

Invitations In Mail, Wedding Cancelled

Lee Whipper Jr. Jilts Pinup Girl

A former Amsterdam News "Pinup Model" was virtually left waiting at the church this week when her boyfriend, Lee Whipper, Jr., cancelled her wedding plans after she had set the date, mailed out invitations, contacted a preacher and accepted some wedding gifts from friends.

Shapely model Florence Swift, of 303 W. 152nd St., wanted to marry Leigh Whipper, Jr., son of the famed actor, and she even went so far as to send out invitations to a wedding for Sunday, April 27 and had already received numerous wedding gifts.

Leigh, an examiner-interviewer with a midtown textile firm, had wanted to marry Florence also, but at his own terms.

Somehow between parents butting in and other activities, Dan Cupid hasn't been able to find a way.

The younger Whipper, 26, who lives with his father at 226 W. 150th St., said, "I told her not to send out the invitations, but she went ahead and put them out. I had certain reasons for wanting to postpone the wedding," he said.

Wants to Forget

Florence, who frantically called the newspapers last week to tell of her heartbreak, but this week says she wants "to forget the whole matter," said she hadn't seen Whipper in three weeks and hadn't received any engagement ring. Both denied they were already married.

Whipper said Florence's mother was going to move in with them if they got married and moved to Long Island, and Florence said Whipper's father didn't want him to marry her. Added to all this was a visit by Florence and her pastor, Rev. Joshua Williams, to the Whipper home, but Leigh, Jr., wasn't home that night.

He's Not Sure

Right now Florence feels that the whole year-long courtship was "one of those things," and has high hopes that "somebody else will come by."

Leigh, Jr., admits that he still likes Florence, but says he isn't sure whether a marriage would work out right now between the two.

He Wouldn't Sign

Young Whipper, recently cleared of dope charges in General Sessions Court, said Florence had tried to tie him up by seeking to have him sign papers for a GI loan, but "I wasn't going to sign any papers to buy a house or move to Long Island."

He also denied a report by Flor-

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ence that his father's will has a clause disinheriting the son if he marries before the father dies. "Dad has some kind of clause in his will, but it does not disinherit me if I get married. And besides, if I wanted to marry, nothing would stop me," he declared.

Love Finding Way?

A ray of hope was seen for Dan Cupid in his strange love story as both parties knew almost immediately what the other had told Amsterdam News reporters, although they said they hadn't seen each other in three weeks.

Perhaps Dan Cupid's assistant in this case should be Alexander Graham Bell's telephone. Who knows, and what about the parents' feelings now?

More on this love affair as it develops.
