

Rochdale; -What should have been a quiet wedding at the 12th century Parish Church, became the biggest event for many years when ~~Mr~~ ^{THAT GREAT POLITICIAN} Herbert Morrison arrived to marry a local lass.

The bride was Miss Edith Meadowcroft, who met her groom- the Deputy- Leader of the Labour Party- while on holiday last year in Switzerland. And for ~~the~~ the townsfolk of Rochdale, it's the biggest event since the last homecoming of Gracie Fields!

~~It has been a long time since~~ ^{LATE} ~~in the~~ ~~Government~~ ~~Mr Morrison became Foreign Secretary - succeeding the~~ ~~Mr Ernest Bevin, and has always been a regular figure~~ ~~with~~ ~~both~~ ~~sides~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~House.~~

Mr Morrison's long and distinguished Parliamentary career is well-known, while he has proved ~~himself~~ ^{TIRELESS WORKER} himself an ~~indefatigable~~ ^{FOR THE PEOPLE.} worker ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~Parliament.~~

~~His~~ ^{HAS SELDOM} sense of humour ~~never~~ ^{THOUGH IT WAS} deserted him- and even ~~when the happy~~ ~~couple~~ ~~struggled~~ ~~through~~ ~~the~~ ~~crowd~~ ~~of~~ ~~well~~ ~~wishers~~, Mr Morrison ~~was~~ ^{STILL SMILED} ~~still~~ ~~smiled~~.

During the reception, the ~~radiant~~ ^{bride was grateful for a little help} ~~bride~~ offered no opposition, when ~~helped~~ ~~in~~ ~~cutting~~ ~~the~~ ~~three-tier~~ ~~wedding~~ ~~cake.~~ ~~BUT~~ ~~THE~~ ~~BRIDE~~ ~~GROOM'S~~ ~~EVERLASTING~~ ~~LOYALTY~~ ~~TO~~ ~~HIS~~ ~~WORK~~ ~~MEANS~~ ~~THAT~~ ~~HIS~~ ~~HONEYMOON~~ ~~MUST~~ ~~BE~~ ~~POSTPONED.~~

So it's good-luck to Mr Morrison- whose marriage coincides with the 67th anniversary of his birthday. May long life and happiness lie ahead for him and his charming wife - AND MAY HE ALWAYS RETAIN A MAJORITY IN HIS HOUSE AND HOME.