From this day forward . . . Midshipman Willie M. Everett of Hampton, Va., who was recently graduated from the Naval Academy in Annapolis, leaves the chapel with his bride, the former Miss Charmai

by Norma J. Spencer)

50 years for Smiths

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard A. Smith recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Overlea Hall where 150 guests gathered to wish them best wishes.

Father John Sewell, priest of St. Cecelia Church, celebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving and the marriage promise was renewed concluding with Holy Communion.

During the ceremonies Mrs. Gertrude Wharton, sister of Mr. Smith, read the Prayers of Dedication followed by responses from the guests. Mr. Everett Smith gave a toast of honor to the couple, his parents.

The Smiths have one son, Everett, who was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Helen Smith. Also present was their grandson, Second Lt. Charles A. Smith.

Francis Smith, cousin of Mr. Smith, was a member of the original bridal party, served as best man, while Mrs. Smith was attended by her sister, Mrs. Basil L. Lee of Newark, N.J.

Mrs. Smith selected a double knit long length pink gown and the matron of honor wore a mint green stone-studded gown.

Mr. Smith presented his wife with a gold traditional marriage cross at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Music preceding and during the Mass was furnished by Gerald Klein and Miss Ann Jurkowski, organist and soloist of St. Cecelia and St. Dominic's, respectively.

The following members of the family seated at the head table were: Mr. and Mrs. Everett Smith (couple's children); Second Lt. Charles A. Smith (grandson); Mrs. Basil L. Lee (sister of Mrs. Smith); Francis Smith (cousin of Mr. Smith) and Father John Sewell.

Mrs. Bertie Addison, Mrs. Gertrude Wharton and Mrs. Helen Smith were coordinators for the anniversary.

Mr. Smith is now retired from the Baltimore City Health Department after 31 years. He is an active member in the Holy Name Society of his parish while they both are ardent workers in the Senior Citizen Group of their church.

Following the ceremonies, the guests dined and danced to the music by Ray Powell's Rays of Rhythm.

Out-of-town guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Basil L. Lee, Newark, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sheffield, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Chase and Mrs. Marie Barksdale, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Evelyn Clark and Mrs. Virgie Sommerville of Washington, D.C. and Mr. and Mrs. McDowell Thomas and son, St. Mary's County, Md.

FOR BRIDES.... Selecting type of wedding

Set date with florist, make arrangements early

Selecting the type of wedding and the place depends upon your own personal desire, your budget, the size of your family and the bridegroom's and the number of guests to be invited. It is certain to be one of the following:

A large formal church wedding and a home, hotel or club reception to which all church guests are invited.

A formal or informal church wedding and club, home or hotel reception for families and close friends.

A wedding in a church, club or hotel, with the two families and a few friends invited, followed by a reception to include all church guests and other friends.

A garden, home or club wedding with reception for all.

A small chapel wedding with the bridal couple receiving friends in the foyer if no reception is planned.

(From "American Bride," Los Angeles, Calif.)

Setting the date

Before setting the date, visit your clergyma and discuss church customs. Consult your fiance as to the time most convenient for him to leave his business. Consider the season of the year in planning the honeymoon trip.

The fashionable hour, High noon or half-past twelve is the favored hour for the morning wedding. Because of customs of some churches, nine and ten o' clock ceremonies are equally desirous.

The afternoon wedding at four or four-thirty is popular although many are held as early as three or three-thirty. The morning or afternoon wedding may be formal or informal.

Evening weddings are at eight, eight-thirty, and in some areas of the country, as early as six and as late as nine in the evening. If the evening wedding is formal, it is strictly so, and the entire wedding party must be in formal dress.

(From "American Bride," Los Angeles, Calif.)

"Marriages are made in Heaven," according to Alfred Lord Tennyson. But a great many preparations must be made in advance of any wedding, including arrangements for flowers that traditionally play a major role in the ceremony. Consequently, it's wise to consult your florist well in advance of the wedding date, suggests the Allied Florists Association of Greater Baltimore.

The size, location and time of the wedding determine the amount of flowers that will be needed. Bouquets for the bridal party should harmonize with their costumes, which establish the theme for the altar flowers, arrangements for reception tables and corsages.

The bride always carries or wears flowers, the Allied Florists point out. The bridegroom, best man and both fathers — whether it's a large or small wedding — all wear boutonnieres. The bridal attendants, regardless of their number, carry or wear flowers, and both mothers wear flowers.

The bridal bouquet, of course, is designed expressly for the bride, according to her preferences and the styling and fabric of her gown. The same is true of the bridal attendants' flowers.

The bridegroom usually wears a blossom that matches one of the flowers in the bridal bouquet. The best man and ushers generally wear a carnation or gardenia boutonniere.

Gown-bouquet

Ranging from simple, tailored lines to elaborately detailed styles, today's wedding gowns permit a great deal of variance in the choice of a suitable bouquet. However, there are a few basic restrictions governing gown-bouquet coordination.

For example, a small colonial bouquet or dainty nosegay would go well with a frilly, lacy dress, including one with a tiered skirt, either long or short. However, such a small arrangement would detract from a long, full skirt because of its contrastingly small size.

A crescent bouquet — in the shape of a a graceful arch with a center cluster of flowers, and with one side slightly longer than the other — would beautifully accent a bridal gown with a full or sweeping flared skirt. A full cascade bouquet would be an excellent choice for a sheath dress or a gown with a controlled skirt.

Decorations

Flower decorations for the ceremony itself and for the reception should always be scaled to the size of the guest list and the place selected.

Flowers usually decorate the aisle the bride will take, and also the background where the ceremony is performed.

As for flower centerpieces for a reception where many guests are to be served, the arrangements must be ample in size and in number for the length of the tables used. In the home, however, one or two handsome flower arrangements would be suitable for a fairly large reception.

Announcing engagement

The announcement is made by the bride's family at least three months before the wedding if possible; never less than six weeks before the date selected.

If it is to be announced at a social affair, an engagement luncheon, tea, dinner or formal dance may be given.

Your engagement will be an item of interest to the local newspapers. Telephone the women's editors and ask what information they will use and the form in which you should send it to them. Send information to papers in your fiance's home town if he is not a local resident.

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AFRO bridal register

MISS DEBORAH V. BOWDEN
engagement announced
(Photo by Leon Perskie)

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bowden have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Deborah Viola Bowden, to Hasker Michel Pullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Pullen Sr.

Miss Bowden, a graduate of Edmondson High School, is employed by Century Engineering, Inc. as secretary to the director of land development.

Mr. Pullen is a product of Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School and is employed by Valentine and Associates Realty Co.

The couple plans to be married on Aug. 23 at Timothy Baptist Church.

Hamm-Pride

The Morning Star Baptist Church was the site for an intimate afternoon ceremony uniting Miss Geraldine Pride, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Creighton and David Hamm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hamm, in holy matrimony.

The Rev. Samuel Ray officiated the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by Felix Pride.

Derrick Majette was the best man and Jeanette Green, the maid of honor.

An evening reception was held for a host of friends, relatives and well-wishers.

A graduate of Edmondson High School, the bride is presently attending the Community College of Baltimore where she is studying nursing.

The bridegroom is a graduate of City College High School and formerly attended the Community College of Baltimore. He is now employed by Productions Unlimited Co. in a consultant management capacity.

Johnson-Smith

Miss Vanessa Denise Smith and Lloyd G. Johnson Jr. repeated vows on June 7 at the Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church. The Rev. Edgar L. Reid officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Smith Sr. of Baker St. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Mable M. Brooks, Howard Park Ave.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a traditional white wedding gown. She carried a small Bible decorated with an orchid and satin streamers.

Mrs. Maxine Smith, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Her gown, designed by Tabiani, was made by the bride's mother.

Bridesmaids were: Patricia Chappell, Karen Carter, Patricia Brown, Mattie Lowery of Ellicott City and Duane Jenkins.

Best man was Rinehart Dallas Jr.

Ushers included: Geary Stratham, Randallstown; John Jeffers, Bernard Poulson, Jeffery Davis, Kenneth Jones and Michael Brooks of Glen Burnie. Malcolm D. Smith was the ring bearer.

A reception followed in the church hall.

The new Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of Western High School and attended City University of New York. She is currently employed in the Public Relations department at the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

Mr. Johnson was graduated from Poly High School and attended the Community College of Baltimore and Morgan State College. He is currently studying pharmacy.

The couple is now at their Carriage Hill Apartments home following a honeymoon to the Pocouse Mountains.

Williams-Caraway

Miss Burnette Caraway, daughter of Mrs. Katie Coxe Caraway, Baltimore, exchanged marriage vows with Joseph Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams Sr. on May 23 at the Southern Baptist Church.

The Rev. Nathaniel Higgs officiated at the double ring ceremony.

For her wedding, the bride wore a formal gown highlighted with ruffles at the sleeves and hemline. Appliques of laced daisies trimmed the bodice and mantilla. She carried a cascade of white carnations, baby's breath, and daisies. She was given in marriage by her brother, Richard Henry Caraway.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Mrs. Linda Caraway Thomas of Asheville, N.C.

Arthur Albert Williams was the best man.

Bridesmaids were: Miss Juanita Arvin, Mrs. Elanders Beasley, Miss Diane Guest, Mrs. Paulette Harlee, Miss Evelyn D. Little, Miss Florine McCready, Miss Vera Seay, all of Baltimore.

Garnestha Fields was the flower girl.

Ushers were: Charles Butler, Gary Chapple, Nathaniel Dockery, Reginald Harlee, William C. Little, Steven G. Little, Wyman Williams.

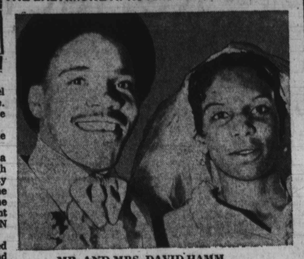
Ring bearer was Robert Antonio Fields.

A reception followed at the Baltimore Sheraton Inn. Guests came from various parts of the country for the wedding, including Charlotte, N.C.; Asheville, N.C.; Wadesboro, N.C.; Garfield, N.J.; Brooklyn, N.Y.

The bride attended the public schools in Wadesboro, N.C. and was graduated with aBS degree in business education from Morgan State College. She is currently employed as a business education teacher at Fallstaff Middle School.

Mr. Williams was graduated from Ridge Spring High School in Ridge Spring, S.C. He studied at the Automation Institute and is now attending the Community College of Baltimore. He is employed by the Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.

The couple honeymooned in the Pocomos Mountains and is now at home in Baltimore.



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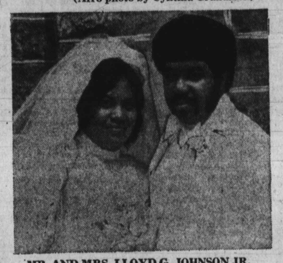

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Baked Flounder in Wine Sauce
2 pounds flounder of sole fillets or other thin fish fillets, fresh or frozen
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Dash pepper
3 tomatoes, sliced
2 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
4 cup skim milk
One-third cup dry white wine
⅛ teaspoon crushed basil
Chopped parsley

Thaw frozen fillets. Skin fillets. Sprinkle fillets on both sides with 1 teaspoon salt and pepper. Place fillets in a single layer in a greased baking dish, 12 x 8 x 2 inches.

Arrange tomatoes over top of fillets. Sprinkle with remaining ½ teaspoon salt. Blend flour into butter. Add milk gradually and cook until thick and smooth, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in wine and basil. Pour sauce over top of tomatoes. Bake in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F., for 25 to 30 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested, with fork. Sprinkle with parsley. Serves 6.

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