

Torrance Cinderella Bride Flees Wealthy Mate; Hides

Cinderella Bride to Divorce Rich Mate

Torrance's Cinderella bride filed suit Monday for \$10,000-a-month separate maintenance from her Prince Charming in San Francisco.

Martha Morris DeVigier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Morris of Torrance, told her attorney that the charm had worn off after two weeks of married life.

She filed suit in San Francisco Superior Court, charging Swiss-born Roland DeVigier, 28, with general cruelty.

Besides the \$10,000 a month, she asks \$75,000 attorneys fees and court costs from DeVigier, formerly heralded as one of the world's most eligible bachelors.

At 6 a.m. today, the millionaire Prince Charming, without a golden slipper, boarded an airliner at Los Angeles Municipal Airport and flew to San Francisco, where he hopes to win back the love of his bride.

DeVigier had no comment to make regarding the flight. However, Dudley Gray, prominent Gardena lawyer and brother-in-law of "Cinderella", said, "In my opinion Martha is being influenced by other people and is not acting of her own volition." He accompanied DeVigier.

Mrs. Charles Morris, mother of the bride, when reached by a Press reporter, denied the divorce story and labeled it preposterous.

She said, "I was with them in San Francisco Sunday. I had lunch with them. They were still very much in love."

The last person to see Martha before she left for San Francisco apparently was a former schoolmate, William Sippel, 18, of 4336 Elm street.

Sippel told reporters that last Thursday he drove Martha to Los Angeles in her car, a 1951 Cadillac Coupe de Ville. He said they put the car in a parking lot and went into a drug store for sandwiches.

He said that Martha told him about noon she had to meet some friends and, after giving her \$15,

Sippel drove her car back to Long Beach and parked it at Municipal Airport, where Martha had left it the night before.

"I haven't seen her since," said Sippel, who told of being questioned by sheriff's deputies and Long Beach detectives.

Before her mysterious departure, Sippel said he had seen Martha on several occasions. One of those times was the morning the story of the Cinderella marriage broke in The Independent. They read it together while eating hamburgers in a downtown Long Beach restaurant.

Late Monday night the bride, who first met her millionaire Prince Charming in a malt shop, could not be reached in San Francisco. Her attorney, Leon Sorrell, said the girl had been "referred to me." He said she was in the San Francisco area "but naturally does not wish her present whereabouts known."

The newlyweds had planned a honeymoon trip to South America, but the bride said it was off. The golden coach had turned back into a pumpkin.

The couple were married secretly in Quartzite, Ariz., two months after they met at the counter of a West Carson street soda fountain and were subsequently remarried in Paris in a solemn high mass at Notre Dame Cathedral.

They flew back to the United States reportedly en route to a honeymoon in South America.

The whirlwind honeymoon also was scheduled to take the couple to Italy and Switzerland where the breathless bride was to have had her first glimpse of the DeVigier family estate in Geneva.

Martha, who abandoned her junior class at St. Anthony's High School to wed her Prince Charming with the blessings of her family, wore a \$700 wedding gown and a century-old DeVigier family heirloom necklace for their formal wedding in France.

The couple were accompanied to Paris by the bride's sister,



MARTHA MORRIS DE VIGIER

Box Supper and Hunt Held in Pacific Hills

Gaily clad in cottons and denims party-goers of the Pacific Hills area enjoyed a box supper and scavenger hunt last Saturday night. About 20 couples deposited brightly decorated boxes of food in the auditorium of the Walteria Elementary School and then took off to scour the neighborhood in search of such items as a horseshoe with one nail in it and a silver dollar dated 1925.

SLIGHT RAIN

A slight rain didn't dampen spirits or efforts and the winning scavengers returned with 24 items of a list of 25. Winners and winnings were: Mr. and Mrs. I. Radtke, an electric kitchen clock and a \$3 gift certificate from Martin's Market, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Broderson, three passes to the San Pedro Drive-In Theater and a \$5 merchandise certificate from Dana's Style Center.

Second place winners returned with 19 acquisitions. This group included Mr. and Mrs. D. Menger, a set of steak knives from the Stanley Company and a \$5 certificate from the New Coast Nursery, H. Wrigley, \$10 gas certificate and a lube job from Barney's Service Station in Lomita, and Mrs. Opal Simon, one gallon of Foster's Freeze.

M. Splane and H. Klossner of the Torrance Press won nothing but scorn for their weak scavenging efforts.

CONTEST HELD

After the hunt a contest was held to select the best decorated supper box. Mrs. Opal Simon, creator of the prize parcel, was awarded a rhinestone necklace for her achievement.

The door prize, a very lovely table lamp, donated by the Lomita Furniture Co., was won by Mrs. Joyce Radtke, holder of the lucky ticket.

Al Langston, president of the Pacific Hills Improvement Association, said that this group is very enthusiastic about social events such as this one and plans to sponsor many more.

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Mrs. Dudley Gray, wife of a Gardena attorney.

DeVigier is executive vice president of Acrow, Inc., manufacturer of heavy construction equipment, a firm headed by his brother.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray Morris, 1429 W. 215th street, Torrance.

John Stroh In Phoenix

Police Chief John Stroh finally revealed his vacation destination. The Chief spent the first week working around the house. On Tuesday he and Mrs. Stroh left for Phoenix, Arizona, where they will visit friends. Stroh says he'll be back on the job on December 17th.

Abramson Ill; Rests at Home

Harry Abramson has been too active lately. His physician this week forced him to take off a few days from his National Home Appliance business. He is down with high blood pressure.

His wife said that he is recovering and should be at work within a day or two.

Torrance Brightened By Lights

Plans for making Sartori and El Prado the best illuminated streets in Torrance for holiday shopping became a reality this week. Aluminum garlands and gaily colored lights were strung up by the Jones Decorating Company.

Harry Abramson, chairman of the Christmas decoration committee, was one of the prime movers in the lighting program. Abramson has been ill this week, but has coached ably from his home.

The all-out effort of the business merchants along Sartori and El Prado to make Torrance really shine this holiday season is being appreciated and enjoyed by the citizens. The Christmas activities of everyone are greatly enhanced by the brilliant display of lights.

Mrs. H. A. Carr, Jr. gave birth to a baby girl on November 9. The infant, Paula Suzanne, has one sister, Kathleen, 1 1/2. Mr. Carr is employed by the U. S. Post Office.

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