

Personalities

FBI Director Clarence M. Kelly, who received a vote of confidence from President Ford in Kansas City Saturday, sent some good news of his own back to Washington that evening—a surprise announcement that he and Shirley Dyckes, a former nun who now teaches in a Prince Georges County elementary school, will be married.

Kelley, whose first wife, Ruby, died of cancer in November, said he had known Miss Dyckes only five or six months, but added that she had helped “fill the void that came about upon the loss of my wife.”

Speaking at the annual Mexican Festival sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Kelley called Miss Dyckes “a lovely lady who is a lovely person and one who has consented to be my wife.” According to a parish priest, Kelley was invited to the festival because he is a former police chief of Kansas City. He is still a member of that city's Country Club Christian Church.

Miss Dyckes, a native of Miami who lives at the Watergate complex here, resigned six years ago from the order of the Sisters of the Holy Cross after 15 years of service. She holds a masters degree in Latin American history from Catholic University.

“We're not going to have a large wedding,” Miss Dyckes said in Kansas City. She refused to reveal her age, and the couple did not announce a wedding date.

President Ford said Saturday that Kelley's acceptance of gifts from subordinates “clearly fell” within the limits of government regulations.

And an FBI spokesman said yesterday that he really didn't know if the bureau had run a check on Miss Dyckes before Director Kelley announced the marriage plans.

That's a very tough question,” the spokesman said.

Vittoria Leone, the wife of Italian

president Giovanni Leone, will present an 18th-century painting of Thomas Jefferson to Betty Ford on Tuesday as part of the Italian observance of the Bicentennial. Mrs. Leone is here with the Milanese opera company La Scala, which will begin its first United States engagement at the Kennedy Center Tuesday night.

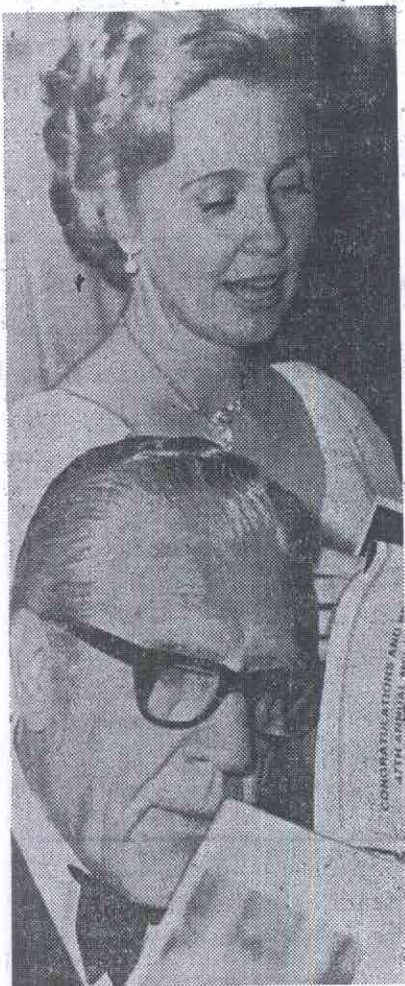
A Mobile man who waited 20 hours in line for front row seats to an Elvis Presley concert had his patience rewarded Sunday, when the singer handed him a diamond ring valued at \$2,000.

Tommy Milham, 33, was about to be given one of Presley's scarves by an aide, when the fan started shouting that he wanted one of Elvis's rings. The singer shrugged, reached over the grasping hands of fans, and handed the ring to Milham.

In animal news this weekend, Loren Leggett reported that three goose eggs and a duck egg sat on by one of his hens hatched out thinking they were chickens. “They go down to the pond and drink water, but they won't go in,” he says. . . . In Sacramento, a mule, ridden by Viri Norton of San Jose, is leading in a 3,000-mile horse race . . . and in Oregon, 19-year-old Mike Shook says a shark stole his surfboard from under him. The board now has teeth marks an inch and a half deep. Shook is grateful he does not.

Singer Glen Campbell married the ex-wife of singer Mac Davis on Friday . . . singer Donny Osmond is resting at home after a bout with food poisoning . . . Maj. Gen. John P. Flynn, who was the senior U.S. war prisoner in North Vietnam, has been promoted to Lt. Gen. . . . Chicago Daily News Washington correspondent Peter Lisagor will receive the 1976 William Allen White Foundation Award.

—Tom Zito



FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley and Shirley Dyches, who have announced their plans to be married. Miss Dyches is a Prince Georges County elementary school teacher.

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