

STATISTICS

1: A Marriage

The marriage ceremony took place at 0900 hours (in the morning)(both bride and groom being agreed on an early not to say quick getaway for their honeymoon in the Honduras -- their plans being simply to fly, at first, but later, after much discussion between them, to go by car as far as Florida, swim and bask a bit there on the notorious Florida beaches, and then continue their journey by plane)(the bride, it might be added, had been experiencing difficulty in seeing properly for some time before the wedding and blinked repeatedly during the ceremony, although only those up close, and certainly not those sitting in the rear aisles, noticed this) -- with less fanfare than might have been expected since one large party of a dozen cars consisting of the bridegroom's fraternity brothers from a college in North Carolina broke down on the road while motoring towards the City of the wedding and could not be present for the ceremonies(ADD LATE EDITIONS: The arrival of the fraternity brothers in the City caused more than a little comment among the natives, who had never seen a party of twelve cars in their lives before.) FLASH: Bride's first question after the ceremony took place was "Why?" She turned and asked this of the groom the moment the ring had been slipped on her finger and the words "I now pronounce you man and wife" had been uttered. Groom, nonplussed, grinned sheepishly at Bride then made a successful attempt to kiss her.

2: A Turtle

On the road this particular turtle of whom we are speaking dallied too long and a great big rolling humming hunk of the Machinery of Our Times (1959 Cadillac fully equipped in this case, and lavender in color, with, of course, the usual white sidewall tires, since this particular driver could afford them) caught up with our friend, this particular turtle, and flattened him -- yes, that's what I said, **flattened** him!

This all happened in southern South Carolina, and the Bride, of whom we spoke only a few minutes ago, saw this flattened "turtle" (for surely he was a turtle no more -- not after he'd been flattened) and -- fainted! This fainting took place in the Groom's 1959 Edsel (this particular Edsel happened to be a two-tone brown-and-tan), and it was the first really dramatic experience that our Bride and Groom had had since ... leaving the City of the wedding.

3: Tee Hee

or

After The Honeymoon

After the honeymoon was over, the former Bride and the former Groom had twelve children (all boys) and he worked in a bank, adding such columns of figures as these:

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Naturally he had an adding machine, and there was always the bowling on Thursday nights with his buddies to look forward to.

-- Robert Lowry

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