Rare Marital Vows Solemnized at Jail

A rare occasion unwound at the Northern Regional Correctional Institution (Fairbanks State Jail) here when George Grant, 26, and Christine Bermudez, 21, were married last Monday.

George and Christine are both being held at the jail on suspicion of possession of stolen goods.

The couple, as happy as any couple being married, were joined in matrimony by the Rev. Lee Bottjen of the Fairbanks

Lutheran Church.

The ceremony was performed at the institution's chapel. Morgan Grude, superintendent of the jail, walked the bride down the aisle to the accompanyment of piano music rendered by Blu Mundy.

The reception was graced by a three-tier wedding cake.

Plans for the honeymoon were unavoidably delayed pending a hearing last Tuesday. Grude had said then that there was a possibility the couple may be out on bail on New Year's Eve.

The wedding was attended by several of the guests of the institution.

It was not known exactly whether the jail marital even here was the first one of its kind. It is considered, however, that it was an unusual event when both the bride and the groom were in jail.