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**ARMSTRONG—WHEELER WEDDING**



Miss Vivienne Wheeler outside St. Mary's Church, West Perth, on Saturday before she was married to Mr. Ronald Armstrong. Her bridesmaids were Miss Joan Hammond, left, and her sister, Miss June Wheeler.

**Japanese Silk For Bride**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20: Miss Drucie Snyder, daughter of the Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. John Snyder) will wear 48yds. of silk brocade and satin at her wedding on January 26. Her father brought it back from Japan.  
Miss Snyder, who is 24, is marrying Major John Horton, a White House aide, in a ceremony that will be one of the main events on Washington's social calendar. She will give up a career, having had her own radio and television shows for several years.  
Madame Brune, the American designer who caused a fashion stir several years ago with a gold snakeskin evening cape, is making the wedding gown.  
The wedding gift from the Australian Ambassador (Mr. Makin) and Mrs. Makin, will be a jewel box made of Australian pearl-shell.

**Arrangement Of Flowers In The Home**

With flowers scarce many women are finding home decoration difficult. An allied problem is how to make flowers last after being picked during hot weather.

Hydrangeas, which are available at present, should be picked either early in the morning or late at night, a woman who is an authority on floral decorations said yesterday. The end of the stems should be crushed with a hammer and soaked in a bucket of water which should cover all but the heads of the flowers. They should then be arranged in a vase of water to which has been added a pinch of alum. The vase should not be overcrowded. "Flowers are like human beings," she said. "They need nourishment and tender care and very careful handling."  
With mixed bowls of flowers, she continued, all the stems should be stripped well to give lightness and the colours of the room should be considered. The flowers of unusual shrubs were always more interesting and exciting if displayed as an important bowl. "A successful arrangement to suit all surroundings with any kind of flowers or tree branches can be made in a jug or wash-basin as beautifully as in a proper vase," she said. "Be careful not to introduce the Argentine ant into your home when accepting a basket of flowers from friends."  
She suggested the following artistic floral decorations: A hydrangea head arranged in a tiny raffia basket hung by a pot hook from the roof of a sun room to give an eastern atmosphere; willow branches and star-lilies mixed with small chrysanthemums on a mantel shelf or white carnations in a medieval or foreign vase.  
"It is most important to create a good harmony between flowers and background," she said. "Flowers must tone in with hanging pictures or the colour and outline of the wall which makes the background to the vase of flowers."  
Another useful suggestion was to use fruit and vegetables for table-centre decorations when flowers were short. A large, low basket, which could be lined with large leaves was ideal for this purpose. The following fruit and vegetables might be used: Red cabbage, apple or ordinary cucumbers, tomatoes, tiny new potatoes scattered about the basket, bananas, oranges or any other available fruits.

**People And Parties**

A lovely pastel shade of salmon pink was worn by the bride and her attendants at a pretty wedding which took place at St. Aidan's Church, Claremont, on Saturday. The bride was Miss Ray Conochie, daughter of Mrs. T. Conochie and the late Mr. W. G. Conochie, of Claremont, and the groom was Mr. Alec Fernie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fernie, of Dalkeith.  
The bride's gown of brocaded slipper satin had a moulded bodice with an off-the-shoulder neckline edged with deep ruching. Her full-flared skirt was cut to form a short train. A plaited coronet of satin held her circular veil of pale pink tulle edged with applied motifs of fine pink lace.  
The matron of honour, Mrs. B. Atkinson, and the bridesmaid, Miss Marcia Morris, wore little bonnets of honey-coloured straw, with their simply-cut organdie frocks, which were faintly patterned with white. A three-year-old flower girl, Lynette Hancock, carried a tiny basket of pastel-shaded flowers with her attractive organdie frock with a three-tiered skirt. Mr. Robin Sandover was the best man and Mr. Brian Parker the groomsman.  
Before leaving the reception at Tintern Lodge the bride changed to a frock of beige crepe with bands of chartreuse at the hemline of the full skirt.

Mrs. Helen Watson Williams met many old friends at an informal cocktail and buffet supper party given for her by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Vincent at their home in Mosman Park, on Saturday evening. Mrs. Watson Williams, who returned to Perth recently after having studied for two years at Oxford, wore a beautifully cut frock of brown and beige figured georgette. The hostess chose a cool white frock with an unusual pattern of vivid green and black. Among the guests was Miss Dorothy Jackson, a former American Red Cross worker, who was stationed in Perth for two years during the war. She chose a striking frock of navy and saxe blue crepe.

The shady garden at the Victoria League headquarters in West Perth was the scene of a cheery cocktail party on Saturday evening when Dr. and Mrs. Ellison Minchin entertained a number of their friends at a late New Year party. The hostess chose a charming frock of navy blue moire taffeta with a big white organdie rose pinned to her simply-cut, short-sleeved bodice. Pale pink tiger lilies were carried by the bride and her attendants at the wedding of Miss Vivienne Wheeler and Mr. Ronald Armstrong, which took place on Saturday evening at St. Mary's Church, West Perth.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wheeler, of Wembley, wore a magnificent gown of magnolia slipper satin, with a fitted bodice and short folded sleeves. Her long train fell in full graceful folds from under a soft bustle. A half circle of lily of the valley held her magnolia-tinted veil of raw-cut tulle.

The bridesmaids, Miss Joan Holland and Miss June Wheeler, wore long-sleeved frocks of saxe-blue crepe with full skirts of unpressed pleats falling from under a beaded fold which edged the low waistline. The groom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, of West Perth, was attended by Messrs. W. Armstrong and R. Coghlan.  
Bowls of deep red gladioli decorated the Forrest Park Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon when Miss Edna Griffiths, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Griffiths, of Mt. Lawley, was married to Mr. Robert Holloway, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Holloway, of Midland Junction.  
The bride wore a misty tulle veil with her beautifully cut, long-trained classic gown of white and silver lame. Her matron of honour, Mrs. John Moody, and the bridesmaid, Miss Helma Griffiths, carried bouquets of red gladioli against their simply-cut flared frocks of white crepe, which were fashioned with deep square necklines and long-fitted bodices. Their unusual head-dresses were made of soft white feathers. Mr. Frank Bacon and Mr. Bill Holloway, attended the groom.  
About 40 guests, among whom were a number of old friends from the University, were invited to a farewell party given for Miss Jacqueline Kott by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Kott, yesterday morning at their home in Claremont. Miss Kott, who left by air last night to return to Sydney, chose a cool, square-necked frock of blue floral linen. The hostess was assisted by her daughters, Misses Ruth and Pamela Kott.

**CROQUET RESULTS**

Pennant matches played by clubs of the West Australian Croquet Association during the week resulted:  
A1 Grade: Bassendean 52 d Subiaco 44; Victoria Park 43 d North Perth 38; East Fremantle 52 d Royal Park 31; Nedlands 45 d Bayswater 28; Como 52 d Mt. Lawley 26; Bassendean 52 d Victoria Park 49; Como 52 d Nedlands 36; Subiaco 52 d Royal Park 26; North Perth 52 d Bayswater 29; East Fremantle 52 d Mt. Lawley 33.  
A2 Grade: Cotteridge 52 d Bassendean 41; Royal Park 45 d Perth 44; Swan 52 d Leederville 43.  
A3 Grade: Victoria Park 52 d Como 29; Nedlands 44 d Perth 43; Bassendean 42 drew with North Perth 42.  
B2 Grade: Hollywood 49 d Leederville 43; Fremantle 42 d Bassendean 13; East Fremantle 50 d Nedlands 48.  
All teams will commence return matches next week.

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**SIGNING THE REGISTER**



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holloway signing the marriage register at the Forrest Park Methodist Church after their wedding on Saturday. The bride was formerly Miss Edna Griffiths, of Mt. Lawley.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

**ATKINSON—SIMS:** Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Atkinson, of 22 Coronation-street, North Perth, take pleasure in announcing the engagement of their third daughter, Margaret, to Peter Bernard, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sims, 13 Francis-street, Perth.  
**BRIDGES—WOOTTON:** Mr. and Mrs. G. Bridges, of Kalamunda, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their second daughter, Alicia May, to John Alan, only son of Mrs. Downs and the late Mr. Wootton, of Applecross. Present address, 6 Suffolk-street, Fremantle.  
**COOK—JASPER:** Lillian Lynette, eldest daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Leo Cook, of York, to Colin Malcolm, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jasper, of Cunderdin.  
**MCLAREN—WILLIAMS:** Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McLaren, 7 Ellesmere-road, Mt. Lawley, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Betty, to Herb, third son of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. H. Williams, of Station-street, East Cannington.  
**PARKS—GUEST:** Mr. and Mrs. John Crow, Adrian-street, Palmyra, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter and step-daughter, Gweneth Joan, to John Barrie, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Guest, Murray-street, Palmyra.  
**FIGGOTT—MAY:** The engagement is announced of Valma, youngest daughter of Mrs. M. Figgott, and the late E. J. Figgott, 21 Point-street, Fremantle, to Ronald, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. May, 12 Marmion-street, East Fremantle.  
**WATKINS—HAIG:** Mrs. R. Watkins, of Mt. Lawley, has pleasure in announcing the engagement of her daughter, Evelyn, to Edward, youngest son of Mrs. J. M. Haig, Carnamah.

**Varied Activity**

R.S.L.: The Cottlesloe women's auxiliary will hold its fortnightly bridge at St. Phillip's Hall, Cottlesloe, tonight at 8 o'clock.  
Country Women's Association: The metropolitan branch has arranged that two or three members will be in attendance at No. 7, Chancery House, Howard-street, Perth, each Wednesday from 2.30 to 4 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Warden, who will arrive from Melbourne by train today, will stay at the Palace Hotel while they are in Perth.

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