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## Let love blossom

Nothing can be as lovely, or as romantic, as an outdoor wedding reception in the summer or early fall.

But there are pitfalls. The two biggest pitfalls to be dealt with before deciding to have an outdoor reception are. How will I overcome any weather problems? Where will everyone park their car?

Another important consideration is that the yard be large enough for a reception. If it is, the savings can be tremendous. With the help of relatives, the clean up can be a snap when the party is over.

Weather—rain—is easily handled by renting a large tent. A canopy between the house and tent also can be rented. Prices vary, so get several bids. The tent firm workmen set up the tent

for you, bring tables and chairs and, if you wish, a dance floor.

Parking is handled by finding one or more neighbors with a large rear yard or a vacant lot nearby. Hire a neighborhood teenager to greet the guests at the driveway to chauffeur the car to the vacant lot. Guests like that kind of hospitality.

Another consideration for an outdoor reception is the bugs and mosquitoes. Have the yard thoroughly sprayed by professionals several hours before the reception.

Another consideration is tableclothes and centerpieces. Try hurricane lamps with your own garden flowers at the base.

Often the firm that rents tents also has tableclothes, dishes, silverware and champagne glasses to eliminate your worries for these

## Miss Michigan for new life as

"It's a little hard to visualize a gazebo surrounded by flowers while standing in a field of snow," laughed Holly Ann Schmidt, Miss Michigan 1977.

"Weddings should be held outdoors, close to nature, not closed in some crowded building," the Farmington Hills bride-to-be said, referring to Shenandoah Country Club, where she'll trade her crown for a wedding band July 29.

Miss Schmidt said the strength of her relationship with fiancé Larry Lichman, a U of M premed major from Farmington Hills, lies in the freedom they allow each other.

"He's free and so am I. That's what makes it work. We consult each other, but basically we make our own decisions."

Claiming her fiancé is not overly impressed by her beauty queen title, she said, "I don't think it matters to him, and hon-

estly, I couldn't stand it if I thought it did."

When the couple announced their engagement to her parents, 19-year-old Miss Schmidt said the first reaction they received was that she was too young. But things have changed.

Over the past year, Miss Schmidt has changed, too. Endless pageant travel and public appearances have brought maturity beyond her years to the pretty MSU English major.

"I've gotten over the restlessness of other kids my age because I've been able to see and do so much this past year."

Miss Schmidt said she finds being such a public figure enjoyable, and the constant press attention she receives is flattering. She isn't worried about newsmen interfering with the solemnity of her wedding either, as

## Minister's daughter opts

When your father is the minister, and the whole 300-person congregation is one your guest list, you might expect a wedding of the most traditional type. But

when Brenda Sue Fox of Farmington marries Eric Lampela of Northville next December, there will be a few exceptions.

For example, the Rev. Charles

## Married name game

Women have also begun to question the justice in requiring a woman to drop the last name she was born with (albeit her father's last name) and assume her husband's moniker.

Thus, a new question has come up for those about to be married. What do they do about their names?

In Michigan, women have no legal obligation to assume their mate's name. If you wish to retain your maiden name, and can withstand pressure from those who start calling you "Mrs. John Doe," then don't do anything after signing the license.

Don't change the name on your Social Security card, don't change your driver's license,

and never sign anything using your husband's last name.

But suppose you do take hubby's last name for a time and then decide to go back to your maiden name?

You may have a fight ahead of you, but it can be done without going to court.

Charlene Snow, an attorney with Michigan Legal Services, says Michigan common law (in a section recently upheld by the state supreme court) permits a woman to change her name without going through the court system as long as the purpose is not an attempt to defraud or elude creditors.

That means you have to