

Richard Maitia Claims Emma Aires in Formal St. Mary's Ceremony

St. Mary's choir members provided a musical background for the marriage ceremony that united Miss Emma Aires and Mr. Richard J. Maitia January 13 in St. Mary's Catholic Church.

During the 4 o'clock afternoon rites, the choir sang for its two fellow-members. Mr. Gus Padula also presented a vocal solo with Dorothy Eproson Veit as accompanist.

Miss Aires was escorted to the altar by her father, Mr. Joseph Aires of Fresno. Her wedding gown was of ballerina-length and fashioned with a fitted bodice of brocade that topped a full net skirt. Her fingertip net veil was held by a pearl-lined orange blossom crown. She carried a nosegay of pink roses centered with violets. Mrs. John Maitia of Stockton, mother of the benedict, lent her onyx ring as a good luck token.

Miss Violet Aires attended her sister as maid of honor. She wore a full-length net gown with a matching picture hat. Her nosegay was of pink carnations.

Mr. Robert Maitia served his brother as best man and the ushers were Mr. Edmund Miramontes and Mr. John Prioll.

Baskets of white button chrysanthemums decorated the altar where the Rev. Father Juan Ornos officiated.

Mrs. H. L. Birdsey of Stockton witnessed her daughter's marriage wearing a gray wool dress with

a pink caranation corsage. Mrs. Maitia was attired in a black crepe dress with a pink carnation corsage.

One hundred guests attended the reception in Eagles Hall. Miss Rose Munoz, Miss Lucille Cardova and Mrs. Armon Sarquins assisted.

The new Mrs. Maitia changed to an iridescent navy blue taffeta dress with black accessories and a pink carnation corsage before she and her husband departed for a honeymoon in the Bay Area.

She attended Lodi High School and Stockton College and is a member of St. Mary's Senior Choir.

Mr. Maitia, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Maitia, graduated from Stockton College and is a member of the Carlos Roxas Folk Dance Club and St. Mary's Senior Choir. He is a past member of the Stockton College Troubadours and is currently associated with the Main Drug Company.

The young couple chose the close of a choir session in December to make the betrothal announcement. They set the wedding date shortly thereafter.

St. Mary's Choir surprised the engaged couple January 5 with a shower held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Armon Sarquins.

Out-of-town relatives and friends attended the wedding from Modesto and Fresno.

The newlyweds will establish residence in Stockton at the completion of their honeymoon.



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