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Jones-Krieg

Vice Consul William L. Krieg and Miss Philinda Jones of Miami, Florida, and Orange, New Jersey, were married at the First Baptist Church, Lagos, Nigeria, British West Africa, on Saturday February 6, 1943. John McSweeney, Vice Consul at Accra, Gold Coast, was best man. A wedding reception followed under the mango trees in the garden of the Consul General's residence. The temperature was 92.8°F. and humidity 98.2.

The bride looked perfectly lovely and the groom wore a new suit, with trouser cuffs. Owing to the exigencies of the service, the wedding trip was limited to a day at Tarquah Bay, a South Atlantic holiday resort one mile from Lagos Island by canoe and just across the ocean from Georgetown, British Guiana.

The bride arrived at Lagos by ship on February 4 after a 45 day sea voyage from a North Atlantic east coast port, and any girl who could look as charming as she did after travelling six weeks through dangerous waters deserves a medal or a man like Bill Krieg. She reported, however, that the 6,528 mile sea voyage was easy compared to the 7,212 miles of red tape she went through before she could get passage.

Unfortunately it was not possible to make a wedding cake in Lagos, owing to the lack of powdered sugar, currants and whatnot, but the gallant Norse captain of the ship Miss Jones came on, ably assisted by the ship's cook, rushed into the breach and supplied an excellent cake. A last-minute catastrophe was narrowly averted when it was found impossible to remove the cake from the ship owing to lack of an import permit but a powerful American shipping organization swung into action and delivered the cake in time's nick.

After February 7 the bride and groom will be at home to friends at No. 4, Broad Street, Lagos, just over the American Consulate General.

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