

Episcopal Ceremony Held

Miss Margaret Louise Stocker became the bride of William Robert Dierix in 8 o'clock evening rites held May 3 in St. Mark's Episcopal church. The Rev. George R. V. Bolster performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Margaret Power, Central Point, longtime friend of the bride, was matron of honor. L. Lane Thornton, Lakeview, a college classmate of the bridegroom, served as best man.

The couple chose May, the emerald month, for their marriage since the bride's engagement ring has an emerald stone.

Ushers were Dr. A. Erin Merkel and Oris S. Moore. George E. Runyan, a friend of the couple, gave the bride in marriage.

The bride, chief medical technologist at Rogue Valley Hospital, has lived here at 235 South Oakdale avenue. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William V. Stocker, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The bridegroom, of 1120 West Main street, is county sanitarian with the Jackson County Health department. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Dierix, The Dalles, Ore. They came to Medford for the wedding.

For her wedding the bride wore a full length gown which she had made of Italian silk peau de soie designed with a cummerbund and train with bustle effect. The cummerbund and train were trimmed with medallions of re-embroidered Alencon lace and pearls. Her Renaissance crown of pearls was trimmed with aurora borealis sequins, and held her shoulder length veil of silk French illusion. She also wore a small pearl



Mr. and Mrs. William Robert Dierix (Knackstedt photo)

Congressman's Wife Describes Recent Party Held at White House

By MARIJANE DUNCAN
Washington, D. C. — The great, white mansion at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue is well-guarded from the curious or the possibly mischievous by a high fence and alert guards. There are conducted tours in the morning, but we have not yet taken one. So our first trip to the White House a week ago found us playing the dual role of guests and sightseers.

The reception for Congress is a traditional affair. Until the Kennedy administration, it was a white-tie-and-tails occasion, with the attendant formality of a receiving line. Now, however, black tie is designated, and some of the ladies interpret this relaxing of protocol to mean short dresses also. By far the majority of the wives at last Thursday's soiree, however, wore long gowns.

We were not greeted at the door — nor anywhere, as a matter of fact, but simply found our way down the corridor and up the stairs to the party. We were a bit early and perhaps later guests received some guidance. There were military men stationed

here and there who were happy to give information, but no acting host or hostess in evidence. However, most guests seemed to feel at home, as perhaps we all should, in the White House.

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The rooms filled up magically with members of Congress, the Cabinet, and the White House staff. We glimpsed Vice President Johnson and Secretary Dillon (Treasury) and talked with Secretaries Freeman and Udall (whom we had met when he spoke in Portland a couple of years ago).

Shortly, the familiar strains of "Hail to the Chief" signaled the arrival of the President. He evidently was immediately surrounded, for he got no farther than the first room for quite a while. Some of us who were waiting just outside the door finally gave up and went back to our conversation or dancing. The President did not attempt to make the rounds but stayed long enough to shake many hands and chat a little before going back upstairs to the private rooms occupied by the First family. We were lucky just at the last to be able to shake his hand and wish him well.

Wandering through the famous rooms, we admired the fresh and charming decor created by the First Lady. The Blue Room, I may report, is indeed mostly white, but is saved by blue draperies and other touches of its name color. With all the milling about, I still do not have a clear picture of the floor plan, but there were two large chambers, in which buffet tables were laid and orchestras played, connected by three smaller rooms and a long corridor.

Altogether, it was a very pleasant evening. We are acquainted with enough people to feel at home in a gathering

of government people now, and we found it easy to become even better acquainted. The informality encouraged self-introductions, and we were thus able to meet the Willard Wirtz (Secretary of Labor) with whom we have mutual friends in Illinois. They are friendly, charming people, as are most of those we have met in "official circles." One of the warm dividends of meeting famous people is that they are so rarely self-important, no matter how actually important in their field. People in high places seem to have a well-developed sense of how really important everybody is — each in his own place in this universe of ours.

On our way out we paused in the famous Fireside room to take a deep breath of history and remember the great President who made it famous. We stopped by an adjacent chamber to say "hello" to Senator Maurice Neuberger, Mrs. Claude Pepper (wife of the congressman from Florida) and others, and to admire the china patterns used by White House occupants from George Washington through General Eisenhower, which were displayed in wall cabinets. Bob's favorite was Harry Truman's — mine was Herbert Hoover's! No doubt a result of my staunch Republican upbringing.

No shiny limousine swept up to the door to carry us away; as a matter of fact, we walked down the path and out the gate, to our car, saying

goodnight to the cheerful guards as we went. Somehow it seemed quite fitting, after of friends, such a pleasant evening, leave as friends do the home



Members of The Congress must attend many social functions in the evenings following strenuous days of congressional duties. Pictured here during a recent Washington function are Congressman and Mrs. Robert Duncan of Medford with Vice-President and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson (center.)

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Meeting Planned By Women's Club

Scottish Rite Women's club will hold a business meeting Monday, May 13, at 8 p.m. in the Medford Masonic temple, according to Mrs. H. C. Goldsmith, president. Activities for the ensuing year will be discussed.

Mrs. Clay Roberts, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Ralph Lue and Mrs. Neville Eldridge, will serve refreshments following the meeting.

Dills Attend College Event

Portland—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dill, 3705 Roberts road, Medford, were guests of the college for the annual Parents Week end program May 3-5. Their daughter, Sue Dill, is a sophomore majoring in business education.

Events included a report on the new "3-3 Curriculum," the foreign study opportunities and the new physical plant expansion; a style show; crowning of May Queen Anne Wichman; a parents-faculty luncheon; a student-parent breakfast; a chapel service, a concert and sports events.

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