

Mr. R. C. Newbery Weds

The Clerk of the Peace for the Borough of Devizes, Mr. Richard Cordell Newbery, was married at Urchfont Parish Church, Wiltshire, on Saturday, to Miss Joyce Mabyn Tomkinson, third daughter of Vice Admiral and Mrs. Wilfred Tomkinson, of Stert House, near Devizes.

Mr. Newbery, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Newbery, of 3 St. George's Road, Bedford, joined the legal firm of Philip Johnson at Devizes as an assistant in 1949, becoming a partner a year ago, and when Mr. Philip Johnson resigned as Clerk of the Peace this year he was appointed to succeed him on 1st April.

Aged 33, Mr. Newbery was educated at Bedford School and received his early training in Bedford, where his family have lived since 1924. He joined the Bedfordshire Yeomanry and was called up in 1939 and served in the Far East, later being a prisoner in Japanese hands. Recently he was awarded the Territorial Decoration. He took his final Law examinations in November 1946 and was admitted in March 1947. He was with a firm in Lincolns Inn Fields for two years before going Devizes in 1949.

The bride is Secretary of the Devizes and District Lifeboat Association.

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The bride was gowned in white and gold brocade, with veil head-dress of lace-edged net. She carried a bouquet of white irises and freesias. She was attended by Miss Jennifer Tomkinson and Miss Erica Tomkinson (nieces), and Miss Rosemary Martin (bridegroom's god-daughter). Mr. G. Walmisley Dresser (friend of the bridegroom) was best man. The Rev. L. I. D. Goldie, Vicar of Urchfont, officiated and Mr. Lester Eves was organist.

A reception, attended by over 200 guests, was held in a marquee on the lawn at Stert House.

Mr. and Mrs. Newbery later left for a motoring tour on the Continent. The bride's travelling dress was a figured silk frock with stone-coloured coat and blue feathered hat.

From his colleagues in the Bedfordshire Yeomanry with which he maintains his association the bridegroom received a silver tankard.

Mr. and Mrs. Newbery will live at "Sunnybank", Worton near Devizes

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