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MR. AND MRS. OSBORN IN GRAMOPHONE MARRIAGE TEST 24 Years Wed, They Renewed Vows For Record

MR. ALBERT OSBORN, 49-year-old electrical maintenance engineer, arrived at his home in Morley-road, Leyton, East London, after work last night, called "Shan't be long, dear" to his wife, and ran upstairs to change from his dungarees.

A few minutes later he came down, spick and span in his Sunday suit, offered his arm to his wife, Beatrice, and walked with her to St. Edward's Church next door.

There, standing side by side at the altar steps beneath a hanging microphone, Mr. and Mrs. Osborn took again the vows that made them husband and wife 24 years ago.

Clear 'I Will'

The vows taken, the "I wills" spoken clearly and firmly, bride and bridegroom of 24 years ago kissed.

Only the microphone and a disc whirling on a recording unit in the vestry, making a record of the ceremony, gave clues to the reasons for Mr. and Mrs. Osborn's second "wedding."

They were rehearsing Britain's first recorded wedding, so that the timing and the technical side of the recording will be perfect when the real bride and bridegroom say "I will" this afternoon.

To-day's bride is 25-year-old Eileen Shepherd, of Twickenham - road, Leyton.

When she marries Norman Ronald Wildlake, of Chingford, batteries of press cameras and film units will be in the church to "record the recording."

The bride watched last night's rehearsal.

The Vicar's Idea

The whole idea is the vicar's. He thinks that the marriage ceremony played over on a record by husband and wife in a moment of stress when their marriage threatens to break may heal the breach.

"I have given permission for the cameras and film units to be inside the church, because the idea of saving marriages is so important," the vicar said.

Mrs. Osborn, last night's "bride," thinks the idea is grand.

"It may well prevent husband and wife drifting permanently apart," she said.

Their Marriage Is On The Record



IT'S hard to imagine that this charming, smiling couple will ever have any trouble in their married life. But if later on there should be any tiffs or quarrels, they've got the answer with them in the picture, according to the Rev. D. E. James, the vicar who married them yesterday.

The couple, twenty-five-year-old Eileen Shepherd, of Twickenham-rd., Leyton, and Norman Ronald Wildlake, of Chingford, were married at St. Edward's Church, Leyton, East London.

And the church was wired for sound. A record was made of the whole ceremony.

It was the vicar's idea. "If a recording of the marriage ceremony could be played over by couples in moments of stress when their marriage threatens to break up it might help to prevent a separation," he says.

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