

# NYACK JOKERS GET MAYOR ARRESTED

By a Ruse They Strand Him,  
Decked as a Bride, on  
Town's Main Street.

HIS OWN POLICE NAB HIM

He Had Merely Gone Out to Adver-  
tise Rotary Club Play in  
Which He's to Star.

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NYACK, N. Y., April 15.—Mayor Theodore Odell, who is scheduled to star tomorrow night as the bride in the Rotary Club's production of "The Womanless Wedding," for the benefit of crippled children, is convinced after his experience this afternoon that the life of a thespian is considerably harder than that of a mayor.

The Mayor, stranded at Main and Broadway, the town's busiest corner, in all the finery of a bride at the altar, was an object of amusement for some 300 schoolchildren and merchants and then wound up by being arrested by his own Police Captain and ordered to a cell by his own Chief of Police.

The opera house is completely sold out for tomorrow's performance, but speculation is rife as to whether the Mayor will enact his scheduled rôle.

## Mayor Victim of a Plot.

The Mayor's predicament was the result of a plot hatched by Robert E. Rew, a bond broker, who is to play the part of the bridegroom in the Rotary Club's production, and A. S. Rossborough, local manager of the telephone company.

Under the pretext of advertising the play, they persuaded Mayor Odell to dress in the bridal outfit he will wear in the play and with Rew attired in the conventional evening clothes of a bridegroom, made a tour of all the towns and villages in Rockland County.

The Mayor wore a blond wig, his facial make-up was a work of art and no one suspected his identity. When the automobile in which they were riding drew into Nyack, Rossborough whispered to Rew and then announced that they would have to get out for a moment, as there was something the matter with the machine.

The Mayor stepped out and as he set foot on the ground Rew and Rossborough sped off, leaving him stranded in his bridal regalia.

Small boys and girls just dismissed from the afternoon classes gathered round with whoops of glee. Main Street and Broadway merchants came from their stores to see what was causing all the excitement, while the Mayor looked in vain for a taxicab or some other vehicle in which to escape.

Captain C. G. Grunholtz, newly appointed to the police force, was standing a block away with Patrolman Edward Griffin. They saw the crowd collect like magic and, taking a firmer grip on their clubs, hurried to the scene.

## Heads Parade to the Station.

With the captain on one side and the patrolman on the other, and with a crowd of 300 persons following, Mayor Odell was escorted to the police station.

Chief of Police Michael Furry, on duty behind the desk, glanced up in surprise as the six-foot bride with rouged face and painted lips was paraded before him.

The Mayor remained silent, so he was booked on a charge of impersonating a female and was remanded for examination.

He was taken to a back room by Chief Furry and Captain Grunholtz, while all the members of the police force that could crowded into the little room.

"Who are you anyway?" again demanded the Chief. Then the Mayor swept off his blond wig and, removing his veil, replied:

"Chief, I am your Mayor."

Then the Mayor removed his bride's garb, other clothes were found for him and he called a taxicab and went home.

All Nyack is wondering whether the Mayor will appear as the bride tonight and some of Nyack is wondering just how tight their jobs are. The Mayor remains silent.

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