

## 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 Hartwick McLean (couple at left) Aug. 9 in Brentwood, Cal. Sonja Henie, the ice-skating star, and Winthrop Gardiner Jr. (couple at right) were married in New York Sept. 15.



Clark Gable, who has remained single since the untimely death of Carol 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 fiancee, Mrs. Romaine Dahlgren Pierce 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 (UPI)—President Truman set the pace tonight for what capital bartenders mourned would be the dreary New Year's Eve in years.

Mr. Truman's aids 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 uporous celebration.

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

An added deterrent to the New Year's festivities, district police put a special watch on afternoons "bottle clubs" to which 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 Years.

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 Poarch, 3744 E. New York St. Mrs. Tyler Ogleby, president, will preside.

### OFFICER SLAIN BY BANDIT

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31 (UPI)—Policeman George Mitchell, 39, died today from a bullet fired into his chest by a bandit in a 700-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 (UPI)—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 27-year-old Vanda Boscalig, 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**  
Major Adriano Petroschi of Palombra 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."

"He has 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."

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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.

### DETROIT SKYSCRAPER SOLD

DETROIT, Dec. 31 (UPI)—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.

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

### 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 forecast 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 25-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, 1899 pilot of the Indianapolis baseball club, on his appointment as Cincinnati Reds manager. The same day "Toppy" Hartzell and Ed Hickey signed with the local team for the '00 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 ushered 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 Shanahan, 5, of 912 Bates St., accidentally was shot in the cheek with an air rifle.

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