

Barthol, Ernest Best

Nurse Becomes Bride of Army Sergeant

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At 7 o'clock last evening in Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church, the marriage of Miss Virginia Irene Barton, daughter of Mrs. James R. Barton, of 1523 West Market Street, and the late Mr. Barton, and Sgt. Ernest Best Barthol, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston C. Barthol, was solemnized. The Rev. A. Augustus Welsh performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. T. R. Jeffery, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Harold Kreidler, and had her sister, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Barton as her only attendant. She wore a gown of grey crepe with matching accessories and a corsage of orchids; while her maid of honor wore a black ensemble and a corsage of gardenias.

Mr. Barthol was his son's best man.

Traditional wedding music was played by David G. Samuels, organist. The church was decorated with palms and vases of flowers at the altar.

A dinner for the immediate families was served in the Hotel Bethlehem, after which the couple left for Salina, Kansas, where Sergeant Barthol is stationed.

The bride is a graduate of Liberty High School and the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia, where she was president of her class during her three years of training. She had been employed as operating room nurse at Methodist.

The bridegroom, also a graduate of Liberty High School, was in his junior year at Moravian College for Men when he enlisted in the Army Reserve. At college he was active in tennis, basketball and football, was president of his class and a member of the glee club, quartet and Student Council. He was inducted February 15, 1943, received his basic training in Florida, was graduated from the Armorer School, Buckley, Calif., and from the technical school at Lowry Field, Denver, Col. Sgt. Barthol is a member of a bomb squadron at Salina, Kan., and is a senior gunner on a P-29 super-bomber.

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