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The wedding is being planned for May 16 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Musician to be feted at Piketon Sunday

Raymond W. Connett of Piketon will be honored at an open house celebration from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday at the Odd Fellows Hall in Piketon, in observance of his birthday and 20 years as a music teacher in the Piketon and Eastern Local School District.

The event will be given by his children and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dixon, Piketon; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Farmer, Lansing, Mich.; Harry Connett, Sunbury; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brushart, Route 1, Waverly and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rowe, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Connett played with the 37th Coast Artillery band in World War I and graduated from Ohio University where he also received a masters degree. He also studied under Frederick Niel Innes, Chicago bandmaster.

Mr. Connett organized the first band at Ohio University and was bandmaster there for three years before becoming bandmaster for the Topeka, Kan. school system soon after his marriage. From Topeka he returned to Ohio to teach in the Athens County Schools for many years. He then taught at consolidated schools at London, Piketon, Buckland and at present teaches at the Eastern School in Beaver.

The Connett family moved to Piketon in 1948 when he began teaching at Piketon High School where four of his six children were in the band.

He was a 4-H adviser for years and organized an all-county band which appeared at the Ohio State Fair each summer.

At the present time Mr. Connett is preparing the Eastern band for its third annual spring concert to be held at 8 p.m., April 18. He also directs the Adelphi Community Band; works as a piano tuner in Pike County; and is a member of the Piano Technicians' Guild in Columbus.

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