

"WEDDING OF THE CENTURY"

Dahn Camberwell, Sarf East London - what a wedding: For one thing, Hughie Green was Best Man. But it was the Groom, Sidney Thain, who was the Number One Attraction. He said he was 102 years old. Lucky Maud Franklin was a blushing bride who could only boast 73 summers. Nancy Roberts helped her down at the Register Office, with at least 5,000 looking on.

In the breast of centenarian Sidney beats a young heart. He only met Maud six weeks ago, and then he wasn't content with popping the Question, he told her they were going to marry. Simply left her no choice. Ne girl can resist a man like that. Extra police had to be on hand, to keep the crowd at a distance.

But over all that happiness there was just a slight cloud. The birth certificate showed that Sidney wasn't 102, only 79. Still, it's the sort of mistake we might all make, in the throes of falling in love. Besides, he was bombed out, in the war, and his memory isn't too good. Anyway, Maud doesn't mind. There's a lot to be said for having a young husband.