

GORDON FIRIE WEDS.

There's a big crowd waiting outside Carlton Hall when Gordon Pirie, 25-year-old British Olympic runner, arrives for his wedding. Gordon's bride is 21-year-old Shirley Hampton - herself a sprinter.

Shirley's father leads the bride up the steps into the hall, where many of the young couple's fellow-athletes have gathered to see them married. Gordon and Shirley are only having a two-day honeymoon - then Gordon will be on his way for Melbourne and the 1956 Olympic Games. But Shirley will be going there too - and it's a one-way trip, for they plan to make their home in New Zealand after the Games.

Gordon and Shirley are used to cameras at the finish - but this is the first time there have been quite so many at the start!