

BIRD—MASON

Wedding of Cardiff Ex-Lord Mayor's Nephew

An interesting wedding took place at Lamphey Church, Lamphey, Pembrokeshire, to-day of Mr. Ralph N. Bird, son of Mr. J. G. Harold Bird (borough surveyor) and Mrs. Bird, to Miss Betty Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mason, of The Grotto, Freshwater East, Pembrokeshire.

The Rev. G. Evans, vicar of Lamphey, and the Rev. R. D. Lewis, M.A., vicar of Aberystwyth (for some years chaplain at Pembroke Dockyard), officiated. The service was fully choral.

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simplicity. She wore an embroidered veil with coronet of orange blossom, and silver shoes en suite, and wore a necklace of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Joan Bird, niece of both bride and bridegroom, was bridesmaid. She wore a gown of pale cyclamen satin with cream net fichu and silver cap, and carried a Victorian posy of primroses and violets. The Masters John Bird and Dick Mason wore pages, wearing 18th century suits of cyclamen and primrose satin respectively.

Mr. W. F. Milward (general manager of Hampton Cars), of Blenheim, Stroud, was best man.

A reception was held at The Grotto, Freshwater East, after which Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Bird left for the honeymoon, which is to be spent on a motor tour through the South of England. To travel, the bride wore a new blue facon-crepe-de-chine dress, with a velour coat of the same shade trimmed with silver fox, with grey hat, shoes and stockings en suite.

The bridegroom, Mr. Ralph Bird, is a nephew of the late Alderman John Bird, solicitor and twice mayor of Cardiff, and brother of Mr. N. Bird, through whose munificence the Institute at Cowbridge was erected. The family have resided at Cowbridge since the 13th century, and it was

NEWS, TUESDAY.

WEDDINGS.

Sunshine Brides:

R. N. BIRD & MISS B. MASON.

More than usual interest attached to the wedding, which took place at Lamphey Church, Pembrokeshire, yesterday, of Mr. Ralph N. Bird, son of Mr. Harold Bird, borough surveyor, and Mrs. Bird, of Cowbridge, to Miss Betty Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mason, of The Grotto, Freshwater East, Pembrokeshire.

The ceremony the Rev. G. Evans, vicar of Lamphey, officiated, assisted by the Rev. R. D. Lewis. The ceremony was fully

attended. The bride, who was given away by her father, was a radiant figure in a gown of ivory crepe-de-chine, charming in its simplicity, and wearing a coronet of orange blossom. She was also wearing a rope of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bridesmaid was Miss Joan Bird, niece of the bride and bridegroom, who wore a gown of pale cyclamen satin with fichu of net, and carried a Victorian posy of primroses and violets. The bride was also attended by two little pages, her nephews, John Bird and Dick Mason, wearing 18th century suits of cyclamen and primrose satin respectively. Mr. W. F. Milward, of Stroud, acted as best man.

THE REV. D. P. DAVID AND MISS NINA BIRD.

Much interest was evinced in the marriage which took place at Cowbridge Baptist Chapel on Wednesday of the Rev. David Phillips David, Baptist minister, Mountain Ash, and Miss Nina Bird, only daughter of the Cowbridge borough architect, Mr. Harold Bird, and Mrs. Bird, who belong to one of the oldest families in Cowbridge. The bride's family reside at the house which was once occupied by the famous Welsh antiquary, Iolo Morganwg, and her great uncle was the late Alderman John Bird, a former Mayor of Cardiff.

The service was conducted by the Rev. B. T. Roberts (Baptist minister at Cowbridge), assisted by the Rev. J. W. Evans (Llantwit Major) and the Rev. Dr. Hughes (Pontypridd).

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in an ivory dress, trimmed with pearls and wore a veil and orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Dolly David and Miss Betty Mason, who were dressed in figured brocade, made in pannier style, with puff sleeves, ivory mittens, and wore wreaths of silver leaves, pink rosebuds, and forget-me-nots, and silver shoes. They carried early Victorian bouquets of sweet peas.

The two attendants were Miss Joan Bird and Miss Mary P. Williams, who were dressed in

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MR. ROGER BIRD and Miss Diana Thomas, both of Cowbridge, who were married at the Church of the Holy Cross, Cowbridge, yesterday.

COWBRIDGE

Panteg 1st XI. played Cowbridge 1st XI. at Panteg, when the results were:—
Cowbridge: J. A. Davies c Woolford b Bowen 25, R. R. Morris b Richards 3, N. C. Gauntlett run out 22, H. J. Davies b Richards 1, D. R. Morgan b Richards 33, D. E. Davies not out 13, extras 1. Total (for 5 wks.) 98. Panteg: S. Williams b H. Davies 3, B. H. Woolford c Evans b Morgan 9, G. Richards b D. Davies 7, A. Lewis not out 13, S. Phillips b Morgan 1, I. Jones b Morgan 0, H. Jenkins not out 3, extras 2. Total (for 5 wks) 38. The match had to be abandoned due to rain.

The wedding took place at the Church of the Holy Cross, Cowbridge, on Monday, of Mr. Roger M. Bird, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Bird, Heath House, Cowbridge, and Miss Diana P. Thomas, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Thomas, Eastgate, Cowbridge. Given away by her father, the bride wore an ivory brocade dress with shoulder-length nylon veil picked out in gold to match the gold centres of the pearl headdress and carried a bouquet of cream-apricot roses with white stephanotis and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid was Miss Mary P. Williams (bride's friend) who wore an ice-blue brocade dress and carried a bouquet of cream roses. The best man was Mr. Michael Evans (bridegroom's friend). The Vicar of Llanblethian and Cowbridge, the Rev. E. O. T. Lewis, R.D., officiated, and Mr. A. W. Morgan was the organist. A reception was held at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge. Among the guests was Mrs. Mason, 92-year-old grandmother of the bridegroom. The honeymoon is being spent touring the South Coast. The bride travelled in a burgundy suit and hat with accessories to match. Mr. Bird is a member of Cowbridge Cricket Club and has played rugby for Cowbridge R.F.C. The

to be a body blow
three major disasters in less
than a decade.

Some 35,000 acres of corn were due to be harvested this year, but at least one-third was still uncut. Only a small acreage on the narrow coastal belt had been gathered.

Hay cut on upland and marginal farms in most parts of the county was still on the ground. Prospects for winter feed were ruinous.

If the weather did not improve immediately county farmers stood to lose £500,000 in hay, corn and straw.

Welsh weddings Dempsey—Tudor

Mr. John Dempsey, vice-captain of Penarth Cricket Club, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Dempsey, of Wordsworth-avenue, Penarth, and Miss Joan Tudor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Tudor, of Redlands-road, Penarth, were married at All Saints' Church, Penarth, yesterday.

The Vicar of Briton Ferry (the Rev. A. Parry) officiated.

Miss Elizabeth Parry was bridesmaid and Dr. David Evans was best man.

Bird—Thomas

A former Mayoress of Cowbridge and a Cowbridge business man and sportsman were married at the Church of the Holy Cross, Cowbridge, yesterday.

The bridegroom was Mr. Roger Bird, who plays cricket for Cowbridge and who has represented Southern Command at athletics and Rugby. He is the elder son of Mr. R. N. Bird, and of Mrs. Bird, of Heath House, Cowbridge.

The bride, Miss Diana Thomas, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Thomas, of Eastgate, Cowbridge, was Mayoress of Cowbridge in 1951-52 when her aunt, Mrs. F. E. Hinton, was Mayor. The Vicar of Cowbridge (the Rev. E. O. T. Lewis) officiated.

The bride wore an ivory brocade gown on classical lines of parchment net. Miss Mary Williams was bridesmaid and Mr. Michael Evans best man.

COWBRIDGE WEDDING.



The Rev. D. P. David, of Mennin Ash, and his bride, Miss Bird, of Cowbridge, leaving the Baptist Church, Cowbridge, after their wedding yesterday. Also seen in the photograph are the Misses Doris David and Betty Mason (bridesmaids), and Joan and John Bird (trainbearers).—(South Wales News.)

