

Col. Starling Weds Mrs. White

U. S. Secret Service Chief, Who Arranged For President's Visit Here, Marries Former Garrard Co. Girl.

The following from Washington regarding Col. "Will" Starling, is of interest to those who know him in Harrodsburg. Col. Starling, President Roosevelt's secret service chief, came to Harrodsburg and made all arrangements with the local committee for the safe-guarding of the President during his visit in the fall of 1934 when he dedicated the Federal Monument in the Pioneer Memorial State Park. Col. Starling has been well known in this city since he was a young man in Hopkinsville. The news dispatch from Washington dated February 1, is as follows:

The man who guarded President Wilson on his honeymoon stole quietly away today on a honeymoon of his own—but not so far he couldn't keep an omniscient eye on the White House.

He's Col. Edwin William Starling, formerly of Hopkinsville, Ky.—the six-foot chief of the White House secret service staff.

His bride, a pretty brunette, was Mrs. Ida Lee Bourne White, formerly of Lancaster, Ky., hostess in one of the capital's broadcasting stations.

The officiating clergyman was Dr. James H. Taylor, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church which President Wilson attended. The bride wore a black velvet ensemble, trimmed with Persian lamb, and a gold lame blouse.

The only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Uiric Bell, Bell, a newspaper correspondent, is a former president of the Gridiron club. He and Mrs. Bell have been friends of the bride for several years.

No more picturesque person ever accident-proofed the path ahead of a chief executive than Col. Starling. He is known the country over, and far across the seas.

Stick him in any story book and he'd be every inch the hero, cool, quiet-voiced, a crack shot among the experts, and all the rest of it. And all he has needed all these years was the heroine.

So tonight it was complete.

Starling started as a deputy sheriff at 17 in Hopkinsville. He kept at it seven years, and did so well a railroad picked him as a special agent. He captured the "California Kid" train robber. Then he became chief special agent of the Southern Express Company.

Once Theodore Roosevelt "borrowed" him. And in 1913, he joined the White House secret service.

As Woodrow Wilson signed the joint resolution which plunged this country into the World War, Col. Starling stood watching him. He was at Wilson's side as he signed the Treaty of Versailles.

Also he walked with sadness intimately—the death of Harding—the death of Coolidge for Mrs. Coolidge turned to Starling in her sorrow even though she was gone from the White House.

Starling is a man who can even tell presidents where they get on, and where they get off, what they can do, and what crowds aren't safe for them to go into—and make them like it. His main duty now is to make life safe for President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

By keeping President Harding off one old Ohio river steamboat, he saved him possibly from an accident in which several were killed. Crowds anxious to see the president then on another boat overweighted one side of the craft first picked for the President and caused a tip deck to cave in.

WELL KNOWN NEGRO DIES AT SALVISA

Hade Smith, one of the outstanding Negro citizens of Mercer county, died at his home at Salvisa January 29, 1936. He had conducted a general merchandise store there for about 30 years and had a large volume of trade among the white citizens of that community. He was considered an honorable, upright man and was generally esteemed. He was a son of Jerry and Susan Smith, and is survived by his wife, Lullie Moore Smith, of Salvisa; a stepson, George Moore, of Columbus, O.; a brother and two sisters. His funeral was held at Salvisa Sunday with burial in the Negro cemetery there.

LOCAL PERSONS IN THE PICTURE NEWS

Col. Meriwether Smith and Mrs. Smith, formerly of Harrodsburg, Ex-Congressman Thatcher, formerly of Frankfort; Mrs. Jeter H. Horton and Mrs. Allen Gullion, formed an interesting and striking group of Kentucky Society notables in the Associated Press Photo News shown in The Louisville Times Magazine Section a few evenings ago.

ENOS SWAIN SECRETARY SOMERSET ORGANIZATION

Enos Swain, former editor of the Harrodsburg Democrat, was elected secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Somerset, which was re-organized Thursday evening at a dinner meeting of about 70 business and professional men. E. H. Patton was named president.

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