

\$25,000 Wedding in Sky Unites Magnate, Model on Orchid-Bedecked Airliner

MINNEAPOLIS, July 30.— (AP) — International cemetery tycoon Edward L. Williams, and model Marion Sutton flew through cloud flecked skies today to be married as their chartered airliner cruised lazily over the cornfields of northern Iowa.

Williams, a portly Kansas City multimillionaire, is 52. His bride, a stately hazel eyed Minneapolis beauty, is 27.

The sky ceremony of the wed-

ding costing more than \$25,000 lasted only ninety seconds.

As the orchid bedecked airliner carrying forty-four persons crossed the Minnesota-Iowa border, the pilot announced on the speaker system, "We are now 5,000 feet over Worth County, Iowa. The ceremony may now begin."

The bridal couple, who rode on opposite sides of the aisle at the front of the plane, rose and stood side by side at the

head of the walkway as the brief ceremony was read by perspiring Morris Bakketun, justice of the peace of Northwood, Iowa.

The plane flew smoothly during the ceremony as Williams placed a ring studded with three rows of large diamonds on his bride's finger.

As soon as the ceremony ended, the couple walked through the plane to receive congratulations. A wedding cake

decorated with small planes was served with non-alcoholic punch as the plane winged back to Minneapolis.

The couple left immediately for a devotional service during which their wedding was blessed by the Rev. Paul Wetzler, pastor of Salem English Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

Williams is Lutheran, his bride a Methodist. The Methodist minister who originally was to perform the ceremony with-

drew when he heard of the arrangements surrounding it.

While wedding guests were boarding the airliner, christened "Cupid's Express," a sky writing plane sketched hearts in the sky. On its return, the wedding plane was greeted with more hearts in the sky and "just married" inscribed in huge letters.

More than 500 guests dined and danced at a lavish reception in the grand ballroom of a Minneapolis hotel. The bride cut

a big five tiered wedding cake topped off with figures of a bride and bridegroom and a small figure of a plane.