



AT WEDDING SCENE—Screen Actress Marilyn Monroe and Yankee Clipper Joe DiMaggio shown at their wedding in Judge Peery's chambers in San Francisco.

(AP Wirephoto)

Marilyn Monroe Becomes Bride of Joe DiMaggio

**Film Actress and Former Baseball Star
Wed Before Happy Throng in San Francisco**

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14 (AP) Miss Marilyn Monroe of the movies became the bride of former Baseball Star Joe DiMaggio today in a civil ceremony which drew nearly 500 spectators.

Presiding Municipal Judge Charles S. Peery performed the ceremony in his City Hall chambers on the Plaza famed for its pigeons.

The bride was radiant as she exchanged the vows with the blushing DiMaggio.

The good-natured throng delayed the ceremony for several minutes because an official with the marriage license had difficulty pushing his way into the judge's chambers.

Judge Calls for Quiet

Judge Peery called "quiet" as he prepared to begin the ceremony.

The crowd took up the cry, "shhshing" those who were talking.

As silence settled over the scene, Judge Peery began the simple single-ring ceremony at 1:45 p.m.

It was quiet until word came that they were married. Then it turned almost into a mob scene as everyone elbowed for a ringside spot as the couple came out.

Joe kissed Marilyn, somewhat bashfully but very well, for the photographers. He did it repeatedly without too much urging.

Joe's best man was Reno Barsacchani, manager of Joe's restaurant on famed Fisher-

man's Wharf. The matron of honor was Mrs. Barsacchani.

Frank (Lefty) O'Doul, who gave Joe his baseball start with the San Francisco Seals years ago when Joe was an awkward youngster, also attended the ceremony with Mrs. O'Doul as did Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dimaggio (the brothers capitalize their names differently).

"We are both very happy," the actress said as she and Joe waited for the ceremony to begin.

Joe nodded a happy assent. He wore a blue suit while Miss

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Monroe was attired in a dark brown broadcloth suit, with a broad ermine collar.

She carried three white orchids, and did not wear a hat.

Exit Blocked

After the ceremony, the newlyweds tried to leave through a rear entrance to the City Hall. But the large crowd surged happily but in orderly manner toward them.

They had to struggle to get out of the building.

It was the second marriage for each. Miss Monroe was married at 15 to James Dougherty, now a policeman in Van Nuys. Her studio says it "was a short-lived marriage which she prefers to forget."

Joe was divorced from Dorothy Arnold, a film actress. They had one son.

O'Doul and Barsacchini finally opened a way through the crowd for the newlyweds and they climbed into their automobile and drove away.

Ceremony Delay

The ceremony today was delayed while Deputy Clerk David Dunne sent for a typewriter on which to make out the marriage license.

On the marriage license Mar-

lyn gave her age as 25. Joe's was listed as 39.

Miss Monroe signed it first, and then Joe affixed his name.

The room was stuffy and Judge Peery himself opened a window.

Joe declined to say where they would spend their honeymoon.

"We are just driving," he said. "We got a lot of miles to put behind us."

Plan to Live in North

He indicated they plan to make their home in San Francisco, going to Hollywood whenever Marilyn has a picture to make. But Marilyn said she has no plans for movies now.

In an effort to keep their much-talked-about but unannounced wedding plans secret, the film star and the former Yankee baseball slugger didn't even let the judge know he was to perform the ceremony until early this afternoon.

Yet by the time they were married the crowd was so thick that DiMaggio, aided by Barsacchini and O'Doul, had to elbow a pathway for Marilyn to the elevator.

Miss Monroe and DiMaggio have been virtually hiding out here for more than a week, pri-

marily to keep their marriage plans secret.

Judge Peery was called from a Bar Association luncheon today by Barsocchini, whom he has known for years, and asked to perform the ceremony.

The wedding party had scarcely arrived before the crowd gathered. Nobody seems to know where they all came from. First the cameramen and reporters. Then the City Hall attaches. And finally—just people.

Communication between the crowd and the wedding scene was through reporters standing on a desk in the judge's outer office peering over a transom.

Judge Peery said later that he had missed a golden opportunity as he finished the ceremony.

"I forgot to kiss the bride," he said. "And I'm sorry."

Word 'Obey' Dropped

The judge said the single-ring ceremony was no different from other marriages he has performed. Marilyn promised to "love, honor and cherish," following the modern fashion of eliminating the word "obey."

The marriage followed a two-year romance which Marilyn said began when she met the Yankee Clipper "on a blind date in Los Angeles."