

## 5000 CROWD AT WEDDING

### Glasgow Ceremony

A crowd of about 5000 people gathered outside St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, yesterday afternoon for the wedding of the son of Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, the Hon. David Montgomery, to Miss Mary Connell. When he arrived at the cathedral and as he left his car Lord Montgomery stood for a few minutes waving to the crowd, and then made his way slowly up to the cathedral door. There he paused again, and waved several times to the cheering people. When the bride's car arrived, unadorned except for a bunch of white heather on the bonnet and a white horse shoe, another cheer went up.

Inside the cathedral the pews reserved for the public had begun filling up from 12.30 p.m. and by 1.30 the guests were in their places. With their nannies in attendance, the little bridesmaids and pages waited at the end of the aisle, wrapped in warm shawls or white fur jackets, and with one little boy in a small plaid. The little girls wore white organdie over yellow satin, and wreaths of spring flowers. The boys were in kilts, with white shirts.

A few minutes before two o'clock, when the service was due to begin, cheering heralded the arrival of the field-marshal. In the dress uniform of the Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, with 10 rows of medal ribbons, Lord Montgomery walked smiling down the aisle. He was escorted by the chief usher, Mr C. R. Connell (the bride's brother), and Major J. W. Webber, his A.D.C.

#### BRIDE'S ARRIVAL

The robed choir were in their places by the time the bride arrived with her father, Mr Charles Connell. She wore a cream satin dress, with a long tulle veil held in place by a pearl circlet. Her bouquet was white and cream flowers, and she wore pearl ear-rings and brooch. In blue and gold vestments, the Provost of the Cathedral, the Very Rev. M. P. G. Leonard, preceded the bride and her father up the aisle to where the bridegroom and the best man, Mr John Whitley, were waiting.

The Provost was assisted in the service by the Rev. J. N. F. Earle, who was at Cambridge with the bridegroom. The wedding music included Elgar's Nimrod and the hymns "The King of Love" and "O Perfect Love." Mozart's anthem "Ave Verum" was sung during the signing of the register.

After a reception at the bride's home, Craigallan, Milngavie, the couple left for Renfrew Airport on the first stage of their honeymoon, which is being spent on the Continent. The bride travelled in a grey-blue suit with a straw hat to match and a grey coat.

#### "NO SMOKING"

Earlier in the day when Viscount Montgomery and the bridegroom received press representatives at the Buchanan Arms, Drymen, the first "command" was "No smoking."

Stating that his son had returned after two years in Malaya, where he was an executive in the Shell organisation, Viscount Montgomery added that he himself visited Scotland for the first time in 1944 after leaving the Eighth Army to prepare for Normandy. At that time many of the soldiers were in Scotland.

Lord Montgomery said he had given his son and Miss Connell each a wrist watch for his wedding present. The bridegroom gave the bride diamond and sapphire earrings to match the diamond and sapphire engagement ring which the field-marshal had helped Miss Connell to choose a year ago. The bride gave the bridegroom a set of ivory-backed hairbrushes. So many presents did the young couple receive that the field-marshal said, "They will not want anything for the next 50 years."

The bridegroom said that he first met Miss Connell when she attended a dance at Cambridge. She would return with him to Malacca, about 150 miles from Singapore.

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