

To Walk Down Aisle . . .

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First Christian church will be the setting this afternoon of the marriage of Miss LaVerne Dumas, daughter of Mrs. Truman Drago and Mr. J. E. Dumas of Coquille, and Technical Sergeant Fred Nicholls, United States army. The 3 o'clock ceremony will be read by Rev. Dudley Strain.

The altar will be baskets of stock and snapdragons and greens and white tapers in candelabras. Mrs. Kent Bauersfeld, who will light the candles, will wear a blue gown. Mr. John Schmidt, jr. will sing "At Dawning" and "Because" preceding the rites and during the ceremony he will sing "O Promise Me." Mrs. Schmidt will play the organ accompaniments.

The bride, who will be given in marriage by her father, has chosen a floor length white taffeta gown for her wedding. The dress is fashioned with a very full skirt, sweetheart neckline and elbow length sleeves. Her fingertip length tulle veil will cascade from a coronet of freesias and Cecille Brunner roses. She will carry a white bible marked with a white orchid and satin streamers caught with freesias.

Mrs. Raleigh Wirth who will be the matron of honor, will wear a pink chiffon gown. Miss Patricia Ryer in yellow and Mrs. Jack Stricklaeden in blue will be the bridesmaids. Their dresses are made with full skirts, sweetheart necklines and elbow length sleeves. The girls will carry nosegays of roses, violets, sweetpeas and daisies.

Tgt. Sgt. Frank Nicholls, who is stationed at Baxter General hospital, Spokane, will stand with his brother as best man. Seating the guests will be Mr. W. C. Dumas of Portland, brother of the bride, and Sgt. Louis Osborn.

For her daughter's nuptials Mrs. Drago has chosen a soldier blue dress with black accessories and a corsage of roses.

A wedding reception in the church parlors will be held immediately after the ceremony. Mrs. Lee U. Eyerly and Mrs. Kay Simmons will preside at the coffee urns. Mrs. Helen Goodenough will cut the bride's cake. Assisting in the serving will be Mrs. James Neal, Mrs. Cecil E. Young, Mrs. James Henery and Mrs. Ernest Schwabbauer. Miss Darlene Simmons will pass the guest book and Mrs. W. C. Dumas will be in charge of the gifts.

When the newlyweds leave on their wedding trip the bride will wear a gold tailleur with black accessories and an orchid corsage.

The bride, who has made her home here for several years, is a graduate of Milwaukie schools. Her husband-to-be is a graduate of Salem schools and attended Willamette university before entering a service. He recently returned from 39 months in the South Pacific and after a month's furlough will return to his outfit with the army engineers.



Ensign and Mrs. Lloyd A. Griffiths pictured with the bridal party following their marriage on March 12 at the First Congregational church. Left to right are Miss Dorothy Hoar, maid of honor, the bride and groom, Mr. James Thompson, best man, and the flower girl, Meredith Jean Huggins. The bride, the former Virginia Pope, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Pope, at whose home the wedding reception was held. The groom is the son of Mrs. Lorene Griffiths. The newlyweds will reside in Ottumwa, Iowa, while he is taking his naval air corps training. (Jessen-Miller photo).

To Honor Mrs. Bennison . . .

Mrs. Robert C. Barnett has invited guests to a dessert supper Saturday night at her home on Leslie street in compliment to Mrs. James Bennison, the former Leone Spaulding.

Contract bridge will be in play after the supper hour. Arrangements of early spring flowers will provide the decorative note.

Honoring Mrs. Bennison will be Mrs. Walter L. Spaulding, Mrs. John Kelly, Mrs. Charles Powers, jr., Mrs. Norman Yagle, Mrs. Douglas Chambers, Mrs. Roger Quackenbush, Mrs. Robert DeVlieg, Mrs. C. Kenneth Bell, Miss Dorothy Vandenberg, Miss Jean Burrell, Miss Mary Jane Simmons, Miss Betty Childs and Mrs. Barnett.



Mrs. James A. Bennison, who has returned to Salem to reside with her mother, Mrs. Walter L. Spaulding, while her army lieutenant husband is overseas. Lt. Bennison is now in France. Mrs. Bennison will be remembered as Leone Spaulding. Lt. and Mrs. Bennison resided at Fort Smith, Arkansas before he left for active duty. (Kennell-Ellis photo).

Dates Are Set . . .

First announcement is being made this weekend of the coming celebration of National Music week, May 6 through 13. This is the 22nd annual observance, which in 1940 took on an international aspect. For the second year the theme will be "Use Music to Foster Unity for War and the Peace to Follow."

Originally the idea was to foster American music, and this has been a basic thought through the years of observance, even though inter-American music and music of the United Nations will be stressed.

Those planning National Music week believe that music provides a common bond between peoples, and should aid in their reconciliation. The solidarity of this hemisphere has been greatly advanced by increasing interchange of musical ideas.

Plans are being made for a statewide and city-wide celebration of National music week. Mrs. Walter Denton is Oregon and Salem chairman. Miss Frances Virginia Melton, president of the Salem Music Teachers association, which sponsors the music week in Salem, is state chairman of American music, and has suggested familiarizing school children with the works of Edward MacDowell, one of America's greatest composers.

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Silver Wedding Party . . .

One of the larger social events calendared for the coming week is at the home for which Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Riches will be hosts at their South High street residence on Wednesday night.

They will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. Invitations were in the mail Saturday to the affair. A large group of the couple's friends have been invited to call between 7 and 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Riches will receive informally in the living room where a silver and white decorative scheme will be used in flower arrangements. Assisting about the rooms will be Mr. and Mrs. Karl Heinlein. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schenk, Commander and Mrs. Verden E. Hockett and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bonesteale.

Mrs. Abner Kline, Mrs. Frank Mogan and Mrs. Thomas J. Riches will be in charge of the dining room.

Tidbits of News . . .

Former Salem residents here for the Chi Omega installation are Mrs. Noel Cavender of Portland and Mrs. Francis Wade of Fort Douglas, Utah. Mrs. Wade's daughter, Corinne, a student at Oregon State college, will spend her spring vacation in Salem and Portland with her mother, who will return to Salt Lake in April.

Mr. and Mrs. John Slottee of Astoria and Miss Viola Slottee of San Francisco are the weekend guests of the former's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feike.



Miss Patricia Waters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Waters of Salem, who is the first president of Nu Delta Chapter, Chi Omega, national women's fraternity, which was formally installed on the Willamette university campus this weekend. Miss Waters is a sophomore student on the campus and a graduate of St. Helen's hall in Portland. (Kennell-Ellis photo).

Past Presidents Banquet . . .

Calendared for Monday night, March 26 is the annual Past President's banquet of the Salem Junior Woman's club. The affair will be held in the Marjorie room of the Marion hotel at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Delbert Schwabbauer, immediate past president, will be the honor guest and will be presented the past president's pin.

Theme for the banquet is "Star Gazing." The program will include songs by the Tri-Y triple trio under the direction of Virginia Ward Elliott. Miss Margaret Hood will play a group of piano selections. Mrs. Fred Gast, first vice-president of the club, will act as toastmistress.

Mrs. Gast heads the directorate for the banquet and assisting are Mrs. Elmo Lindholm, Miss Eunice Furman, Mrs. Lawrence Fitzgerald, Mrs. Walter Beck, Mrs. Lloyd Reilly and Mrs. Agnes Drummond.

Christening Today . . .

Mary Catherine, year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schreiber of Independence, formerly of Salem, will be christened this afternoon in the chapel of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Rev. George H. Swift will perform the christening service at 12:15 o'clock. Godparents for Mary Catherine will be Mr. and Mrs. Loyal A. Warner. A dinner will follow the ceremony.

Mrs. John Richard Kelly, the former Mary Jane Brabec, who arrived early in March from Madison, Wisconsin, where she has been with her army husband, who is in radar with the army air corps. Mrs. Kelly plans to make her home here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brabec. This is Mrs. Kelly's first visit home since her marriage in Texas last May. (Kennell-Ellis photo).