marriage of Miss Frances Marie Stevenson of Winnsboro and George Aubrey Mitchell of Hickory Grove and Winnsboro, which took place Tuesday afternoon at six thirty, December twenty-eighth at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Stevenson, in the presence of the immediate families and a few friends.

Stevenson-Turner

The New Hope Associate Reformed Presbyterian church was the scene of a lovely wedding on Thursday, June twentieth at five-thirty o'clock when Miss Rebecca Stevenson became the bride of Mr. Marvin Turner of Winnsboro and Rock Hill. The ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. A. Kennedy, pastor of the bride.

The vows were spoken in an artistic setting of Southern pines, summer flowers, smilax and lighted candles, in graduated candelabra.

Miss Ruth Caldwell of Newberry, pianist, Mrs. W. W. Weir, Jr., Blackstock, violinist, and Miss Elizabeth Stevenson, sister of the bride, vocalist, rendered the wedding music. Prior to the ceremony,

Mrs. Weir played "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms" and "Londonderry Air." Miss Stevenson sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" and "I Love You Truly," with violin obligato by Mrs. Weir. The "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin was used for the processional and the "Wedding March" from Mendelssohn for the recessional. During the ceremony, "Mighty Lak A Rose" was played softly.

The brothers of the bride, Robert T., Teenie, Ed and William Stevenson were usher-groomsman and the candles were lighted by Robert and Teenie Stevenson.

Miss Agnes Turner, sister of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Herbert Vassey of Chesnee, were the bridesmaids. Their dresses were of misty blue net with low necklines, fitted bodices, and full ruffled skirts, and they carried matching bouquets of roses, gladioli and lilies of the valley. The bride had as her maid of honor, her sister, Miss Mamie Weir Stevenson, who wore a dress of pink net, fashioned after the style of the maids' dresses, and her flowers were a mixed bouquet of harmonizing colors.

The little flower girl, Ernestine Stevenson, wore a pink dress, modeled after the other dresses and carried a basket of rose petals.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Marion Stevenson. She wore her mother's wedding gown, a lovely princess model of organdie and lace, with handtucked panel, Elizabethan neckline and leg-o-mutton sleeves. Her floor length veil was lace edged and caught to her head with orange blossoms. She carried a showered bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley.

The bridegroom was attended by his brother, J. B. Turner of Winnsboro.

Mrs. Stevenson, mother of the bride, wore a light blue lace dress, with a shoulder corsage of roses and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. P. C. Turner, mother of the bridegroom, was attired in a dusty rose lace dress with corsage of delphinium and rosebuds.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mrs. Stevenson entertained with a reception at her country home, which for the occasion, was artistically decorated with a profusion of flowers from the home garden. The guests were greeted by Misses Eloise Boney and Helen Dove and Mrs. A. W. Brice presented them to the receiving line composed of the mothers of the bridal pair and the wedding attendants.

At the dining room door, Misses Mabel Dixon and Roberta Dove received and in the dining room, which was attractive in a bridal motif of green and white, Misses Emmie Stewart, Lucy Shirley, Ruth Ewart and Wilma Dixon served block cream and individual bridal cakes in the chosen color scheme. Assisting also in serving were Mrs. John Shirley, Mrs. J. B. Williams and Miss Willie Mae Weir.

The bride's book was kept by Miss Viola Dove and here the more than two hundred guests were registered. Goodbyes were said to Mrs. John James and Miss Zelma Brice.

During the evening the bride and bridegroom left for a wedding trip through the mountains and

Miss Martha Ann Stevenson Is Bride of Woodward Rion Dixon

Miss Martha Ann Stevenson of Columbia and Winnsboro, daughter of E. L. Stevenson and the late Mrs. Stevenson, and Woodward Rion Dixon of Columbia, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Osmund

Stevenson-Burley

Beautiful in its simplicity was the wedding of Miss Annie Marie Stevenson and Marion H. Burley of Monticello and Parr, which took place Saturday evening, September 14, at eight o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Stevenson. The Rev. H. Floyd Surles, pastor of the bride, performed the impressive ceremony in the presence of a small assemblage of relatives.

Miss Marguerite Stevenson, twin sister of the bride, was maid of honor and only attendant. She wore an attractive ensemble of navy and white with a shoulder corsage of pink gladioli.

The bride and bridegroom entered the ceremony room together and stood before an improvised altar arranged in front of the mantel. White floor baskets filled with pink asters and silver lace flanked each side of the altar. Tall white tapers in crystal candelabra shed a soft glow over the entire scene, which was reflected in a mirror over the mantel.

The bride, a lovely semi-brunette, was becomingly attired in an early fall model of grape wine wool, the coat of which was trimmed in red fox fur. She used black accessories and her shoulder corsage was of Talisman roses.

The bride's mother wore pink crepe with a shoulder corsage of pink rosebuds. The bridegroom's twin sister, Miss Alice Burley of Columbia, wore soldier blue crepe, with a shoulder corsage of red rosebuds.

Mrs. Burley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Stevenson, is a graduate of Monticello high school and attended Lander college and Draughon's Business college. She is a young woman of unusual charm and by her sweet personality has won many friends who regret that her marriage will take her from Winnsboro.

Mr. Burley, son of Charles H. and the late Mrs. Burley of Monticello, is a graduate of Monticello high school and now holds a position with the Broad River Power company at Parr, where the young couple will reside after a short wedding trip.

Stevenson-Dove

Mr. and Mrs. William James Stevenson of Winnsboro announce the engagement of their daughter, Lola, to Herbert Paul Dove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fitz Hugh Dove.

Miss Stevenson attended Mt. Zion Institute and is a graduate of Lander College where she was a member of the student council. She has been teaching in the South Carolina schools for the past few years and is now a member of the Greenbrier faculty of Fairfield county.

Mr. Dove attended the Blackstock school and business school at Mt. Zion Institute, and is now holding a position with the United States Rubber Company of Winnsboro. He served in the United States Army as sergeant for over a year.

The wedding will take place in the Lebanon Presbyterian church December the nineteenth.

other points of interest.

For traveling the bride wore an attractive navy blue triple sheer ensemble with dusty rose trimmings and accessories to match, and a shoulder corsage of rosebuds and valley lilies.

Mrs. Turner is the oldest daughter of Mrs. Maymie W. and the late J. Ebb Stevenson. She is a graduate of Erskine college, where she had an active part in student organizations and athletics. Since graduation she has been a member of the faculty of Blackstock high school.

Woodward Dixon of Greenville, were married at five o'clock Friday evening, October 24, at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Walter I. May, in Columbia.

The Rev. Leslie W. Edwards officiated, using the double ring ceremony.

Bailey Dixon of Greenville, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man, and Mrs. James Bankhead of Great Falls, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor and the only attendant.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She was attired in a suit of delft blue with which she wore a blouse of ice blue and navy accessories. She carried a Bible topped with an orchid and showered with lilies of the valley.

There was a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. May immediately following the ceremony, for the wedding party and guests.

During the evening the couple left for a wedding trip to New York. For traveling the bride changed to a green suit with which she wore green accessories and a corsage of pink rosebuds. Upon their return they will make their home in Columbia.

Mrs. Dixon attended Winthrop College, and has just graduated from the South Carolina Baptist hospital.

Mr. Dixon was graduated from Furman University, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon

fraternity. He is a representative for the International Shoe Company

Among those from Winnsboro who attended the wedding were E. L. Stevenson, Mrs. Leroy Montgomery, Mrs. W. J. Stevenson and Mrs. James A. McClintock.

STEVENSON—MONTGOMERY

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Stevenson of Winnsboro announce the marriage of their daughter, Minnie Lee, to LeRoy Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Montgomery, of Woodward. The ceremony was performed in Columbia by Dr. Charles Timmons.

Cannon-Stevenson

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Cannon of Jakin, Ga., announce the marriage of their daughter, Mittie Lee, to Edward Stevenson, Jr., of Winnsboro, S. C., January 31, 1940.

Miss Kamer Is Married To Mr. W. J. Stevenson In Brooklyn, New York

Miss Irene Patricia Kamer, daughter of Mrs. Alex Kamer and the late Mr. Kamer of Brooklyn, New York, became the bride of William James Stevenson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stevenson of Winnsboro, in a ceremony taking place at ten-thirty o'clock Saturday morning, October 11 in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Paul Dove, sister of the bridegroom, was the matron of honor, and Paul Dove of Winnsboro, the bridegroom's brother-in-law, was the best man.

The matron of honor wore a black velvet suit, with rhinestone buttons and matching accessories, and a shoulder corsage of yellow mums.

The bride wore an aqua and grey wool tweed suit with grey accessories and furs, and a corsage of white mums.

Immediately following the ceremony the bridal party and close relatives were served a luncheon at the home of the bride.

After their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are at home on Vanderhorst street in Winnsboro.

Mr. Turner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Turner, is at present connected in road construction in York county and the couple will make their home in Rock Hill.