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MASS-MARRIAGE IN THE PROVINCE OF NORTH-BRABANT.

Length: 54 metres

Date: February 23rd 1954.

In the village of Berkel-Enschot, in the province of North-Brabant, the families de Kort and Bertens have established a new world-record "Wedding-celebrating".

Jo de Kort and Piet Bertens formed together the first bridal couple. Ad de Kort and An Bertens the second. And that wasn't all, for there came Annie de Kort and Gerard Bertens; Riek de Kort and Frans Bertens, and Tine de Kort and Jan van Haaren who is a member of the family Bertens.

Six bridal cars brought their passengers to the Town-hall of Berkel-Enschot.

Thanks to a thorough preparation confusion was saved here, and one by one the couples were joined in matrimony by the Burgomaster.

Then the 12 went to a near-by village where the marriages would receive the religious blessing.

Some thousands of onlookers filled the square and the church itself. For those who were in the church the marriage-ceremony was an unforgettable scene.

Back again at the farm of the family de Kort, they entered a marquee, in which the reception was held, as the parental house was too small for it.

It was a great day for Berkel-Enschot, and for Holland too, which will soon lose 4 of these enterprising couples, for they booked already for an emigrants' flight to Canada.