



Lieut. and Mrs. James P. Ryan leave Roman Catholic Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity after wedding.

16 West Point Officers Take Marriage Vows

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WEST POINT, N. Y., June 3 —For most young men, graduating from college is a milestone in itself. Another milestone, usually a little later in life, is marriage. But today, 16 West Pointers took both ceremonies in stride.

The benedict graduates were sworn in with their classmates as Army or Air Force second lieutenants at commencement exercises at the Field House this morning. They were the first of 42 former cadets of the United States Military Academy, who have filed intentions to be married here within five days.

With barely time to change from cadet grays into brand-new dress blues with gold shoulder bars, the first of the day's bridegrooms hurried to the Roman Catholic Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity, nestled atop a hill overlooking the Hudson River to await his fiancée.

The first wedding began promptly at 1 P.M. as the strains of the Wedding March from "Lohengrin" echoed through the stillness. Some 20 minutes later, after repeating their marriage vows, the couple left the church and passed under an arch of glinting steel formed by the crossed sabers of the ushers and into a barrage of clicking news cameras, confetti and rice.

The scene quickly shifted to the cathedral-like Protestant Cadet Chapel, where the next wedding was scheduled to start at 1:30 P.M. There were repetitions at half-hour intervals until 7 P.M., when the last wedding of the day took place.

Mary Dalton a Bride

The first marriage was of Second Lieut. James P. Ryan and Miss Mary Dalton. Lieutenant Ryan won the privilege of becoming the first bridegroom through a drawing held last year, a week before the cadets' Christmas leave.

His bride, who wore a white gown, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Dalton of Nutley, N.J. Lieutenant Ryan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram L. Ryan of Leavenworth, Kan. He has been assigned to the Corps of Engineers. Msgr. Joseph P. Moore performed the ceremony.

Next at the Cadet Chapel Second Lieut. Frank C. Mashburn Jr. of the Artillery married Miss Evelyn Carol Rothrock. Their parents are Commander Mashburn, U.S.N., retired, and Mrs. Mashburn of Gulfport, Miss., and Capt. Hamilton I. Rothrock U.S.N., and Mrs. Rothrock of Alamo, Calif. Major E. A. Raynis of the

Chaplains Corps performed the ceremony.

Other couples wed in the Cadet Chapel, by Rev. James D. Ford, assistant chaplain of the academy, were:

Second Lieut. Norman S. Smith Jr., Artillery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Claymont, Del., and Miss Sally A. Roecker, daughter of Mrs. Edythe Connors of Arlington, Va., and Charles Roecker of Flourtown, Pa.

Second Lieut. Larry A. Bryan, Artillery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Bryan of Wichita, Kan., and Miss Patty M. Esner, daughter of Mrs. Gladys R. Esner of Fort Montgomery.

Colonel's Son Weds

Second Lieut. Douglas P. O'Neal, Signal Corps, son of Lieut. Col. William P. O'Neal, U.S.A., retired, and Mrs. O'Neal of Tucson, Ariz., and Miss Ruth Faye Driskill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Driskill of Sheridan, Wyo. The bridegroom's father graduated with the class of '35 from West Point.

Second Lieut. Gary J. Walk, Artillery, son of Mrs. Aubrey Smith of San Antonio, Tex., and Miss Margaret A. Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fisher, of San Antonio.

Second Lieut. Jere M. Richardson, Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Richardson of Montebello, Calif., and Miss Faye O. Lorenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lorenson of Spokane, Wash. The bridegroom, who was graduated first in his class, held that position during four years at the academy. He received awards in mathematics, advanced chemistry, electricity, physics, ordnance engineering, the mechanics of solids as well as for his standing.

Also at the Cadet Chapel, Second Lieut. Arnold Houston Gaylor, Armor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Gaylor of Bessemer, Ala., married Miss Linda Jane Wermick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Wermick of Bedford, Pa. The Rev. H. W. Gaylor Jr. of Los Angeles, a brother of the bridegroom, performed the ceremony.

The other couples married in the Catholic Chapel by Monsignor Moore were:

Second Lieut. John F. Murray, Artillery, son of Col. John F. T. Murray, U.S.A., and Mrs. Murray of Charlottesville, Va., and Miss Louise Ann Rashid, daughter of Lieut. Col. Ralph J. Rashid, U.S.A., and Mrs. Rashid of Monroeville, Pa. The bridegroom's father graduated in 1941 from the academy.

Margaret Brooks Wed

Second Lieut. John A. Cope, Infantry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Cope of Pittsfield, Mass., to Miss Margaret Ann Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brooks of Jackson Heights, Queens.

Second Lieut. Richard Tiplady, Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Tiplady of Dearborn, Mich., to Specialist 4 Barbara Ann Day, Women's Army Corps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Day of Marlboro, Mass. The bride is a dental technician at the West Point Army Hospital.

Of tomorrow's 11 weddings, 7 will be held in the Cadet Chapel, 3 in the Catholic Chapel and 1 in the Post Chapel. There will be 2 weddings on Friday, 11 on Saturday and the remaining 2 on Sunday.

On Sunday, Second Lieut. Arthur L. West 3d, Armor, son of Brigadier General West, assistant division commander, Third Armored Division, and Mrs. West, will marry Miss Karen Collins, daughter of Col. Kenneth W. Collins, deputy commandant of cadets at West Point, and Mrs. Collins. The ceremony will be performed at 4 P.M. in the Cadet Chapel.