



St. Paul, Yelverton, Deon

Yelverton Wedding

Plymouth Bride for Naval Officer

With a crescent of gardenias holding in place her veil, which had been worn by her mother before her, Miss Maureen Johnson, elder daughter of Col. and Mrs. Ben Johnson, of Hexham House, Mannamead, Plymouth [Devon], was married at St. Paul's Church, Yelverton, yesterday to Lieut. Richard Harvey Mercer, R.N., only son of the late Dr. R. H. Mercer of Burbage, Wiltshire and Mrs. Emery, of Osborne Lodge, The Park, Cheltenham [Gloucestershire]. Rev. H. M. Harvey officiated and Mr. W. A. Pike was organist. The church was decorated with white flowers.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a brocaded gown of off-white and silver, cut on fitting lines, with a flowing train cut in one with the skirt. She carried off-white roses and gardenias.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Chris Johnson, Miss Mary Norrington and Miss Elizabeth Candy. They carried deep red roses and wore frocks of parchment satin Duchesse, with transparent yokes and shoulder straps of dark red flowers. Plaits of satin with veils falling behind formed their head-dresses. Lieut. D. A. Williams, R.N., was best man.

Following a reception at the Crossways, Yelverton, the bride and bridegroom left for the honeymoon. The bride wore a turquoise and white pleated crepe frock and a matching bolero, nigger¹ brown accessories and a silver fox fur, which was the gift of the bridegroom.

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