

New York Girl to Wed Oriental Prince

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Gangtok, Sikkim—UPI—A 22-year-old post-debutante, Hope Cooke of New York and Sarah Lawrence college, is about to wed the Crown Prince of this tiny Buddhist kingdom in the sky that borders with Tibet and India.

Before the wedding March 20 in an Oriental chapel beneath the snow-cooled shades of the Himalayas, members of the bride's party will do mock battle on the palace lawn with the followers of Maharajkumar Palden Thondup Namgyal, 40.

The outcome is fixed. The bridegroom's party will win (the prince thinks it pretty silly but is going along with tradition of the days when men of Sikkim fought for the few choice women available).

When they enter the chapel, they may be accompanied by those who have been screened and cleared by Royal Sikkimese astrologers who have studied horoscopes of the guests and ruled out those which do not "harmonize" with the wedding couple's.

Miss Cooke will thereupon become the first American girl to join the ranks of royalty since Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier in 1956. As wife of the Crown Prince in this Yellowstone park-sized nation, she will rank the social equal of Princess Grace and slightly above the Duchess of Windsor.

Fate Unknown
Little Sikkim, with fewer than 165,000 people, has a mountainous border with Tibet, now controlled by the Red Chinese, and its own fate is far from secure.

By treaty, India bears responsibility for Sikkim's defense, communications and foreign affairs. The protectorate's day-to-day administration is handled by a New Delhi-appointed prime minister and the Maharajkumar and his elderly father are supreme only in religious affairs.

Miss Cooke, a brown-haired, bright-eyed girl, met her fiancé, a 40-year-old widower with three children, while travelling with college friends in India in 1959. They found they had much in common. The Crown Prince had received a western education under English tutors; Miss Cooke had a surprising knowledge of Oriental history and culture.

Correspondents
After her return to New York, the couple corresponded and, when the prince proposed, Miss Cooke accepted. The Maharajkumar made formal announcement of the engagement in 1961, but the court astrologers ruled out a wedding in 1962 (a "black year" for marriages) and the couple set the ceremony for 1963.

A royal wedding committee is now arranging accommodations for nearly 15,000 Sikkimese who will converge on Gangtok by March 20. All will be treated as royal guests and provided food and shelter. These caravans will include Mandarins and Monks, weather-beaten and withered with age, spinning their prayer wheels and philosophically sniffing at the winds of change that are blowing over the Himalayas.

Although the wedding ceremony will be performed strict-



New Delhi—Maharajkumar (Crown Prince) of Sikkim, and his fiancée, Hope Cooke, a former Sarah Lawrence college student, are shown here in a photograph made in 1962. The couple will be married in Gangtok, capital of Sikkim, on March 20. (UPI)

ly in accordance with the Buddhist customs, the bride need not give up her Episcopalian faith.

On entering the Palace Gumpa (chapel), the bride will place a white scarf on the altar, signifying her desire to wed. Then the high priest will conduct prayers in Sanskrit. An hour-long chanting of hymns from Buddhist scriptures and calling out of genealogical tables of bride and bridegroom will follow. The ceremony will be supplemented by a civil marriage registration.

The occasion is climaxed with the royal couple buried nose-deep under a heap of spotless white silken scarves, offered by relatives and guests.

Dancing, drinking and banqueting goes on for four days. "This is going to be a long and tiring thing," the prince said recently. "I love the Christian marriage where, the ceremony being over, the couple is left alone."

Guardians To Attend
Among the few Americans in the bridal party will be Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Chapin, Hope's guardians. Mr. Chapin is former U.S. Ambassador to Iran. She lived with them in Tehran.

The bride-to-be is listed in the New York social register. Her parents died when she was young and she was the ward of her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Winchester Noyes, until their deaths. The Noyes moved in the most conservative social circles.

Hope's friends think she will make out fine in her new surroundings.

"Hope was always a little out of place in the west," said one of her classmates at exclusive Sarah Lawrence College for Women. "She's always been crazy about the Orient and will feel right at home on a cloud."

The crown prince is the second son of his highness Sir Tashi Namgyal, the present Maharajah. His elder brother, a Royal Air Force pilot, was killed in a crash in 1941.

The Maharajkumar is a clean-shaven, handsome Asian who wears ankle-length Mandarin coats over western-style trousers. Born a "rimpoche" or incarnate Lama, he spent much of his early life in a monastery.

He gave up his cloistered life when his brother died. Although not a playboy, the crown prince loves fast sports cars, the twist and music, both Indian and western.

He has two sons and a daughter, aged 10, 9 and 7, born of his first Tibetan wife who died in 1957.

The palace where they live is an unpretentious two-story red and yellow painted building.

Most foreign visitors to Gangtok are reminded of Switzerland. The town of 7,000 is neatly laid on the hillside with cobbled paths and curving iron roofs painted blue, yellow and red.

The entire nation has only 90 miles of road passable by automobile. But then, Princess Grace's Monaco is smaller than New York's Central park.

Party Honors Four Travelers On Departure

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henselman and Mr. and Mrs. James Richeson were honored recently at a surprise Hawaiian "shipwreck party" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Thurman, Ardmore drive. The other host couple was Mr. and Mrs. William Tycor. The Henselmans and Richesons are spending a vacation in Hawaii.

The honored couples were presented with a selection of Hawaiian shirts and mums to wear for the occasion. Guests were presented with leis.

A buffet supper was served featuring an island-type menu of whole roast pig, fresh fruit salads in fresh pineapple shells with marshmallow coconut sauce and chiffon pineapple banana cream cake.

Decorations included a Polynesian head carved out of ice, yellow bamboo, artichoke centers and orange branches. The tables were covered with cloths overlaid with fishnets. Decorations in other parts of the home included palm trees, monkeys, colored floats in fishnets, Hawaiian hut and fish. Tropical flowers and fruits were also used in the decorations.

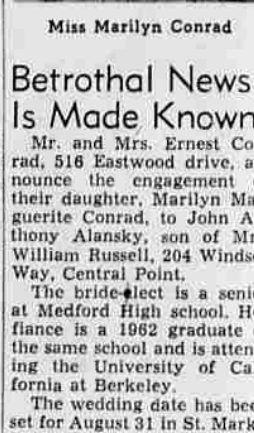
Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Tom Donahue, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunley, Mrs. Lois Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mosher, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vance.

SOC Students Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. John Eads, 356 South Groveland avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Eads, to James J. Osborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Osborn, 410 Newtown street, Medford.

Both young people are graduates of Medford High school with the class of 1961, and are now attending Southern Oregon college. Mr. Osborn is employed in the circulation department of the Medford Mail Tribune.

A late summer wedding is planned.



Miss Marilyn Conrad

Betrothal News Is Made Known

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Conrad, 516 Eastwood drive, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marilyn Marguerite Conrad, to John Anthony Alansky, son of Mrs. William Russell, 204 Windsor Way, Central Point.

The bride-elect is a senior at Medford High school. Her fiancé is a 1962 graduate of the same school and is attending the University of California at Berkeley.

The wedding date has been set for August 31 in St. Mark's Episcopal church, Medford.

Woman Arrives In Germany

Mrs. E. Dan Oldham, the former Miss Sharyn Foster, daughter of Mrs. James Foster, 734 Garfield avenue, has arrived in Balreuth, Germany, to join her husband, E. Dan Oldham, a private first class stationed there with the Army.

He has been in Germany for the past six months while Mrs. Oldham was making her home here with the Fosters. Mr. Oldham is a son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Claude Oldham, 827 West Fourteenth street.

In making the trip, Mrs. Oldham made stopovers in Glasgow, Scotland and Amsterdam, Holland. Her husband met her at Nuremberg.

Though the life in a section of the city at one time occupied by the Nazis, Mrs. Oldham has written that the apartment in which they live has no hot water; no water at all in the kitchen and no heat in the bathroom. They do have a refrigerator, which is considered by others a luxury.

The couple expects to live in Bayreuth for the next year.



Judith Ann Brill

Brills Announce Betrothal News

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brill, 75 Lozier lane, announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Ann, to Robert Keith Addington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Addington, 1316 Worden avenue, Klamath Falls.

The bride-elect is a senior in elementary education at Southern Oregon college.

The bridegroom-elect is a senior in animal husbandry at California Polytechnic institute, San Luis Obispo. He plans to enter veterinary school at Washington State university, Pullman.

A December wedding is planned.

Parents Tell Of Engagement

The parents of Miss Jean Marie Heidemann, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle J. Heidemann, 1209 Siskiyou boulevard, Medford, have announced her engagement to Gary C. Fields, who is stationed with the Navy in San Diego, Calif. The bridegroom-elect is a son of Mrs. H. C. Fields, 411 Beatty street, Medford, and the late Mr. Fields.

Miss Heidemann is employed as a secretary at Littrell Parts company. Both she and her fiancé are Medford High school graduates.

No wedding date has been set.



Miss Sharon Eads (Landis photo)

Style Show Theme Is Announced

"In Your Easter Bonnet" will be the theme for the Welcome Wagon club of Medford style show March 21. The evening event will be held in the Girls Community club. The public is invited.

Styles will be furnished by The Carriage House and Mann's Department store. Tickets may be obtained at either store or will be available the evening of the show at the club.

Mrs. Richard Schieferstein is show chairman. Mrs. Arthur Wilson has charge of the decorations.

Bridge and pinocle will be played, refreshments served and prizes given.

The club met Thursday evening in the Girls Community club. William Patton, manager of the Oregon Shakespearean festival, was guest speaker. All newcomers are invited to join the activities of the group.

Club To Honor Past Presidents

Past presidents of the Past Noble Grandis club will be honored during a club meeting Thursday, March 14 at 8 p.m., in the Girls Community club. Mrs. Esther Coleman, president, will preside.

Any past presidents who do not have transportation may arrange for it by calling Mrs. Coleman, telephone 773-1537.

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The marriage of Miss Charlene Edwards to James Culver Miller III of Medford is set for Sunday, March 17, in a Presbyterian church in Napa, Calif.

The bride-elect is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester W. Edwards, Napa, and Mr. Miller is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Culver Miller, 411 Oakwood drive in Medford.

The Millers will leave Friday for Napa to attend the ceremony. The bridegroom's brother, Stephen, will be best man and brother, John, will be an usher. A sister, Miss Nancy Miller, who attends Santa Catalina School for Girls in Monterey, will also be in Napa for the ceremony. Also attending from Medford will be Mr. and Mrs. Frank Preston and their daughter, Sue.



Jean Marie Heidemann (Brainerd photo)

Dads To Bake PTA Cakes

Lone Pine - Election of officers and a Dads' cake bake contest are scheduled for Lone Pine Parent Teacher association members Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m.

A prize for the decorated cake judged best will be awarded. The cakes will be auctioned and proceeds will go toward uniforms for the girls' soft ball team.

Mothers of third grade students will be in charge of refreshments.

Chapter AA

Chapter AA of the PEO sisterhood will meet Wednesday, March 13, at Rogue Valley Manor. Dessert will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Mrs. R. W. Sletter, Mrs. F. R. Olds, Mrs. Lee Ellsworth, and Mrs. C. Collins will be hostesses for the meeting.

Ashland Couple Announce News Of Engagement

Ashland—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Dugan, 1100 West Valley View road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Kathryn Dugan, to David Alan Goodwin.

Miss Dugan is at present teaching music in the public school at Mt. Angel, Oregon. She attended St. Mary's High school in Medford and is a 1961 graduate of the University of Portland.

Mr. Goodwin is the son of Mrs. E. L. Vilott, Ajo, Ariz., and Donald Goodwin, Prescott, Ariz. He completed four years of training in the United States Navy last summer and is now attending Arizona State college at Flagstaff. He is majoring in zoology.

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(Caption text is partially obscured but likely identifies the bride-elect.)

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Annual Square-Up Set For Coming Week End

Square dancers from throughout northern California and Oregon will attend a two-day square-up at Southern Oregon college, Ashland, March 16 and 17.

The event will be held at Britt ballroom starting Saturday at 3 p.m. The afternoon session will be from 3 to 5 p.m. and starting at 8:30 p.m. that evening. Dick Houlton, Stockton, Calif., will call the evening session and all interested callers will participate during the earlier session.

Parties will be held from midnight to 2 a.m. at the Bellview Grange hall in Ashland and the Country Square in Talent. These are to be hosted by the Rogue Sis-Q Area council of Square Dancers. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Sunday's activities will start at 8 a.m. with a buckeroo breakfast to be served at Bellview Grange until 11 a.m. From 10 to 11:30 a.m. a round dance workshop will be held with two new rounds being taught. Dancing will begin at noon, continuing until 4 p.m.

Approximately 20 callers from Oregon and northern California will take part.

The state federation of square dancers presents two state wide festival each year. The first was held in Eugene last month with 1,000 dancers attending. The next event will be the Far Western Square Dance festival, also scheduled in Eugene, which will host square dancers from the eight western states.

The Rogue Sis-Q Area council is bidding for the state festival to be held next year. Between 4,000 and 6,000 dancers generally attend.

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