

## SOCIETY

In a lovely candlelight service at four o'clock Saturday afternoon, February 5, the lives of Marcia Jean Bannister and Leonard Hill Stidley were united in marriage. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bannister of DeKalb and the groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard A. Stidley of Oberlin, Ohio. Dr. Stidley officiated at the double ring ceremony in the chapel of The First Methodist Church in DeKalb.

The altar was beautifully decorated with two baskets of white gladioli and two sets of candelabras. On the altar was a single white rosebud in each vase.

Mrs. De Los Schater played an organ prelude as the chapel was being filled with guests. The numbers included in the prelude were "Liebestraum", "Song of Love", "Andante Cantabile", "Oh Perfect Love", and "Always". Constance Stidley, sister of the groom, sang "Because" and "O Promise Me". As the bride and groom knelt at the altar, Miss Stidley sang "The Lord's Prayer".

As the traditional wedding march was played, the bridal party entered the chapel. Aileen Maggeroli, as bridesmaid, wore a dress of orchid taffeta styled similar to the bride's gown with short puff sleeves. She wore a headdress of orchid net flowing from an orchid taffeta braided band and wore a matching braided band on her wrist. Her hand bouquet was of pink carnations with a background of pink maline.

Stella Mae Frank of Urbana, as maid-of-honor, wore a pink taffeta gown and pink net headdress identical to the bridesmaid's gown and headdress. She carried a hand bouquet of orchid carnations with a background of orchid maline and wore a pink taffeta braided band on her wrist. Both the maid-of-honor and bridesmaid wore a rhinestone necklace and earrings, gift of the bride.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her gown was of white bridal satin with sweetheart neckline, fitted bodice, long sleeves ending in a point over her hand and the skirt ending in a graceful train. Her illusion veil flowed from a coronet of white nardal backed by a lace coronet. She wore crown earrings of rhinestone, gift of the groom, and a rhinestone choker. In her hand she carried a lovely bouquet of white roses, gardenias and maidenhair ferns with a white lace bow.

Loren Bannister, brother of the bride, served as best man and Robert Hill, cousin of the groom, served as usher.

Following the ceremony a reception was held for 80 friends and relatives in the Green Room of the Church. The room was decorated with white taper candles tied with white satin bows. White, pink and orchid carnations were used for a floral center piece. Above the table hung a large white wedding bell. Friends of the bride assisting at the reception were Barbara Shattuck, Mrs. Russell Bannister, Mrs. S. E. Wiertel, Carol Anne Peterson, Shirley Hall and Sylvia Hall.

For going-away, the bride chose a blue suit with black accessories and a gardenia corsage. When Mr. and Mrs. Stidley return to Champaign they will live in their apartment at 703 West Hill.

Mrs. Stidley attended the DeKalb schools and graduated from the DeKalb Township High School. She is now a junior in the College of Commerce at the University of Illinois.

Mr. Stidley received his B. S. degree in chemical engineering at the University of Illinois in June 1948. He is now working on his master's degree in sociology at the University of Illinois. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stidley will continue with their college work.

Out-of-town guests were from Covland, Eanond, Austin, La Grange, Urbana, Rock Island, Sycamore, Madison, Wis., and Sandusky and Oberlin, Ohio.