

Harrison, Wilson wed in Portland

By Kathryn Hall Bogle

Bright sunshine from a January sky cast a spring like warmth over this part of the land this past weekend.

The sunbeams augured for happiness for Edith Harrison of this city and for James Wilson, of New York City, when the two were wed in a quiet ceremony on Saturday, January 3.

Attending the couple were their friends Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McKay, and Michael Harrison, 12 year old son of the bride.

On Sunday, following, throngs of friends of the newly weds were invited to greet the couple at a champagne reception in the Washington Room of the Red Lion Inn Jantzen Beach. For this affair, the new Mrs. Wilson wore a lovely off-white ankle length dress with dainty lace insets in bodice and full skirt. With her gown she wore a sheer long-sleeved jacket and a corsage of delicate blue and white flowers at her waist.

Centerpiece for the wedding table, color-keyed to blue and white, featured a bride and bridegroom, creations out of sparkling ice.

The champagne fountain kept glasses filled, the hot and cold hor d'oeuvres were abundant and together the Wilsons cut their four-tiered blue and white wedding cake for their guests.

Assisting with reception arrangements were Sarah Martin and James and Edith Williams.

Because they are both career people, the newlyweds will defer a honeymoon until sometime in March during "spring vacation" when they plan to cruise in some tropic sea.

Mr. Wilson, the father of an adult son and daughter living in Baltimore, will return to New York after a few days in the Northwest. He is the district manager for United Parcel Service in West New York state and is responsible for parcel deliveries in such cities as Buffalo, Rochester, Niagara Falls and their environs. About 600 employees are under his direction. He has been with UPS for 17 years.

Mr. Wilson is waiting for a benevolent transfer by his company to this area to allow him to be daily at the side of his bride.

Mrs. Wilson assumes her new duties this week as principal at the newly created Harriett Tubman Middle School in Northeast Portland, called a "showcase" for school integration. Up until this momentous week, Mrs. Wilson was vice principal at Roosevelt High School for five years. She has been teaching in Portland public schools since 1962.

A graduate of Benedict College, Mrs. Wilson majored in art and taught art classes for six years at Jefferson High School in this city. Her experience has also included work with problem children in a school setting, career opportunity programs, and a position as director of 50 teacher-interns for public schools in inner-city schools and correctional institutions.

The family is settling into an elegant brand-new home Mrs. Wilson has just completed building in the Skyline district of Southwest Portland.

A wedding heralding the 80s!



Edith and James Wilson following their recent wedding.

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