

DOUBLE WEDDING

The Double Wedding of Miss Vere Hillsman to Mr. Arthur Bausch and Miss Irma Hillsman to Mr. Robert Sloan on Wednesday evening at the Presbyterian church at 8:30 o'clock bears the distinction of being the first double ceremony ever solemnized in a Giddings church. For many weeks this wedding has been of unusual interest.

To begin with, the father and the mother of the brides, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hillsman, belong to two of the oldest and most respected families of our town and county; and their own home has been built in accordance with the high character of American Christian ideals that was set for them by their parents. It is small wonder then that when their daughters returned from College to their home that they contributed with willing mind and grace of talent their services in whatever direction the invitation came. And since their talents were many, they have won a place for themselves here that will insure to them and their husbands a permanent welcome "back home." The large audience which awaited the wedding party is sufficient proof of the friendship and the kindly wishes that belong to them here; and from the splendid reports of the admirable qualities of Messrs. Bausch and Sloan, one feels that two more congenial friends have been added to our group.

Under the able direction of Miss Mattie Hillsman, the aunt of the brides, the choir platform of the church was arranged in a pyramid of lace ferns and dainty daisies, capes, jessamines, and magnolias.

Mesdames Johnson and Bowers, two of our most finished musicians, were at the organ and piano respectively. Miss Virginia Fields sang "Till I'm Called by the Master Above." Miss Fields has just returned from a year of work in voice at the College of Industrial Arts and she sang with sweetness and volume that delighted her friends.

Mrs. Roy Hosca, an aunt of the brides, sang "I'd Build the World in the Heart of a Rose." Her charming voice was clear and beautiful.

As the tones of the Mendelson Wedding March sounded, the ushers Messers Allan Cherry and August Peters (two childhood school friends of the brides) led the wedding party to their places around the chancel.

They were followed by Misses Eunice Hillsman and Claire Bowers. Miss Hillsman wore a lovely green organdy and white leghorn hat. Miss Bowers wore a gandy of delicate orchid shade trimmed in imported lace. They both carried arm bouquets of pink carnations.

Then came the ring bearers Katherine Hosca and Lois Marie Peters, two fairy-like messengers.

The grooms were accompanied by their best men, Mr. Tom Sloan of the University of Texas and Mr. C. D. Christian of San Antonio. The four men wore white flannel.

The brides entered with their

parents: Miss Vere on the arm of her father, and Miss Irma on the arm of her mother. They presented a very beautiful picture in their Colonial wedding gowns of white satin carrying in their puffed hands large shower bouquets of aride roses. Their veils were worn off their faces, held in place with a fillet of flowers. As they gracefully walked down the aisle, one thought of the dainty brides of long ago. The ceremony performed by the father of one of the grooms, the Reverend T. J. Sloan, rector of the Episcopal Church of San Angelo, was beautiful indeed being the ring ceremony of the established Church of England.

Immediately following the wedding, there was an informal reception at the Hillsman home where hosts of friends gathered to congratulate the young couples and to wish for them only joy and happiness in the years to come. The solos of Mrs. Robert Sloan and Mrs. Clarence Test and the dancing of little Miss Katherine Hosca gave much pleasure to the callers.

Many charming gowns were noted. The mother of the brides wore heavy crepe with trimmings of wool lace, her costume was further enhanced by a beautiful corsage bouquet. Mr. Sloan's costume was blue crepe heavily beaded with steel, with trimmings of grey.

The happy couples took the midnight train for Galveston where they will spend their honeymoon, after which Mr. and Mrs. Bausch will reside in Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Sloan will live in Tampico, Mexico. They were the recipients of many valuable and useful gifts, attesting the popularity of these young people. The only incident to mar the unexpected events of the evening

arose when the newly weds, in their eagerness to leave Giddings and establish homes of their own, entered the wrong pulman coach and finding that the porter could not come to their rescue, it was necessary for them to come out and enter another coach, during which time showers of rice greeted them by many of their friends and well-wishers.