

**First Wedding At Army Camp
Saturday Afternoon In Post
Chapel; Couple Met At Depot**

Climaxing a romance which started when the two met at Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot was the wedding of Lieut. Marian I. Parrish, of the Army Nurse corps, and Lieut. James D. Patton, of the Armored Forces, which took place at four o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Post chapel.

Against a wartime panorama of Army uniforms and military regalia the young folks exchanged their vows before an altar bedecked with ferns and Calla lilies with Major Orin D. Swank, post chaplain, officiating. Traditional nuptial music was provided by Pvt. Frank H. Wilson.

The bride and groom were attired in uniforms of their respective services and the bride carried an arm bouquet of bridal roses. She was given in marriage by Lieut. Leo C. Broyden, Fairmount, Ind. Miss Lee Petrucelli, Bridgeport, Conn., a classmate of the bride, attended as bridesmaid and Lieut. Livingston Eaddy served as best man.

After the ceremony the bridal party and a few friends journeyed to Hotel Pick-Ohio, Youngstown, for a dinner and reception. Lieut. Patton and his bride left for a short wedding trip to Cleveland, after which they will return to duty at the Depot.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger B. Parrish, Fort Ann, N. Y. She is a graduate of the Samaritan School of Nursing, Troy, N. Y., and was on the nursing staff of the Glenn Falls, N. Y., high school before entering the Army Nurse Corps in December 1942. She reported to Shenango Depot on February 6 where she met Lieut. Patton, also newly assigned to Pennsylvania's newest Army camp.

Lieut. Patton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Patton, Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas. He is a graduate of Texas A. and M. and held a commission in the Reserves before entering active duty in December 1940 at Fort Knox, Ky. Prior to his present assignment Lieut. Patton was a member of the Armored Force Officers' Board at Fort Knox.

The bridegroom's parents journeyed here for the ceremony, and the post commander Col. George H. Cherrington was also among the guests.

Cupid Scores At Shenango Depot



Lieut. and Mrs. James D. Patton

Cupid scored for the first time at Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot Saturday when Lieut. Marian I. Parrish of the Army Nurse Corps and Lieut. James D. Patton of the Armored Forces were married in the main chapel at the Depot.

It was the climax of a romance started when the couple met on Feb. 6 at the camp and is the first romance among the officers stationed at the post.

Wedding Climaxes Romance Begun at SPRD

Lieut. Marian I. Parrish, of the Army Nurse corps, and Lieut. James D. Patton, of the Armored Forces, were married at four o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Post chapel at the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot, climaxing a romance which began when the two officers met last month at the army center.

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SOLDIERS RUSH LICENSE BUREAU

— April 1 1943

**Apply for 220 Marriage
Permits Since First of
This Year**

NEW FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED

Dan Cupid has had his duties doubled in Mercer County since the Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot at near-by Transfer was activated several weeks ago.

Since the first of the year 220 marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk of Courts Fred L. Hutchison at Mercer to men in service and their sweethearts. Ninety percent of these have been to men stationed at Shenango.

Clerk Hutchison's office has been busier with marriage licenses than any time since Mercer County lost its Gretna Green standing four years ago when the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania revised its license laws so that it no longer was easy for Ohio couples to come here to evade the already strict Ohio laws.

Clerk Hutchison, Judge George H. Rowley and other Mercer County officials are doing their bit toward aiding Cupid get his work done.

Mrs. Ida Ralya of Sharon has been empowered by Clark Hutchison to issue licenses at her home, thus eliminating the necessity of the soldiers and their sweethearts traveling to the county seat.

Blood tests, necessary under Pennsylvania's laws, can be made at the Shenango post hospital, action which further speeds up the issuance of licenses.

Many of the marriages have taken place at the Army post where Major Orin Swank, chaplain, and his staff are ready to offer their assistance.

Station Hospital *June 1'* **Has First Wedding** *43*

The station hospital at Camp Shenango had its first wedding in the Red Cross Building last Wednesday, May 26th.

In a simple ceremony over which Rabbi Chiel from Farrell officiated, Miss Ruth Makrouer of Flint, Michigan, became the bride of Pvt. Morton Bernstein, a patient in the hospital. Pvt. Max Roseman, another patient, furnished the musical setting and sang, "Oh, Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly."

Bride Undaunted As Scene of Marriage Shifts To Shenango

June 8 '43

The date was changed, the place was changed, the bridal party was changed, the groom forgot to ask for his pass but the wedding was solemnized anyway.

Miss Cornelia Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones, Bauxite, Ark., and Cpl. Lawrence Curt, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Curt, of 1315 N. 8th Street, Neodesha, Kansas, were scheduled to be married in the home community of the bride last week but their plans were changed.

The bride picked up her trousseau and gowns made specially for the bridal party, explained to the maid of honor and the bridesmaids, and rushed off to Shenango where she and Cpl. Curt were married in the post chapel by Chaplain Boyd W. Tucker, Sunday noon.

It wasn't as simple as all that for the prospective bride had to locate

three girls the proper size so that they could wear the gowns she brought along from Arkansas.

The bride wore a white satin and lace gown, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The maid of honor, Mrs. James Whelchel, Lebanon, Ind., and the bridesmaids, Miss Violet Johnson, Jamestown, N. Y., and Mrs. George Liska, Cleveland, Ohio, wore gowns of robin egg blue and carried red carnations.

Cpl. John D. Kirkpatrick, of Junction City, Kansas, was the best man. Cpl. William Cooper, of Richmond, Va., sang "O Promise Me," accompanied by Cpl. John Lockwood, of Long Island, N. Y.

In the excitement the groom neglected to ask for his pass to get him off on his honeymoon—other than that everything went off as scheduled.

SOLDIERS WED AT FAST RATE

June 15 '43

Make Big Increase in County Issue of Mar- riage Licenses.

Soldiers from Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot have brought an increase in Dan Cupid's work in Mercer County.

During the past four months 141 more marriage licenses have been granted in the county than were issued during the same period last year. Fully 80 per cent of the licenses were issued to soldiers and their sweethearts.

Clerk of Courts Fred L. Hutchison says most of the marriages were the culmination of romances started before the men were called into service as in many cases both the boy and the girl are from the same city or town.

He also believes the biggest rush in licenses is over since many of the marriages involved soldiers who have been assigned to the permanent personnel of Camp Shenango.

After the month of January had shown a loss of from 99 to 57, as

compared with the same period last year, Dan Cupid's work picked up for each succeeding month.

During February 68 licenses, an increase of only two over 1942, were issued. March's 92 licenses were six higher than the previous year. The peak came in April when 178 licenses were granted as compared with 89 in 1942. In May there were 138 marriages, an increase of 44

RUSH MARRIAGE DEBATE TOPIC

Aug 26 '43

Round-Table at Shenango Camp Condemns Quick Tying.

Hasty, fly-by-night marriages were condemned with equal vigor by three speakers at the Shenango Round Table discussion on "Are War Marriages Desirable?" The discussion, one of a weekly series, was held in the 18th Street Chapel at Camp Shenango Tuesday night. Chaplain Albert A. Michels acted as moderator.

Speakers for the evening were Maj. Howard T. Fieder, psychiatrist at the Station Hospital, Miss Dorothy Horowitz, assistant Red Cross field director, and Chaplain Boyd Tucker.

Speaking as a psychiatrist, Maj. Fieder pointed out that many men in the Army seek security and a substitute for loved ones from

whom they are separated and often plunge into hasty, unplanned marriages.

Such marriages, he said, have "no vision of the future" and are "unsatisfactory."

"The individual who has planned marriage before the war won't be particularly troubled by the conflict, but the man who has not planned and has gone into a hasty marriage is likely to have failure in that marriage," the Major declared.

Presenting the point of view of the social worker, Miss Horowitz said that a successful marriage must have a basis of "common sense and stability." Persons contemplating marriage should think of more than just the present, she said.

The migration of war wives from one Army camp to another, she pointed out, was an added strain on normal living for both the soldier and his wife.

"Most war marriages are not marriages at all," Chaplain Tucker declared, in condemning the "hasty, fly-by-night, over-a-cocktail marriage."

"You can't expect anything good

from that sort of thing," the Chaplain added.

In the case of a long courtship, however, Chaplain Tucker, said the man owed it to the girl to marry. In such cases, he recommended that the individuals plan as though the abnormal situation brought on by the war did not exist.

The "allotment bride," a term applied to women who rush soldiers into matrimony to collect their allotment checks, was denounced by all three speakers. Chaplain Tucker in particular, criticized the situation in which the woman was the "aggressor" and the man the "hunted." He urged the men to make up their own minds in deciding on whether or not to marry.

A spirited question and answer period in which members of the audience participated, followed presentation of the speeches by members of the panel.

Subject and speakers for next week's session of the Shenango Round Table will be announced shortly.

Soldiers Of Camp Shenango May Obtain Marriage License Here

Court Appoints Mrs. Ida Ralya To Issue Certificates At Home In Evenings

Dan Cupid can't lose now in his campaign among the soldiers of Camp Shenango, with the staunch aides he has found in Judge George H. Rowley and Clerk of Courts Fred Hutchison.

The two have helped many soldiers who applied for marriage licenses at the court house and did not have the time to wait until the usual legal procedure is over.

Judge Rowley for some time has been graciously waiving the three-day waiting period following the application, and now, the court has carried its leniency one step further in appointing Mrs. Ida Ralya, 173 S. Main-av, Sharon, to issue licenses at her home after the necessary arrangements have been complied with. Mrs. Ralya, a deputy in Mr. Hutchison's office, will take on the extra duties without any increase in pay.

Blood Tests Necessary

Here is the procedure which must be followed prior to the marriage ceremony:

Normally, the couple must appear at the Clerk of Courts office and present a certificate from a Pennsylvania physician or from a laboratory certifying that they are free from any contagious or infectious disease. The laboratory issuing this must be approved by the state Department of Health or be issued on a Pennsylvania certificate by a state laboratory, if in another state. Otherwise, certificates from other states will not be accepted. If the girl is in another state, her soldier may send her the Pennsylvania form for her physician to fill out.

The blood tests can now be taken at Camp Shenango by both the boy and his fiancee free of charge. This is usually recommended, because reports may be

obtained within a few hours, if necessary. Otherwise, if obtained from a private physician, two or three days may elapse.

Must Make Arrangements

After the blood test had been accepted, Judge Rowley and Mr. Hutchison take a hand. The couple would usually apply to the Clerk of Courts' office, after which there is a three-day waiting period starting the day after they apply. The soldiers at Transfer who often stay only a few days before being transferred, have appealed to the judge, who gives his permission for them to be married at once.

The added convenience of having a place to apply for a license in the evening will be a great boon to the soldiers, who are nearly all on duty during the day and who find it impossible to make the trip to the county seat before 5 p. m.

The soldiers are warned, however, to arrange for their visit to Mrs. Ralya beforehand with the Clerk of Courts' office at Mercer whose phone number is 108. Mr. Hutchison will prepare the necessary papers so that they will be in the hands of Mrs. Ralya for the couple to pick up in the evening.