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Police Beat

Old Dan Cupid Strikes Again

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Since June is traditionally the month for brides and grooms and romance, it might be timely to reveal a true-to-life police department "Love Story" and also bring you up to date on post marriage developments in two others.



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Old Dan Cupid reached into his quiver, drew one of his magical arrows and scored a direct hit on Ptn. Charles Recknagel, veteran clerk (25 years) in the police Communications Division and Miss Gloria Watson, a clerk in the Record Room.

They were married April 17 in Mobile, Ala., honeymooned at Gulf Breeze, Fla., and re-

turned to a big surprise party thrown by their fellow workers at police headquarters.

The two met in an elevator at police headquarters and it was a case of "love at first sight" which blossomed into a whirlwind courtship.

Yep, they're eating their lunches together whenever Charlie catches the 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. watch.

And they should live together happily ever after!

Remember the Romeo-Juliet yarn which appeared in this corner more than a year ago which dealt with a young motorcycle patrolman, Harry Harmison who fell in love with a beautiful girl while both were patients recovering from similar injuries that each suffered in motorcycle spills?

Both of them were burdened with cumbersome casts which

covered most of their bodies.

But old Dan Cupid didn't let this handicap deter him one iota. He drew a couple more arrows and scored two direct hits.

Thought you all might like to know that the very happy Harmison couple are the proud parents of a baby son, Bradley, born on April 13.

And remember the inter-office romance between Ptn. John Reilly of the Criminal Records Division and beautiful Lt. (Ret.) Claire Olson which wound up at the altar?

Well, we're happy to report that the Reillys are now proud parents, too. Their new daughter, Kellie Claire, was born on March 23, and naturally she's "living the life of Reilly!"

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD: Attorney Malcolm G. Mundy Jr. has confirmed that Pershing Gervais, storm center of the federal government's bribery cases against Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, two deposed police officers and several pinball operators, visited New Orleans May 5.

This was the same day that the big hi-jacked jet liner sat parked on the far runway of Moisant International Airport and sent government security agents scurrying around the big air terminal.

Mundy had checked Gervais in at a suburban motel in advance, and there were no D. A. office representatives on hand when Mundy met Gervais at Moisant at 3:30 p.m.

Mundy declined to reveal the nature of the legal business discussed among Gervais, lawyer Ed Baldwin and himself. Gervais, he said, spent the weekend here and departed at noon Monday and his flight back to Canada.

SHORT SHOTS: Attorney Guy Johnson and MPtn. Joseph Hurban are among the legion of proud fathers with honors-winning daughters. Miss Harriet Johnson, a graduate of Mercy Academy (Holy Name of Jesus), won outstanding honors in French and won a trip to Jon Quiere, Quebec, Canada, as a first place winner. Hurban's daughter, Miss Claire Elizabeth Hurban, was valedictorian of her graduating class at St. Joseph's Academy and won a four-year scholarship to LSUNO where she'll major in English. . . the Louisiana Peace Officers are holding their annual convention in Lafayette through Wednesday. The local department sent two pistol teams to compete in the annual marksmanship contests. Making up the "Bullseye Team" are Maj. Lloyd J. Poissenot Sr., Maj. Edward Pecoul, Capt. Harry Sempe, and Ptn. Charles Matt. The "Quick-draw Team" is composed of Ptn. Merrick Ales, Sgt. Fred Pfalzgraf, Ptn. Palus Glange, Det. Tim Zufle and Ptn. Jeww Jacobson. . . the annual Greater N. O. Police and Fire Department Golf Tournament will begin June 12 at the City Park West course. . . Ptn. Charles N. Jonau Sr. has retired after more than 17 of service, most of which was split between the Juvenile Bureau and as an investigator on the D. A.'s staff. . . Lt. Jim Howley reported the formal closing of the "Payne Fund which obtained \$700 in contributions and an additional \$2,200 from the proceeds of a benefit basketball game between the Tactical Unit team and a team made up of N. O. Saints. The campaign for funds was intitated by members of the police department to aid their brother officer Ptn. Hugh Payne whose infant daughter was seriously ill and needed blood and expensive treatments.