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The Wedding Belle

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Just found out why Audrey Meadows couldn't keep a date with me for ANTA's moon-



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light" cruise up the Hudson the other night. She's getting married today. . . . The glib goddess of the Honey-mooners troupe fibbed to me every afternoon since last Tuesday, when I first asked her if the cake they were baking in the Carlton House kitchen were not for her nuptial reception there this afternoon following a ceremony at the Church of the Heavenly Rest. . . .

Well, let's give the extraordinary belle credit for being able to keep a secret. But the great big surprise was blurted by some of the groom's Washington pals in the wee hours at El Morocco this morning. . . . Who's the groom? The handsome rich fellow from Arlington, Va. name of Randy Rouse, who has been proposing for more than a year. . . . After their wedding trip, Audrey will re-

turn to work with her bus-driving TV mate, J. Gleason.

Thrush Kitty Kallen, who has been quiet for too many months resting her over-worked larynx, is back in action and full of fun. Celebrated a birthday last evening by seeing "My Fair Lady" for the fourth time and by keeping the Harwyn lively until closing in a party with her family, Jersey friends and Decca chief Milton Rackmill. . . . Producer Arthur Schwartz is planning to add six more Schwartz-Howard Dietz to his "A Bell for Adano" spectacular after next Saturday's TVing, on Channel 2 and then pattern it for Broadway stage with Anna Maria Alberghetti starring. . . . If you are poor at spelling, says Henry Morgan, it also helps if your penmanship is lousy, too.

Dolores Del Rio and Luther Adler were those "familiar faces" that craning customers in other corners of the dining room were trying to identify at a table-for-two in Le Valois at lunch time. . . . Customs Judge Paul Rao's

daughter and federal bar Portia, Nina Rao Cameron, will be sworn in at City Hall Monday as assistant director of commerce. . . . Brian (Cru-sader) Keith suggests one sure way to keep your chin up these days is to watch the soaring prices.

Hotelmen had a tough week keeping up with their own professional whirl of social events. . . . The Phoenicians summoned them to a three-hour lunch in Eden Roc. . . . The Lords & Barons bid them to an inspection hike over every square foot of floor-space in the Coliseum, followed by a cocktail party. . . . And the Hotel Execs convened for their regular monthly clambake in the Warwick. . . . Innkeepers spent the rest of their time explaining to wives where they had been, since all these functions were slightly stag.

Cmdr. William S. Stuhr, president of United Board & Carton Corp. who ran the Armed Forces Day dinner for the Navy last year and for the Army last weekend, received the ultimate "reward" for such annual headache yes-

terday. The Air Force invited the swabbie to play chairman for the flyboy's next May.

. . . Jimmy Lanin, dance music maestro for the Armed Forces Day dinner, was the annual roundup's first casualty. He tripped, fell off the bandstand and retreated with a couple of broken ribs. . . .

Retired Lt. Col. Joseph Quittner, deputy parade marshal for the Military Order of the World Wars, showed shave-tails how an officer should condition himself for marching in midtown Manhattan. The 68-year-old colonel warmed up for the long walk with an early morning strut down Fifth from 80th to 21st St. . . . Wonder if Navy has some special reason for assigning its former top echelon intelligence chiefs to the New York area? Rear Adm. Roscoe Hillenkoetter is just completing a tour of duty here, is former head of the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency, and his successor as commandant of the Third Naval District, Rear Adm. Milton Miles, was the War II-famed chief of combined intelligence operations in China.