



WEDDING BELLS

Merry Greeting for Bridal Pair at Melksham

Mr. R. Legg & Miss. J. Coombe

A wedding of much interest to Melksham residents was solemnised by the Vicar, the Rev. Basil Aston, D.S.O., at St. Michael's & All Angels, Melksham Parish Church on Saturday, 27th April, 1929. The contracting parties being Miss Joyce Emilie Coombe, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Coombe, Union Street, Melksham, and Mr. Richard Stanley John Legg, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Legg, the Gardens, Melksham.

The Bridegroom is chief clerk to Messrs. A.G. Smith and Son, solicitors, Melksham, and also a clerk to Melksham County Court and to Melksham Without Parish Council, secretary to the New Hall Trustees, Melksham, correspondent for the managers of Lowbourn Schools, and treasurer of Melksham Parish Church Choir (of which he is also a member).

The ceremony, which was choral, attracted a large congregation. Mr. J. Arlett, who was at the organ, played Guilman's March On A Theme Of Handel, Allegretto Grazioso (Bridge), and the Introduction to Act 3 of "Lohengrin" (Wagner) as voluntaries, and Mendelsohn's "Wedding March" at the conclusion of the ceremony. The choir rendered the anthem "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" (Clarke), Mr. C.S. Terry taking the bass solo, and also led the singing of the hymns, "We Love The Place" and (during the signing of the register) "Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring" (Bach).

As the happy couple left the church they were greeted with a merry peal of bells.

Charming Bride

The bride looked charming in a gown of white satin, with an old lace veil (lent by the bridegroom's mother), which was trimmed with real orange blossom. Her bouquet was of carnations and narcissi. There were four bridesmaids, the Misses Ada Davis and Vivien Whyler, who wore dresses of lemon and blue georgette, and the Misses Barbara and Lila Cowley, whose frocks were of mauve and pink crepe-de-chine.

The two elder bridesmaids laid hats to match their dresses, and carried bouquets of blue and yellow irises, whilst the other two each wore a wreath of silver leaves and carried a basket of tulips. Mr. Coombe gave his daughter in marriage. The best man was Mr. R.G. Legg (bridegroom's brother), and Mr. L.C. Pearce was the groomsman.

A reception, at which there were 60 guests, was held at the Parish Room. The honeymoon is being spent at Weymouth.

The presents were numerous. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold pair of cuff links, that of the bridegroom to the bride being a pearl necklace. By the staff of the Avon India Rubber Company (where she was formerly employed) the bride was given a canteen of cutlery and an oak clock. The bridegroom received a mirror in an oak frame and a nest of Jacobean oak tables as a joint presentation from the Lowbourn School Managers and the trustees of the New Hall, a Jacobean oak clock from Mr. and Mrs. Alan Smith, and two silver serviette rings from the staff of Messrs. A.G. Smith and Son.

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