

REVEAL MAN TRIED ON MORALS CHARGE MARRIED TO GIRL

Thirteen-Year-Old Wed to Defendant in Stamford, Ont., Investigation Shows.

The marriage of Harold Scofield, 28, of 8604 Buffalo avenue, and Ruby Marie Brady, 13, of the same address, took place in Stamford, Ont. on June 16 and was performed by the Rev. P. C. Miller, of the Stamford United church, police disclosed today after trial of Scofield on a charge of placing the girl in a position whereby her morals might be impaired. The trial was held before Acting Police Justice Ernest Curto in police court.

Investigation of the marriage was conducted by the detective bureau of the Falls police department under direction of the acting detective chief, Martin Considine. This investigation revealed that the mother stated at the time of the marriage that her daughter was born in 1924.

The local court has no jurisdiction over the marriage as it took place outside the state and outside the country. Testimony regarding the marriage, except for the bare mention of it, was not permitted at the court session. Patrolman George M. Cruickshank, who, with Patrolman Lewis Smith, arrested Scofield on the morals charge after Scofield had complained that someone had "kidnaped his girl," was the principal prosecution witness. His testimony was that he had learned by questioning the girl and Scofield and various neighbors of her family that Scofield had taken the girl into taverns where she drank.

Mrs. Louise Brady was called as a witness for the defense by Louis Rotella, Scofield's attorney. She stated that she had known Scofield between 13 and 14 years, that he was a boarder in her home and that on the night of Scofield's arrest she had given him permission to take her daughter out as he was to have been inducted into the army the following day.

Meanwhile, police learned that Scofield has already enlisted in the navy but, because of his arrest and the charge placed against him, there is doubt whether either the army or navy would take him should he gain his freedom. At conclusion of today's court session Judge Curto adjourned the case until tomorrow but later said that there is a possibility that he may conclude the trial some time today and impose sentence.