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The marriage of Miss Edna Matthijetz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Matthijetz of Winchester, to Bernard Kessel, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Kessel of Giddings, was performed in the St. Michael's Lutheran Church Saturday, Aug. 22, at 5 o'clock. The Rev. Walter Streicher performed the double ring ceremony.

Mr. A. O. Waiser played the traditional wedding music. The congregation sang "O Perfect Love."

The altar was graced with a bouquet of white gladioli interspersed with palm leaves. Potted ferns and potted begonias were placed on stands near the altar. Tall candles were placed in floor length candelabra at the side of the altar.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She chose lace and net for her gown. The lace bodice was strapless. The lace gown was scalloped below the waist, and ended in ballerina length net. The jacket was fastened with tiny self-covered buttons. The long fitted sleeves were fastened with tiny self-covered buttons at the wrist. The jacket had a rounded collar. The short veil of illusion was fastened to a lace hat. The hat had iridescent sequins and tiny seed pearls. The bridal bouquet was composed of shattered carnations with matching net and streamMrs. William Cox of New Orleans served her sister as honor attendant. She was attired in a lavender gown of Taffeta over orlon. A wide shirred orlon scarf was attached to the strapless bodice, and draped gracefully over the shoulders where it ended in a streamer. She had matching gloves and headpiece of tiny flowers. She carried a lavender aster bouquet with matching net and streamers.

The bridesmaids were Mrs. Mildred Schulz of Austin who was attired in aqua blue; Miss Myrtle Jakobeit of La Grange in pink; Miss Helga Streicher in mint green; Mrs. Barbara Gersch of Austin in blue; and Miss Karen Bonnke of Giddings in yellow.

The bridesmaids dresses were fashioned of taffeta with net. The net over taffeta bodice featured a scoop neckline with two tiers of net over taffeta. The full skirt was ballerina length. The half-hats were of taffeta with shirred net. Each bridesmald carried a bouquet of asters with matching net and streamers.

Carol Kessel of Austin was the flower girl, and Kenneth Schulz of Austin was the ring bearer. They were both attired in white. The flower girl carried a basket with flowers, and the ring bearer carried the rings on a white taffeta pillow.

Alvin Kessel of Austin served his brother as best man. The groomsmen were Albert Kurio of Giddings, Max Matthijetz of Winchester, Raymond Matthijetz of Winchester, B. C. Gersch of Austin, and Marvin Schulz of Austin. Ushers were William Cox of New Orleans and Hugo Matthijetz of Winchester.

The bride's mother wore a lavender dress with black accessories. The groom's mother wore a navy dress with black accessories. Both wore a white aster corsage.

A barbecue supper was held in the community hall immediately following the ceremony. The two-tierred bridal cake was topped with a miniature bride and groom.

The groom attended Giddings high school, and is presently employed by the Department of Public Safety in Austin as bookkeeper.

Following the wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Austin.