

# THIS CAMDEN COUPLE GOT A BIG SURPRISE



## MR. AND MRS. J. LEROY WILLIS

Whose wedding in Camden last night was not as quiet as they had anticipated.

When J Leroy Willis and Miss Kathryn Esworthy, two well known Camden young people, were married by Assistant City Clerk Morris Odell, at the latter's home on Mickle street, last night, they were very much surprised. Both have been almost lifelong friends of Mr. and Mrs. Odell, and they spent their vacations with them at Bower's Beach, Del., the past summer. They decided to have Mr. Odell marry them, but being of retiring dispositions they desired no display.

They made arrangements to call at the home of the Odells last night, have the ceremony performed, and then quietly slip away. This did not altogether suit Mr. and Mrs. Odell, and, unknown to the young couple, they sent out invitations to many friends. As a result when the bride and groom arrived they were greatly surprised. The house was illuminated and splendidly decorated with Chinese lanterns, flowers and plants, while half a hundred friends were present to witness the ceremony. The surprised pair took the matter in good part after realizing their attempt to steal a march on their friends had been frustrated. Beside a splendid collation, the bride and groom found many useful presents that they had not anticipated.

Miss Amanda M. Barton, of Philadelphia, was bride-maid, and Lawrence B. Odell was best man.