

Social Scoop!

Panamint Pete and Bullfrog Bertha Wed

Now this is how we got the story—the "social scoop" of the season—and we ain't changing a dang-busted word!

Our reporter—Snake Pit Sam fresh from a rest cure in Tecopa, crawled out from under a sage-bush to give us the yarn "first hand."

Believe it or not, Panamint Pete's gone and done it!

Last week, according to Snake Pit Sam, Pete up and popped the question to Bullfrog Bertha at a burro-bake just south of Stove Pipe Wells. "Bertha," explains Sam, "took him up quicker than a desert rat can hop-skip over a Gila Monster."

The ceremony was performed by Seldom Seen Slim who, Sam says, made one of his rare public appearances for the stellar social event. Flower girl was Catfish Kate and, reported Sam, "with the wind favoring the back trail, it wasn't half bad—sorta poetic, in fact."

Only catch to the whole affair was the last minute disappearance of the silverware—a gift to the bride and groom. "Had to eat our wedding banquet of beans off a rock," Sam complains.

As a possible explanation to the "disappearance," Sam said that one wedding guest, Lousy Lucy, was reported the following day in Darwin with a basket under her arm.

The bride and groom are reportedly honeymooning on a stack of Sam's beer chits at the Snake Pit in Tecopa.

(Editor's Note: More darn crazy people drop into a newspaper office.)