

# Women on the Go

## Off To Barbados

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Women's Editor



Diane Seaman and her new home, Newcastle in the Barbados

From a Livonia church to a 275-year-old plantation in the Barbados Islands is the next move for Mrs. Diane Seaman, Minister of Unity of West Suburbia for the past seven years. Mrs. Seaman is turning her work there over to Marilyn White from Santa Barbara, Calif. this Sunday, July 13.

Then she'll head with husband William Seaman for the West Indies to start a venture that will be both a training school for Unity students in the Caribbean area and retreat site for all sorts of religious and club groups in this country.

Working with her to found the center will be Margaret Cook, Livonia resident who is retiring from her work teaching math at Redford High School in Detroit, and Dr. Robert Leichman, a young Clarkston physician who wishes to do some research in spiritual healing for the next two years.

William Seaman is retiring as design engineer and joining in the project.

"IT'S AN INTERESTING combination of workers we'll have," said Diane, who has spent many years as a Unity teacher and minister.

"One aspect worth noting is that we don't plan any church services at the center -- which is a return to the original concept of the Unity School of Christianity that involved supplemental teaching rather than a new denomination.

"In this country we have evolved churches and Sunday services, but that wasn't the original plan."

THE PLANTATION high on a hill and overlooking the Caribbean, was purchased in December when Diane and Margaret Cook made a quick trip to St. John Island in the Barbados.

As name, Newcastle, can be found on some maps of the area. "It's fun," said Diane, "to look at a map and find your own home."

The big home is built of coral stone and wood, and its wood was replaced by the seller as part of the purchase agreement. It has 12 double bedrooms and "I don't know how many other smaller rooms," and the property extends 4 1/2 acres.

There's another smaller building that might be remodeled in the future.

THE IDEA, Diane said, is to conduct a school for Unity students in the West Indies during part of the year, probably the summer. Unity teachers must have special training, and few from that area are able to make the trip to the central school at Kansas City, Mo.

Then, during the rest of the year, Newcastle will be open as a retreat spot for church groups of all denominations or clubs.

"We hope to make the center self-supporting so that retreat fees can take care of the tuition for any students who are unable to pay," Mrs. Seaman said.

THE PLAN for the center came to her during meditation last fall, Diane remembered.

"It felt very sure this was what God wanted me to do, and I thought it was a fine idea -- in five or 10 years, I made

# Trumpets Pipe Blackfords

## Aboard Ship of Matrimony

Operatic and contemporary music helped keynote the wedding ceremonies for Diana Olds and Paul Blackford in Our Lady of Good Counsel church, Plymouth June 13. Trumpeters Ted Randall and Bob Van Meter accompanied the organ for the processional and recessional and vocalist Kay Deussen sang "Love One Another" for the offertory and "The Peace Song" at communion.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Diane Olds gave their daughter to her bridegroom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blackford. The families live in Plymouth.

Mrs. Blackford attended Western Michigan University and is employed at the Mental Health Research Institute in Ann Arbor. Her husband is a student at Eastern Michigan University in Industrial Arts.

The bride gown was of organza and classically lace with mantilla reaching to the floor and her flowers were a cascade of phalaenopsis and stephanotis.

Her attendants included matron of honor Judy Fitzryk, cousin of the bride, wearing an orchid gown; maid of honor Pam Blackford, sister of the bridegroom, wearing pink bridesmaid's Mary Colman of Midland, in blue, Jan Diekmann, cousin of the bride, from Ann Arbor, wearing green. Each carried a basket of statice, baby's breath, royal blue starflower and daisies tied to match their sashes.

Other attendants were Sam Blackford, brother of the bridegroom, as ringbearer, and Nancy Moran, as flower girl, wearing a pink gown and carrying a basket of pink daisies.

Best man was Art Musial of Chicago and ushers were Dain Moninger, Tim Haskins and Ron Baum.

After their wedding trip in northern Michigan, the Blackfords plan to live in Ann Arbor.

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A teen record hop for children of club members and their friends will be held Friday, July 18 at 8:30 p.m. Reservations are in charge of Bob Roggenbuck, 563-0791.

Fun day in the Irish Hills is set for Sunday, July 20, starting at 1 p.m. from the Red Barn at Wonderland Center. Adult members are invited

to a theater party to see "Funny Girl" Friday, July 25 and The Tiger game Sunday, July 27, will round out the family events schedule.

The address of the club is PO Box 2295, Livonia 48150 for persons interested in joining.

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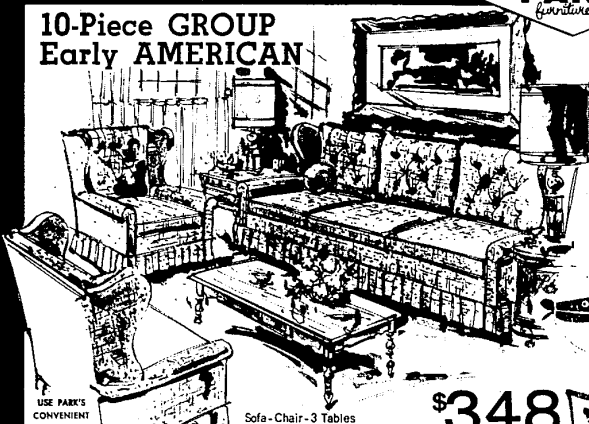
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