

Miss Atkinson Becomes Bride of Frank Walling Allen

Miss Dorothy Atkinson exchanged vows with Frank Walling Allen Saturday evening in the sanctuary of the Metropolitan Church, Detroit. The Rev. Chester A. Pheeters officiated at the nuptials which were performed before a setting of ferns, white gladioli and white tapers. A reception followed immediately in the church parlors.

Miss Atkinson is the daughter of Mrs. Robert Atkinson of Byron avenue, Detroit and the late Mr. Atkinson and Frank is the son of the Newell Allens of Park street.

The bride, escorted to the altar by her godfather, Hugh M. Hemplill of Birmingham, was dressed in a gown made along princess lines and cut from opal satin. It was fashioned with a deep marquisette yoke that was bordered with a band of Battenberg lace to give a drop shoulder effect. The bodice was close fitting with a round neckline and long sleeves.

The circular train extended from a full skirt and her fingertip veil of silk illusion was held by a halo of handmade rose point and Duchesse lace brought to her from Belgium. She carried a white prayer book and a spray of white shatterd carnations centered with a white orchid.

Mrs. Theron Haas of Washington, D. C., was her sister's matron of honor and the honor maid was Miss Marilyn Hopkins of Birmingham. Mrs. Robert Lorenzen of Detroit another sister was a bridesmaid along with Miss Phillips Purdy of Kalamazoo. Young Karen Lee Haas and Celeste Ann Lorenzen acted as flower girls and their ankle length dresses matched those of the honor attendants who wore ice green taffeta with high necklines, short sleeves and full skirts.

Matching long mitts completed their costumes and they carried shattered carnations in two shades of pink with trailing dwarf ivy. Similar arrangements in bands were worn in their hair. The flower girls held miniature bouquets of English violets.

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Mrs. Atkinson chose a gown of tea rose chiffon and lace over rose taffeta with which she wore close fitting hat of matching drapery nylon which was trimmed with violets. On her purse she pinned a bouquet of English violets while Mrs. Allen completed her ensemble of sequin-trimmed aqua crepe and a matching hat with a pink camellia corsage.

George Leighton Allen was his brother's best man and ushering were Philip Brown Allen, Amos F. Gregory, Jr., Edward Depey and Robert Powers, all of Birmingham and Richard K. Johnson of Janesville, N. Y.

For traveling the new Mrs. Allen selected a brown wool garter-dine suit with which she wore a yellow straw hat and brown accessories. A beige top coat completed her costume.

The couple will make their home in Ann Arbor.

The line is Busy



BY DONAS E. KUS

If ever you've struggled over a simple cross stitch and then given the whole works up as a bad job, take a jaunt over to see Mrs. Richard Mutersbaugh on Floyd street where she looks at some of the Chinese handwork she has. Mrs. Mutersbaugh, the daughter of a minister, spent 17 years in the north central part of China, coming to the states in 1940. And with her she brought rare samples of native needlework and craftsmanship.

In her collection, there's a section of a Manchou gown sleeve which is almost entirely French work, which she brought back to gold embroidery work. She uses this section as a table runner, and very intricate is the Mrs. Mutersbaugh has samples of miniature cross stitching—the Chinese never use a machine pattern, by the way, but count the threads in the cloth. There's a red-silk jacket upon which some woman has painstakingly done each stitch, thread by thread, and it is estimated that probably took two years to complete.

She has an altar cloth of black silk upon which she has a red dragon. This piece alone is over 800 years old and a ceremonial robe which she brought back the pattern worn in and a ceremonial skirt which Mrs. Mutersbaugh has made into a jacket and which features minutely detailed buttons. The most predominant characteristic of Chinese work is detail—diminutive stitching, fine, delicate designing. The women embroider everything in one piece of material and then cut out each separately and applique it onto the gown itself.

Also in her collection, Mrs. Mutersbaugh has some temple bells, much like those used here in the states, made of brass. Their tone seems quite unusual and she claims they can be heard for quite some distance. Her hand carved pieces display the same care and attention as that in the cloth and her pure china wine cups hold exquisite designs and are as fragile as egg shells. Highlighting the afternoon was my attempt to work the finger exercise hall in one piece, write with a finger motion, not a wrist motion, and to limber up old two heavy balls on the size of a quarter or more around in their fingers. And those balls aren't supposed to touch at any time.

One of the last items we saw was an example of Chinese machine work—vividly colorful on one side, black and white on the other, like a silk moose and a flannel bed spread with an applied bird design done in rich deep colors. Frankly, after viewing all this delightful hand work, I went home and glared at several feeble guest towels I struggled over.

About life in that country, Mrs. Mutersbaugh reported that it's a very simple kind, so apart from the American zipping atmosphere, the section in which she lived was very mountainous with plenty of hunting. Naturally she grew up speaking Chinese and then at the age of ten went off to boarding school. With the outbreak of the Chinese-Japanese war, she and her family, with 186 others, refused across country—sometimes on train, occasionally on a river boat but mostly, for almost 200 miles, hoofing it.

Their home there, through very large and a sort of stopping-off place for all whites, nevertheless was without conveniences and a coolie was called to bring water whenever it was needed. They ate native food cooked American style and because there wasn't much variety, food such as tomatoes, peaches and corn and even imported their own chickens.

Theories in China are quite strange, or so it seems to us. They believe that a blood is supposed to have the devil in them—and if they happen to have curly hair, that's even worse. And they also maintain that a male baby is far more important than a girl and provide the former with special caps adorned with dragons to keep the evil spirits away.

As for the land's culture—in the theatre all actors are men and plays are sung in Chinese. Some are outdoors and resemble those used for puppets while the language used is such that no one really understands the words. The story is familiar, however. Making an exception for the use of a mask and the costumes are, of course, most elaborate. As for reputation, they are not very good. The actors almost invariably hold something in their hands and that's about the extent of stage decorations.

Have You Met . . .
Mr. and Mrs. Verne S. Willard who have moved from Detroit to 4400 Seminole? Mr. Willard is with the Verne Willard Studios.
Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Heitman and sons, David and Kenneth who have moved from Ferndale to 4337 Sheridan. Mr. Heitman is with the Butter Paper Co.

SOCIAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark, Jr. of Holland street Friday evening were hosts at the rehearsal dinner preceding the marriage of their son, Neil and his fiancée Miss Ann Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Van Camp have moved from Manor road to Kenosha, Mich., where they are now making their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert E. Uebel, Jr., of Orchard Ridge road and their son, Bert have returned to their new home following a vacation of three weeks in Punta Gorda, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold P. Buerge of East Ruffner street and their three daughters spent this past weekend visiting with his family in Reed City, Mich.

This Saturday, Mrs. Henry Whiting of Lake Park drive will entertain at a tea in their home honoring bride-elect of March 24, Miss Mary Lewis Booth.

Friday of last week, Mrs. T. Norville Hubbard of Dorchester road entertained at a luncheon in her home for Mrs. Jonathan M. Ball of Shirley drive and her houseguest, Mrs. Ernest Rucker of Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kiley of Emmons street honored Mrs. Kiley's grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Vroman on the latter's 89th birthday Sunday evening. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoffman and Mr. Nick Hoffman of Detroit; ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren, and Mrs. G. U. Jones.

Mrs. Harry Starr of North Woodward avenue, Bloomfield Hills, has returned to her home here following a six-week trip to Belle Air, Fla., and St. Simons Island, Ga.

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated by members of the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club next Friday. In charge of the dinner and square dance is W. O. Briggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton R. Mathews of East Brown street spent this past weekend in Chicago where they attended the performance of the Houston Symphony Orchestra in Orchestra Hall. John

Fenton, their son, is a member of the orchestra which is now on a 4,000 mile tour.

Bride-elect, Miss Mary Lewis Booth will be honored today at a luncheon shower and tea being given by Mrs. Robert F. Grindley and Mrs. Ferd M. Brock in the former's residence at Puritan road.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ben Ruhl of Puritan road are now vacationing in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. While in the south they plan to spend a week in Mexico and plan to return to Birmingham in April.

Mrs. Henry M. Foley of Madison avenue and her son, John will leave March 18 for three months abroad. They will visit with Mrs. Foley's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. O'Neill in Barcelona, Spain; go on to Rome and then tour Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kass, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Swartwood and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawley were co-hosts at an open house Sunday honoring Mrs. and Mrs. Wilson Hancock. The party was held in the Kass' residence on Tooting lane.

Back in their East Long Lake residences are Mr. and Mrs. Maurice A. Clausen. They have just returned from a seven-week vacation in Georgia, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Key West and other southern holiday spots.

Last week, Miss Barbara Struck entertained a group of her friends at a slight riding party. Afterwards, they all returned for supper at the home of the hostesses' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Struck of Windthrop lane.

Mrs. Alfred R. Waters of Henley drive entertained members of her rug hooking group yesterday in her home. Among those who gathered together are Mrs. George Heideman, Mrs. Clay Herbert, Mrs. R. S. Rankin, Mrs. G. Dean Spitzer, Mrs. Homer Leonard, Mrs. Elmer R. Pettengill, Mrs. Dupan Hammer, Mrs. James Fonda and Mrs. Waters. Last week Mrs. L. M. Baker was hostess to the group.

Mrs. G. Dean Spitzer of Windthrop lane has returned home after visiting in Michigan with her mother, Mrs. John Westerhahl

who celebrated her birthday, and also after a stay in Chicago.

Mrs. Syver Thagstad of Aspen road is entertaining tonight at a shower and dinner in honor of Mrs. Clark E. Farde, the former Mary Gardner.

Among those planning to entertain for Miss Katharine Kider of Grosse Pointe Farms and Harry Wise, Jr., of Williamsburg road of Abbey road, celebrated his eighth birthday Saturday evening by inviting a group of his Adams school friends to a party in his parents' home.

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Dance is Postponed

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