

Churchill's Marriage Outlives Guesses of Gossip Columnists

(Editor's note: On Sept. 12, Sir Winston Churchill and his beloved wife Clementine celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. This is the first of two dispatches telling the story of that marriage which has spanned not only half a century but has seen Churchill become one of the greatest leaders of the age.)

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London—In 1908, London gossips gave Winston Churchill's marriage to grey-eyed Clementine Ogilvy Hozier six months.

This Sept. 12, Sir Winston and his "Clemmie" celebrate the 50th anniversary of a marriage that has been described as one of the most successful of the century.

By the standards of 1908, there was good reason for tongues to wag in disapproval of the match. For although Clementine Hozier was born a blueblood, she had no money—a social "crime" of the first order to fortune-conscious match-making mammas of the day.

But this objection made no sense to swashbuckling young Prime Minister-to-be Churchill, who by then already had seen more action in his 33 years than most men do in a lifetime.

And slender, brown haired Clementine, who had been described by the pick of London bachelors for six seasons, appreciated that it was a man of experience she was marrying on that historic day in 1908.

His adventures in the Boer war, in Cuba, India and the Sudan were legends; and was he not already a member of the cabinet as president of the

Board of Trade? Daughter of Scotsman Clementine was the daughter of a Scotsman, Col. Sir Henry Hozier, who saw adventure in China, Abyssinia and India. Her mother was Lady Blanche Hozier, daughter of the Earl of Airlie.

Clementine's bringing up was Victorian. She took school seriously and mastered French during her childhood days at a convent school in Dieppe. Later, at Berkhamsted School in England, she surprised everyone with her French accent.

She was interested in social work and had thought of making it a career. She also wanted to attend Girton, the first women's college at Cambridge, but was packed off to London before being allowed to go "blue stocking." It was there, at a dinner party given by Lady St. Helier and High Court Judge Lord Helier in

their home at Portland Place that pretty, aloof Miss Hozier met sandy-haired Winston Churchill, and lost her heart.

The wedding at St. Margaret's, Westminster, drew a record crowd of the season. King George sent the bridegroom a malacca cane with the Marlborough crest in gold, and he and Queen Mary sent personal messages of congratulations.

Happy Ever After
Churchill himself said: "I was married and lived happily ever after."

There is no one secret of success for a marriage such as this: particularly one that never escaped either the glare of publicity or the scrutiny of world public opinion.

Certainly, Winston Churchill himself has contributed as much to the partnership as the wife he calls "Clemmie," or, when he is most endearing, "Dear Cat."

Perhaps "Clemmie's" mother more than anyone long ago put an unerring finger on what was to make the marriage go.

"Winston always is gentle and tender to those he loves," she said.

Fifty years later those who know him most intimately express the same feeling in another way.

Churchill Affectionate
Said a friend: "I think the marriage is so extraordinarily happy because Churchill is very affectionate with women. No matter what his mood he simply cannot be unkind to them."

Attentiveness to one's wife is far more difficult to maintain in public than in private life.

But Sir Winston has managed. Unflatteringly he has maintained that "Clemmie" rates the first place of prominence at his side. Unlike the

wives of other prime ministers she never has remained in the shadows.

"Sir Winston wants her to be noticed and makes sure that she is," a friend summed up. "And what could be more flattering to any wife—particularly when one's husband has made history?"

(Next: How "Clemmie" deals with domestic crises.)

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Man Attempting To Swindle Quiz Program Shot
New York—UPI—A man was shot and wounded when police sought to arrest him on a charge of trying to swindle a \$30,000 house from the television quiz "The Price Is Right."

Gerard Mignone, 38, who police said ran away when they came to arrest him, was reported in good condition Tuesday at Kings County hospital. He was struck in the cheek by a ricocheting bullet, fired as a warning to stop.

Assistant District Attorney Bernard Patten of Queens county said the Brooklyn man laid the groundwork of his plot to "win" a house offered on the program early last month.

Viewers were told to mail in postcards by Aug. 29 with an estimate of the value of the house. Patten said Mignone mailed several cards to himself Aug. 24 to get legitimate postmarks on them.

After the deadline, master of ceremonies Bill Cullen announced on the air the price of the house was \$30,050.90. Mignone was said to have erased his name from two of his cards, and readdressed them to the program with his "guesses" of \$30,050.80 and \$30,250.90.

Mignone was said to have approached two teen-age employees of the Radioland Mail Service, Inc., which handles mail for the program, and offered to give them \$3,000 to slip the doctored cards into the bags of legitimate mail.

The mailroom employees reported the offer to their boss, and the district attorney's office was brought into the case. A warrant for Mignone's arrest was signed Monday, charging him with violating the penal code by offering an illegal gratuity.

Court Records
DISTRICT COURT
Stephen W. Aaga, general delivery, Medford, drunk in a public place, \$30.
Alva W. Jones, overload, \$27.50.
Henry E. Milton, failure to stop, \$10.
Edgar J. Gibson, overlength, \$15; overheight, \$15.
Audrey E. St. Arnold, 4886 South Pacific highway, drunk in a public place, \$30.
James B. Proffer, overload, \$77.
Eugene M. Cummings, overload, \$49.
Ronald L. Robinson, making unnecessary noise with a motor vehicle, \$15.
William A. Allen, failure to stop, \$10.
Joe Leonard, overwidth, \$15 and \$15; overlength, \$49.
James S. Farlee, overwidth, \$15.
Russell W. Jamison, failure to dim, \$5.
Dick T. Quinney, Logan, Utah, drunk in a public place, \$30.
Winford C. Saylor, no operator's license, \$10.
Othel E. Sawyer, overwidth, \$15.
Edward F. Hill, no stop light, \$10.
Brian R. Schauble, insufficient binder chains, \$15.
Robert L. Nelson, overheight, \$15.
Harold G. Hamilton, overlength, \$26.

Circuit Court
Beverly Joanne Edwards vs. Fred Samuel Edwards, divorce decree.
Mary G. Cash vs. Fred J. Cash, divorce decree.
Nancy Lou Gidney vs. Frank LeRoy Gidney, divorce decree.
Grace Eudell Rodgers vs. Edward H. Rodgers, divorce decree.
Evelyn E. DeSalvo vs. Joseph D. DeSalvo, divorce decree.
Winford C. Saylor vs. Phyllis Saylor, divorce decree.
Joan Decker vs. Richard Alan Decker, divorce decree.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
David Malcolm Drummond, Medford, and Margaret Teding Van Berckhout, Troutdale.
Edward John Pasley, Lodi, Calif., and Edna May Pooth, Medford.
Jerry Glenn Lehman and Mary Kay McCormick, both of Medford.

JACKSONVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT
Herman Linton Stubbs, Medford, driving while driver's license suspended, \$100.
Kenneth C. Phillips, 365 South Third st., burning without fire permit and after hours, \$25.
Robert Rodes, Medford, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Hudson Bransom, North Oregon st., violation of basic rule, \$15.
Olgo M. Sparks, Central Point, parking wrong side of street, \$2.50.

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