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Principals write own ceremony for snowy garden wedding rites

A snow-covered rock garden by a "musical" brook and a background of pine and maple "curtains" in Pittsford became the setting for the wedding Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. of Miss Carol Lee Peberl of Syracuse, N.Y., and David Robert Peterson of Bennington, both seniors at Springfield College.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Peberl. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Peterson of 123 Harrison Ave.

Parents of the couple participated in the giving away.

The ceremony took place in the Dr. Edward Sims Lodge garden providing nature's own cathedral. The sun shone through the trees, the carpet was of shimmering white snow and the rocks of the garden itself held the altar flowers.

The ceremony, including the nuptial vows, had been written by the wedding principals and was sanctioned by the United Methodist Church. The Rev. Douglas McGaughey of Brownsville United Methodist Church, son of the Rev. Melvin R. McGaughey, a former pastor of the local Methodist Church, officiated.

The wedding music, both guitar and vocal, was arranged by the performers themselves and included "The Balance," Moody Blues, sung by Eric Peterson, brother of the bridegroom, and "You Made Me So Very Happy" by Cathy Moore. Other musicians were Cynnie Erho, Jack Kuszai and Dennis Coakley. All music was written by John Denver.

The bride wore a white floor-length peasant dress. The sleeves and waist were gathered and the gown was in pink and cranberry hand-embroidered trim. Her picture hat with halo of flowers, the bride had styled and made herself. She carried one yellow long-stemmed rose.

Miss Laura Howe of Springfield College was maid of honor. Her gown was also floor-length with Mexican printed skirt and deep purple long sleeved blouse. Her bouquet was of yellow roses and carnations.

Mark Peterson of Bennington, the youngest brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

For her daughter's wedding, the bride's mother chose a yellow and burnt orange brocade dress with burnt orange accessories. A peacock blue double-knit pantsuit with black accessories was worn by the bridegroom's mother.

A reception followed at the home of Dr. Sims with Mrs. William T. Kelley of Arlington catering. The couple left on a wedding trip to Plymouth, Vt.

Both the bride and bridegroom are majoring in community leadership and development at Springfield College.

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