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**MRS. PAUL MARVIN PRATHO**  
The former Miss Norma Blanche Schardt

## Miss Norma Blanche Schardt, Paul Marvin Pratho Exchange Vows at Local Church

In a semiformal double-ring ceremony Sunday evening at the Martin Luther Church Miss Norma Blanche Schardt became the bride of Paul Marvin Pratho.

The bride's father, the Rev. George Schardt officiated before an altar flanked with arrangements of white gladioli and asters against a background of jade fern, smilax and candelabras lighted the ceremony. The family pews were marked with satin bows and lillies of the valley, the center aisle was laid with a white cloth.

Traditional wedding music was played by Mrs. George W. Schardt, mother of the bride. Mrs. Schardt also accompanied her son, George Schardt Jr. who sang for his sister's wedding "Besides Still Waters", "Through The Years", and "The Lord's Prayer".

The bride is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. George W. Schardt of Grand Junction, Colorado. A graduate of Port Arthur High School, she attended Texas Lutheran College and was graduated from the University of Texas School of Nursing at Galveston, Texas with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Pratho of Giddings, is a junior medical student in the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. A graduate of Giddings High School, he received his bachelor of arts degree from Texas Lutheran College at Seguin where he served as president of the student association.

Given in marriage by her brother, the bride wore a

gown of chantilly lace and tulle over candlelight satin.

The fitted lace bodice was fashioned with a portrait neckline outlined with pleated tulle. Small covered buttons fastened the dress in the back and long sleeves tapered to points over the hands. The floor length skirt worn over crinolines and hoops, was of tulle over satin extended to a wide fan shaped train. Her fingertip veil of imported silk illusion was attached to a Juliet cap of chantilly lace outlined with seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white and pink brides roses tied with tulle and satin ribbon showered with lillies of the valley.

Mrs. William Slaughter of Lubbock, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She was attired in a lavender ballerina length dress of nylon lace over white satin fashioned with molded bodice and dropped waistline with matching mitts. Her headband was of lavender velvet outlined in seed pearls and carried an arm bouquet of vanda orchids.

Mrs. George Lee Preuss, sister of the groom, Misses Marjorie Zesch of Mason and Lorraine Gustavson of Angleton were bridesmaids. They were gowned in pink, green and yellow dresses identical to that of the matron of honor. Their arm bouquets were of cerise celosia.

George Lee Preuss, brother-in-law of the bridegroom was best man.

Ushers were Robert Curry of Galveston, Thomas Tips of Seguin and Leroy Boriack of Bellville.

For her daughters wedding

For her daughters wedding Mrs. Schardt chose a soft blue lace dress and a small sequins hat trimmed in white velvet. Other accessories were in black. Mrs. Pratho, mother of the groom wore a dress of mauve lace with matching hat and gloves, navy bag and navy shoes completed the ensemble. Each mother wore a corsage of cymbidium orchids.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held on the lawn at the home of the groom's parents. Hurricane lamps were used for lighting.

Covered with a lacecloth, the bride's table was centered with an interlocking double ring wedding cake embossed with orchids, pale pink and yellow roses and skirted with a white tulle ruffle, flanked by crystal candelabras. Its floral piece was the bridal bouquet. The punch table was laid with a green net cloth, decorated with an arrangement of gladioli and asters. The centerpiece was the punch bowl encircled with magnolia leaves.

Members of the house party included Misses Westerlage, Robbie Vance, Lori Nevill, Anna Tachibana, Barbara Blount and Bonne Dunagan of Galveston.

When Mr. and Mrs. Pratho left for their wedding trip to Colorado the bride was wearing a toast brown suit with a matching hat of velvet and dark brown accessories and a white orchid corsage.

The couple will make their home in Galveston.

Hostesses for the rehearsal supper Saturday evening were Mesdames Henry Nerger, Ted Osthoft and George Lee Preuss. The barbecued chicken supper was held at the Pratho estate.