Mr. and Mrs. George H. Sutton, Jr.

Pelham Historical Society, Pelham, New Hampshire
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PELHAM, N. H., — At a lovely candlelight wedding held Saturday night, January 20, at 7 o'clock in the First Congregational church, Miss Shirley A. Atwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Atwood of Pelham Center became the bride of George H. Sutton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Sutton, Sr., of the Highland district.

The double ring service was performed by Rev. Albert C. Sundberg, Jr., pastor, before an arch trimmed with evergreens. Huge candelabras and baskets of white snapdragons were placed on each side of the arch. A single white candle flanked with evergreens decorated each window, and a bouquet of white carnations adorned the organ. White satin bows and streamers were attached to the front pews.

Traditional organ music was played before the ceremony by Miss Bernice M. Moulton including "Calm As The Night" by Bohm; "At Dawning" by Cadman; "Volx Celeste" by Battiste; "I Love Thee" by Grieg; "To A Wild Rose" by Mac Dowell; "Bridal Chorus" by Lohengrin and as a recessional the "Wedding March" by Mendelssohn.

Herbert S. Currier, cousin of the bride, sang, "I'll Walk Beside You" and "O, Promise Me," and was escorted down the aisle and given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a gown of ivory satin fashioned with a fitted bodice, long sleeves with lace inserts, a full skirt worn over a hoop and a cathedral train. Her illusion veil trimmed with lace was of fingertip length and fell from a coronet embroidered with seed pearls. She carried a cascade of calla lilies and English ivy.

Mrs. Mary E. Mooney, niece of the bride, was matron of honor, wearing a gown of blue taffeta trimmed with blue satin, fashioned with an off-the-shoulder bodice and bouffant skirt. She wore a blue satin bonnet and matching mitts and carried a cascade of carnations, snapdragons, asters and mums from which hung dainty pastel streamers. The bride, acted as ushers.

At the reception held in the church vestry immediately following the ceremony, evergreens and white wedding bells were used for decorations. Assisting the couple in the receiving line, the mother of the bride wore a gown of navy blue embroidered with floral designs and a navy blue hat. The mother of the groom chose a gown of teal blue with a white veil'd hat. Each had an orchid corsage. The guest book was presented by Mrs. Richard W. Ivers, sister of the bride.

Over 200 relatives and friends were present from Albany, N. Y.; Center Ossipee, North Conway and Pelham, N. H.; Lowell, Boston, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain and Medford, Mass., and New Haven, Conn.

A beautifully decorated four-tiered wedding cake made by the bride's nieces, Mrs. Harold E. Mooney and Mrs. Charles W. Hobbs, Jr., was the centerpiece of the table from which a buffet lunch was served by members. When they left on their wedding trip through the White Mountains and over the Mohawk Trail to Albany, N. Y., the bride wore a navy blue dress trimmed with red, a gray coat and navy accessories. On their return they will reside at "The Maples" on Marsh Road.

Mrs. Sutton was graduated from the Pelham schools, Lowell high school, the University of New Hampshire and the Massachusetts General Hospital of Nursing. She is assistant science instructor at the Lowell General Hospital School of Nursing.

Mr. Sutton was graduated from the Medford school system and attended Tufts college. He is a veteran of World War II, having served four years in the U. S. Navy. He is employed by the Improved Paper Machinery Corp. in Nashua.

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