

Marrriages Of Royalty To Divorcees Stress Passing Of "Victorian" Era

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That's quite a tempest which has been worked up in the international teapot over the announcement that the young Marquess of Milford Haven, cousin of Britain's King George VI, is betrothed to a New York divorcee—the charming Mrs. Romaine Dahlgren Pierce Simpson.

This engagement is in part an answer to the old query "what's in a name?", since a nosey world inevitably recalls that it was another American divorcee named Simpson for whom Edward VIII (now Duke of Windsor) abandoned his throne in '36. During the memorable years since then the Duchess of Windsor has found no welcome at Buckingham palace. Britain's royal family has followed tradition in maintaining thumbs down on divorcees who rarely, if ever, have been received even at the largely attended royal courts.

Of course there is little similarity between the present case and that of the abdicating Edward.

Indeed, many folk are finding justification in the idea that, after all, it's the affair of the Marquess and Mrs. Simpson and nobody else.

Code Pleases Public
However, the fact remains that the royal house long has lived by a pretty austere code, having in mind that it belongs to the empire and is the symbol of solidarity. And this has pleased the British public which, without meaning to intrude on private prerogatives, has placed the royal family on a mighty lofty pedestal.

When I first went to England in 1916 the code of straight-laced Victoria still was the beacon-light for much of the country. Like Victorian furniture, that code was heavy and rather oppressive. It was solid and reliable, though.

In those days divorce was virtually barred to women. A man could divorce his wife for infidelity, but she couldn't get rid of him on any such ground.

"Victorianism" Outdated
Well, that's a generation ago—and a lot can happen in that time. Much of the austerity of the Victorian era has passed out, along with the aspidistra plant. The word "Victorian," as applied to a way of life, has become a term not exactly of reproach, but meaning "behind the times."

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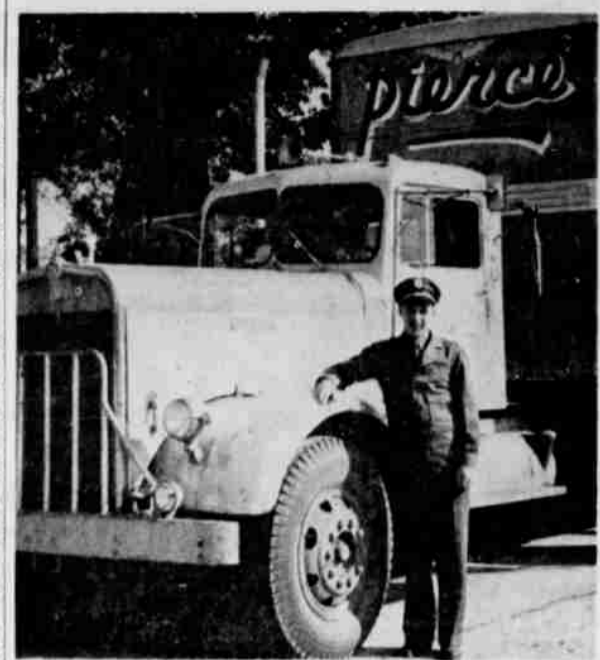
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John Castner Posts Perfect Score In Winning U.S. Truck Driver's Crown



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Last week this question was settled once and for all when John Castner, above, of Pierce Freight Lines, winner of the Oregon Truck Roadie, won the National Roadie championship in the truck and trailer division at Phoenix, Ariz. John has been driving for Pierce Freight Lines for the past 13 years and has a nine-year no-accident record. He often comes into Roseburg.

Castner outdrove some "classy opposition" to win the national crown and will fall heir to a collection of trophies, medals, cash prizes and awards, in addition to the honor that goes with the title.

As he did in winning the Oregon Truck Roadie, Castner negotiated the field course without a single error. His national score was 3448 points. A perfect score is 3500 points. The Phoenix run was 10 points better than his record at Jantzen Beach park in the Oregon roadie. This score is the highest ever attained by any winner in the history of the National Truck Roadie.

Castner will go to Boston, Mass., next month to formally accept his prize and to watch his Oregon roadie teammates, Alvin Fish and Frank Kirkpatrick, compete in the National Truck Roadie events for solo truck and truck and semi-trailer.

Secy. Symington Mentions Plane That Outruns Sun

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—(AP)—A plane that outruns the sun was mentioned Wednesday in an address by Air Force Secretary W. Stuart Symington.

"This same plane, if it had the range," he said, "would arrive in San Francisco before it left New York. That will give worry to the time table experts."

There is a three-hour time differential between New York and the west coast.

Symington spoke to the National Security Industrial association. The group includes major industrial suppliers of the armed

forces.

Symington did not specify what kind of plane he was referring to, but he prefaced his reference to it with this remark:

"Mar has now flown and lived at speeds hundreds of miles an hour faster than the speed of sound—which is 760 miles an hour at sea level."

The air force has admitted possession of a super-sonic plane, the X-1, but hasn't disclosed its top speed. The plane is understood to have reached a speed of close to 1,000 miles an hour for a matter of seconds.

MODERNITY SIGN

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Sept. 30.—(AP)—This city's going modern. The municipal council has just abolished ordinances that limited the length of women's hats and prohibited women's pictures in cigaret advertisements.

WILD WEST PASSES

BOZEMAN, Mont., Sept. 30.—(AP)—Who said this is the wild west? Wyatt Haskell, Three Forks rancher, was fined \$25 on a charge his horses roamed the highways. Fred Doney, 60, is charged at Great Falls with letting a horse run loose.

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House Action On Social Security Changes Slated

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The Ways and Means Committee called today for speedy House action on legislation vastly expanding the government's social security program. A start may be made there as early as next Tuesday but there appears little prospect of Senate action before the next session.

Acting amid threats of strikes over labor demands for pensions wholly paid for by employers, the

House committee voice concern over the possibility of "chaotic" conditions resulting from competing and overlapping security systems.

It contended an adequate universal program should be set up as the base, with special needs of special groups to be met later. Employer and worker contributions equally to the government set-up.

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Pineapple Unloaders Of CIO Lose Mill Jobs

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Sept. 30.—(AP)—Two CIO woodworkers were out of jobs today because they helped unload Hawaiian pineapple here Tuesday night.

Harold Tate said he and Dick Spears were laid off when they reported to work at the Roseburg planing mill Wednesday night. He said they were told they were "not fired" but were given their time.

Tate said he and Spears were offered night work unloading "machinery" Tuesday. When they got there they found it was pineapple-labeled "hot cargo" by CIO longshoremen—but "thought nothing about it" and helped in the unloading. He said other workers at the planing mill refused to stay on the job if they continued there.

U. S. Students, Held As Spies, Freed By Russians

HAMBURG, Germany, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Two American students said here Russian authorities held them prisoners in "dungeons" for two months because they thought they were spies.

United States authorities brought the two youths from the Russian zone of Germany to Hamburg in the British zone Wednesday afternoon obtaining their release in Magdeburg.

Warren Oelsner Jr., 20, of Oyster Bay, N. Y., was reunited with his father in Hamburg. The other youth is Peter Sellers, 19, of Radnor, Pa.

The tall and lanky boys were pale apparently from long confinement, and said they could "stand a good meal."

Oelsner explained that he and Sellers thought they could bicycle to Berlin through the Soviet zone "and we did not realize how serious this was."

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