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DURING TEACHERS'  
PROGRAM AT UM

MISSOULA, Mont.--

A man and woman participating in the Experienced Teacher Fellowship Program (ETFP) in Business Education at the University of Montana soon will leave Missoula with each other, more than was promised by the fellowship program prior to last fall.

Arriving in Missoula last fall as Edwin H. Sanders, formerly of Philipsburg, and Miss Laura L. Meeker of Bunkie, La., the couple leaves this fall for Troy, Mont., as Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Sanders. There Sanders will teach courses in business education at Troy High School. Mrs. Sanders formerly taught at Byrd High School, Shreveport, La., and Sanders taught at Troy.

Sanders and the former Miss Meeker attended classes together early in the fellowship program at UM, but it wasn't until Christmastime 1968 that they became seriously interested in each other.

As they both might tell it, the sparks of romance really started to fly when they rode back to Missoula after searching one day for a Christmas tree in the rolling hills surrounding this west-central Montana community.

"When we went looking for the Christmas tree and when we went together to a Christmas party," Mrs. Sanders said, "Edwin was sporting a dense beard. When I returned to Missoula after visiting my family in Bunkie during the holidays I found Edwin had shaved off his beard, so I figured he must have been at least a little interested in me.

"The beard seemed to be a big joke at the Christmas party," she added, "but I was a lot happier when I came back to Montana from Louisiana and found Edwin clean-shaven."

The couple married July 26 in Bunkie. While Sanders teaches at Troy, Mrs. Sanders will devote her energies to being a housewife.

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Both are among 21 business education teachers completing requirements for the Master of Science degree in business education, which consists of a concentration in data processing and includes course work in business education, business administration, computer science and school administration. The program ends Aug. 22.

Sanders is son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sanders of Philipsburg. Mrs. Sanders is daughter of Mrs. J. A. Townsend and the late John L. Meeker of Bunkie.

The ETFP is under the direction of Dr. George J. Brabb, professor of management, and Dr. Donald B. Koeppen, chairman of business education and office administration. Both are faculty members in the UM School of Business Administration.

ETFP sponsor has been the Office of Education, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, under Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

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