

1949 Was Active Year for Cupid

Love made the world go round as usual in 1949 and romance kept pace with politics, atom bombs and other page one news. Below are eight couples whose weddings and romances were on the front pages of all the world's newspapers.



Jimmy Stewart, who previously had avoided any marital tieups, was married to socialite Mrs. Gloria Hatrick McLean (couple at left) Aug. 9 in Brentwood, Cal. Sonja Henie, the ice skating star, and Winthrop Gardner Jr. (couple at right) were married in New York Sept. 15.



Clark Gable, who has remained single since the untimely death of Carole Lombard, and his bride, the former Lady Sylvia Ashley, were married Dec. 20 (couple at left). Cary Grant and his bride (right), the former Betsy Drake, were married after an Arizona elopement Dec. 26.



The Marquis of Milford Haven and his fiancée, Mrs. Romaine Dargatzis Simpson (left) are to be married Feb. 4 in Washington, D. C. Vice President Alben Barkley, 71, and his bride (right), the former Mrs. Jane Hadley, 38, were married in St. Louis.



Roberto Rossellini and Ingrid Bergman (left) say they have no definite plans, despite reports they'll be wed soon. Mayor William O'Dwyer and the former Elizabeth Sloan Simpson (right) were wed Dec. 20 in a small Catholic Church in Stuart, Fla.

President Shuns Noisy New Year

Quiet Evening Spent With Friends

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (UP)

President Truman set the pace tonight for what capital bartenders mourned would be the driest New Year's Eve in years.

Mr. Truman's aide said he was shunning the boisterous life at a "very quiet" dinner party given by a small group of his old friends.

The friends were not identified, but one White House source who saw the guest list said it precluded anything in the way of uproarious celebration.

What had the bartenders down in the dumps was a midnight curfew on liquor. Whisky can't be sold in the District of Columbia on Sunday.

An added deterrent to the New Year's festivities, district police put a special watch on after-hours "bottle clubs" to which thirty residents here usually go when the public spas fold.

Today was the first of a three-day government shut-down. Saturday is a regular day off for public servants and Monday is an official holiday for New Year's.

But Mr. Truman worked today and will be back at his desk again Monday.

The President's family was not here to share his quiet New Year's celebration. Mrs. Truman is at Independence, Mo., and Margaret is scheduled to leave there tonight for New York.

GOP Women to Meet

The Irvington Women's Republican Club will meet at 8 p. m. Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Fay Folsom, 8744 E. New York St. Mrs. Tyler Oglesby, president, will preside.

OFFICER SLAIN BY BANDIT

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31 (UP)—Policeman George Mitchell, 39, died today from a bullet fired into his chest by a bandit in a 570 store holdup. His killer was being hunted.

Wives Call Off Strike As Town Regains Midwife

Husbands Bow Without Struggle In Dispute Over Civil Servant

MONTE FLAVIO, Italy, Dec. 31 (UP)—The 300 lonely husbands of Monte Flavio bowed tonight to the power of a woman.

They gave in with hardly a struggle to their wives' demand that 22-year-old Vanda Bockai, the women's favorite midwife, again be allowed to deliver babies at cut rate prices and on the installment plan.

The women immediately called off their mass oath of chastity they had sworn to observe until Vanda was back in business. The town council held an emergency meeting under the watchful eyes of the mayor of a nearby town and decided Vanda could stay on at least two more months. Under Italian law she is a civil servant and her legal status must be decided in Rome.

Principle at stake. Mayor Adriano Petroschi of Palombara Sabina, the nearest town, visited Monte Flavio to study the love strike. He said things were "pretty serious" because "there is no reasoning with women."

"But we must keep the men under control because we don't want to see any of them give way to impetuous actions," he said. "That would not do. There is quite a principle involved."

"I have urged the prefect in Rome to give quick attention to the request of the women," he said. "A solution must be found without delay. What seemed like a joke to the men at first is now quite irritating."

Mr. Petroschi shook his head and said he would make another report to Rome. "They must understand that the women are serious and that you can't argue with women who have their minds made up like this. Rome must capitulate."

The love strike began because Bruna Paolini, the former midwife, left for Rome to seek a better job. Vanda replaced her. Then Bruna returned. The women preferred Vanda and said until she was given the post they would fast alone.

NOBLE GRANDS LUNCHEON

Oliver Branch Past Noble Grand Association will meet at luncheon Wednesday at 11:30 a. m. at the YWCA.

DETROIT SKYSCRAPER SOLD

DETROIT, Dec. 31 (UP)—Michigan's tallest building—Penobscot building—was sold today along with two other smaller buildings for approximately \$13 million.

The Social Research Foundation, Inc., purchased them from Simon J. Murphy Co.

Wins Prize



Jimmy Mahurin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Mahurin, 1511 Churchman Ave., has been awarded one of 10 third prizes in a nation-wide children's photograph contest. His photo won first in the local contest sponsored by the downtown photo shop of the William H. Block Co., and as a result was entered in national competition. The national placing brings a \$50 prize.

Kid McCoy Made Page One News

A MONDAY opened the 20th century 50 years ago.

According to that day's issue of The Indianapolis Sun (price 1 cent, 2 cents on trains), the predecessor of The Indianapolis Times forecasted frigid weather for the New Year and carried a temperature reading of 5 degrees above zero.

Shivering householders, picking their copy from the front stoop, read as today the affairs of the world and of their next-door neighbors.

Hoosier Kid McCoy made page one as he prepared to square off in New York with Peter Maher in a 26-round, \$20,000 non-championship bout as a 10 to 8 underdog. He took the measure of his opponent, later declared he never doubted his ability to win.

Other sporting news down the center of the page congratulated Bob Allen, 1896 pilot of the Indianapolis baseball club, on his appointment as Cincinnati Reds manager. The same day "Topsy" Hartwell and Ed Hickey signed with the local team for the '50 season.

IN ROME, Cardinal Girolamo Maria Gotti was named Pope. Serious-minded readers concerned themselves with the import of bombs found in Manila. An uprising by natives was believed to have been planned during the funeral of General Lawton.

Readers also debated the probability of Russia complying with the "Open Door" policy for American trade in China as advocated by Secretary Hay.

Locally, gay crowds unshowered in the year with parties at the German House and Maennerchor Hall while more serious groups observed the moment in such churches as Fletcher Place M.E. St. Paul's and Moravian.

Margaret Shannahan, 8, of 912 Bates St., accidentally was shot in the cheek with an air rifle.

George Wallace and Otto Bretz began the century in the workhouse as the first sentenced for the year.

Over the week-end the fire department fought blazes amounting to \$38 damage at Becker and Sons Tailor Shop, 26 N. Pennsylvania St., and the homes of Oscar Coulon, 315 N. East St.; J. B. Johnson, 126 Murphy St.; Louis Wright, 370 S. Illinois St., and F. H. Williams, 210 W. Washington St.

At Delphi, James Whitcomb Riley, Dr. Franklin Hays and Dr. W. M. Wishard attended the funeral of Maj. Wickliffe Smith, And at Elkhart, "Montana Charley" visited from Dirty Creek, Honeycreek Valley, near Helena, Mont. Reputed a bad man, he was said to have

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Clothe-A-Child Donations

Times Clothe-A-Child contributions, including the Mile-O-Dimes, totaled \$26,972.61, a final check showed today. New contributors are listed below:

CLOTHES-A-CHILD SERVICE, Page 1	
Previous balance.....	\$23815.50
Truesdell Service.....	2.00
Ann Patterson.....	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawson.....	5.00
Stephen Curry.....	2.00
Mrs. Gladys Reed.....	5.00
Butler Ins.....	5.50
Jack White.....	5.00
Mrs. Rex Marmaduke.....	2.00
James P. Lawson.....	5.00
Darrell C. Walton.....	5.00
Inspection Service.....	5.00
Bureau.....	5.00
Robert L. Colbert.....	5.00
United Petroleum Corp.....	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown and Roberta Brown.....	5.00
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Total to date.....	\$23886.00
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W. S. Merchants Bowling League.....	15.00
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Monument Lodge Sets Ceremony

Arthur G. Eftymson will be installed as Worshipful Master of Monument Lodge No. 657, F. & A. M., in a public ceremony

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—A year-end balancing of accounts in the foreign field shows the world better off than most experts would have predicted. Not much, but enough for reasonable encouragement.

The cold war is far from won. But a net gain has been made, especially in Europe.

This has not been due entirely or perhaps even chiefly, to efforts of the United States and its friends. Soviet blunders have helped. So has the inherent weakness of the totalitarian system.

The normal reaction of the victims against tyranny and aggression.

Russia's biggest gains, of course, have been in the Far East where democracy was weakest. No ally can minimize the extent of that catastrophe. At best many years may be required to recover the loss of China.

The best that can be hoped now is that China's ancient toughness will make the Reds' conquest so indigestible they will have less stomach for rapid bites in southeast Asia.

Saved From Stalin

Creation of a free United States of Indonesia as an equal partner under the Dutch crown has saved that rich area from Stalin's clutch, at least for a while. But the earlier progress of free India and Pakistan could be wiped out by their threatened war over Kashmir.

In the Near East, Israel has passed through the first phase of independence with spectacular success, only to face severe economic tests at home and a diplomatic stand-up rearmament of Palestine. Elsewhere the disintegration of Arab feudalism continues.

In Latin America military coups spawn more dictators, and eco-

200,000 Pilgrims Counted by St. Peter's

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 31 (UP)—Vatican authorities estimated today that 200,000 persons have made Holy Year visits to St. Peter's since the 1950 jubilee opened a week ago.

They said pilgrims passing through the Holy Door of the Vatican Basilica had averaged about 30,000 a day. During this same period, Pope Pius XII has received more than 3200 pilgrims in group audiences and has also granted 102 private and special audiences to individuals.

Ex-Purdue Cashier Arrested in Shortage

State Examiner Otto K. Jensen yesterday reported the shortage of \$20,103.70 in the account of a former Purdue University cashier.

The cashier, William W. Holmboe, who was apprehended last August in Michigan on a charge of child desertion, is free under \$2000 bond.

At the time of his arrest, he admitted taking more than \$5000, police said.

Mr. Jensen said a report on the audit would be turned over to the Tippecanoe County Grand Jury.

It Was 5 Above Zero Here Jan. 1, 1900; False Teeth \$5, Women's Hats A Dime

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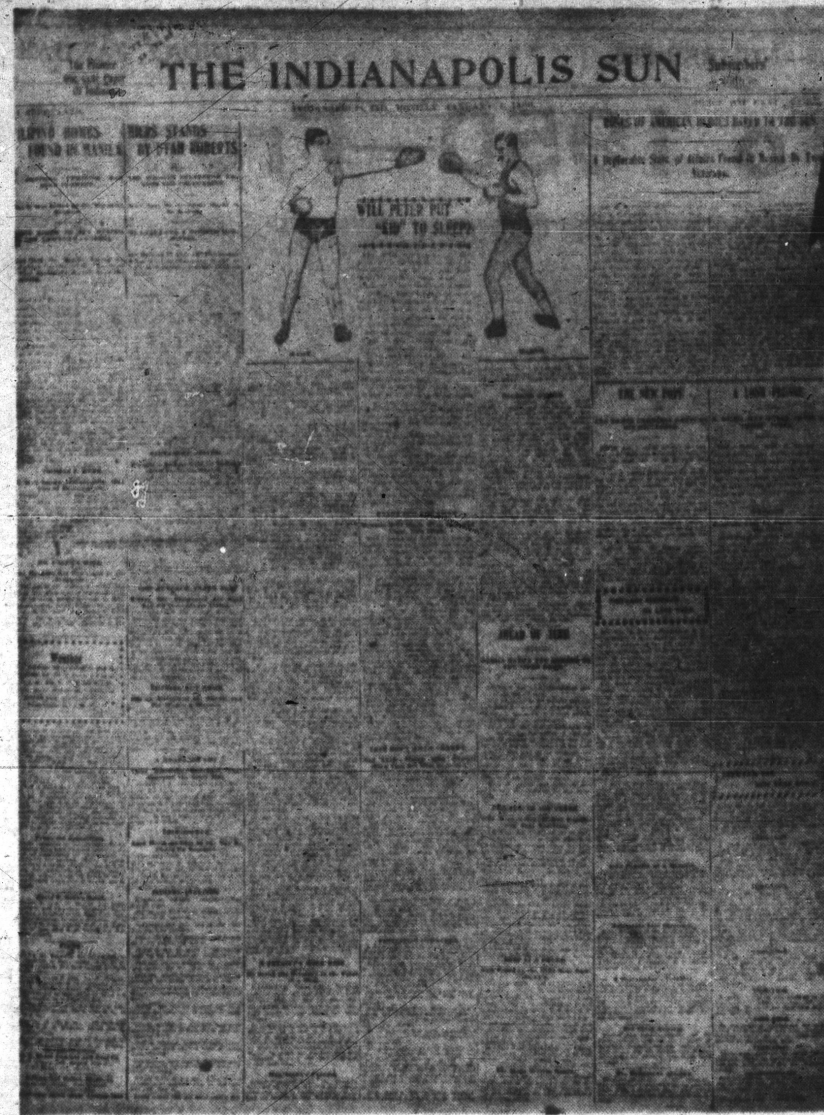
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caller in his place. The visitor said he thought of going to South Africa and become a Boer. Mr. Wilson assured him it would be unnecessary to make the trip.