

Miss Nelson takes a chance on Union City's 'Radio Man'

"Did you say Miss Nelson?" was the question of the day of June 27, 1976, that began the relationship of Jim Adcock and Debi Nelson.

He was employed at WENK radio station and she was working at City Hall in Union City.

Adcock had called to get the agenda for the upcoming city council meeting and, by fate, Miss Nelson answered the phone. After a few more conversations, the two had their first date on July 3, 1976. As the date ended and he was seeing Miss Nelson out of the car, a song by Jim Croce came on the radio. Being the radio man, Adcock asked her if she knew what song was on the "flip" side of the record. Of course she had no clue. He informed her the title was, "You Don't Mess Around with Jim." Miss Nelson decided she would take her chances and the couple has been together since.

Mr. and Mrs. Adcock were married on Nov. 4, 1977, at Troy Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Parents of the couple are the late Albert and Margaret Nelson and Dolly Adcock, all of Union City, and the late E. G. Adcock of Dickson. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. David Bartholomew of Lexington, former employee of The Messenger. Attendants were Kathy Nelson Harris of Troy, Janice Nelson Kelly of Union City, the late Larry Doxey and Larry Storie of Jackson.

The day was a memorable one.

An officer stopped the bride for speeding, but he had mercy on her when she told him it was her wedding day. She forgot to take her shoes to the church; thankfully her brother ran home to get them. Despite a couple of setbacks, when the bridal march began playing by Di-Ann Callicott Perry of Union City, everyone was ready.

The couple went to Gatlinburg for their honeymoon. November in Gatlinburg was beautiful. Mrs. Adcock wanted to ride the ski lift to the top of the mountain and



MR. AND MRS. JIM ADCOCK

her groom obliged. Noticing he was very quiet on their journey (which was unusual), she asked if he was OK. Adcock's response was, "I'm not afraid of anything!" He was obviously trying to impress his new bride with his fearlessness; however, his white knuckles may have indicated otherwise.

More than 40 years have passed. He is still employed at WENK. She works at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

The two are now the proud parents of Kisah Adcock Stinnett and Hannah Adcock Brewer. They have been blessed by two sons through marriage — Paul Stinnett and Jason Brewer. The little loves of their lives

are their two grandchildren. All live in Union City and are able to spend precious family time together.

The best marital advice that Mr. and Mrs. Adcock can offer is to allow God to be the center of the marriage. The next best advice is that, contrary to popular belief, marriage is not always 50/50. Some days it may be 10/90 where one can only give 10 percent and needs 90 percent support from their partner. Willingness to be the supportive partner is the key.

"Marriage is not always easy, but staying together is worth it. And the memories that you make will become your happily ever after," they said.

Couple connects at Tyrone Davis concert

Elder Harry R. and Dr. Anita Briggs Barnes married July 2, 1971, at Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church parsonage, with the Rev. E.K. Keyes as the officiant.

Miss Briggs and Barnes lived on the same street about two blocks from each other in their earlier years. The Barnes say they never thought about or said much to each other while attending the former Miles School. It was at a Tyrone Davis concert in Paducah, Ky., when an altercation disrupted the concert that they happened to see each other and touch hands. The rest of their story is still unfolding. Barnes occasionally sings to his bride with a smile and says, "You've got me going in circles, around and around I go."

They honeymooned in Fulton and, much to their surprise, Mrs. Barnes' college friends from Memphis wanted to go with them and did. Their most memorable vacation was their trip to Hawaii as they celebrated at Koalina. The love they have for each other is strengthened by their faith in God. Just as communication between them and God is important. It is important to communicate with each other for longevity, they say.

The couple still resides on the same street where they grew up. She is the daughter of the late Dennis and Lucille Briggs. His mother, Dorothy Barnes Warford, resides in Elizabethtown, Ky.

They have two children, Harry Barnes Jr. and Iva Barnes Moore; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Barnes taught in the Union City School System for 34 years, including first grade and kindergarten at Miles School/Central Elementary, East Side and Westover. She is now retired.

Barnes retired from Kohler in human resources and currently is the pastor at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ in Humboldt. The church theme is, "It's good to be saved, even better when you show it."



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