

# The Lively NEEDLE



Humburg on wedding anniversaries right after Christmas. Like the child with a birthday Dec. 26, you miss out on most of the fun.

It wasn't always so. The glamor of a Christmas wedding really turned us on. Green velvet bridesmaids, fruit cake, mulled holly.

It didn't quite turn out that way. The bridesmaids looked like overstuffed olives after many weeks of partying. Seams popped all over the place.

Holly doesn't make comfortable muffs, as anyone would have known if they had given the subject a moment's thought. I hadn't, so we bled a lot. It added a touch of red to the Christmas greens.

BUT IT WAS the fruitcake that almost did us in. I baked the layers myself in October and started dousing them with brandy immediately. We lived in Florida, and October in the south is warm. By early November, the cakes were showing unmistakable signs of green mold. So I added more brandy. By Thanksgiving they had full heads.

I'm still not sure what this meant as an omen for our future happiness, but December was spent alternately scraping off penicillin and adding more liquor. I had stopped thinking about how it all would taste.

After the final shaving, we delivered the cake layers to the baker for decorating. And got them right back. It seems that frosting melts on a juicy cake.

THIS WAS two days before D-Day. Bridesmaids were on crash diets, my mother was stockpiling Band-aids so we wouldn't bleed down the aisle, and how do you dry out a thoroughly soured fruitcake?

Obviously, you don't. The trick is to find a brave baker. So there we were



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with the Yellow Pages in hand, lugging 25 pounds of 100-proof fruit cake all over southern Florida. Buttercream frosting and a sainted woman who stayed up all the night before finally saved the day. I don't remember how it tasted, but I did see a cluster of white rosebuds doing neat traverses during the reception. I ignored them.

**CHRISTMAS WEDDING** problems have not disappeared in the years since. One of our children made the tactical error of being born Jan. 2, disastrous from an IRS point of view.

So now the holidays begin with Christmas, progress through New Year's Eve, survive a birthday party and end up with our anniversary. By that point no one cares.

There's a very good reason for June being the month of brides. It's as far from Christmas as you can get.

Notice: A new needlework guild is forming to study Judaic Needlework. The Thread of Gold Needlework Guild will hold its first meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the Jewish Community Center in Oak Park. You can obtain further information by calling Natalie Victor, LI. 1-6488.

## PEO Sisterhood to honor founders

Virginia Kjolhede, a member of the PEO Sisterhood who was named Michigan Dilettante of the Year in 1978, will be speaker for the sisterhood's annual Founder's Day Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Dearborn Inn.

"Nutrition, Food for Thought" is the topic of her talk.

Mrs. Q.F. Havlik of Livonia will be toastmistress for the

festivities. Mrs. A.J. Alford of Plymouth is chairwoman of the PEO Detroit Cooperative, a group of 25 units sponsoring the event.

The program will begin with a reception, with luncheon served at 12:15 p.m.

The sisterhood, which keeps secret the meaning of the initials in its name, is a philanthropic and educational organization interested in bringing to

women increased opportunities for higher education.

Founded on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College Jan. 21, 1896, the organization later voted to retain its English letters and off-campus character, becoming a community rather than a college group.

It now has grown to nearly 5,000 chapters in the United States and Cana-

da and nearly 200,000 members. PEO groups also can be found on college campuses, in retirement and resort areas, on military bases and in eight foreign countries.

The educational and charitable activities include operation of Cottey Junior College for Women, the PEO educational fund, the International Peace Scholarship program and the Program for Continuing Education.

## 'Teleconferencing' coast to coast

The teleconference, a low-cost technique for bringing people together via telephone lines, saving the expense of travel and time, will be used at Oakland University, Rochester, in a coast-to-coast seminar beginning Feb. 13.

OU is the exclusive Michigan location for the "Meet-Me" Seminar, which will be linked by a sophisticated new device, the "meet-me" bridge, to 17 other locations in the United States and Canada, through a predetermined telephone number.

The "Meet-Me" Seminar will use interactive teleconferencing to teach the same system to educators and training and human resources develop-

ment personnel from business and industrial organizations.

The seminar is being offered through the Division of Continuing Education at Oakland University in four afternoon sessions, originating from the Center for Interactive Instructional Programs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension.

TWO PIECES of teleconference equipment will be used by participants: Microphones that replace hand-held telephones customarily used for operator assisted conference calls, and the electronic blackboard, Bell System's newest equipment aid to teleconferencing.

The first session on Feb. 13 will cover the background on teleconferencing.

It will present an overview of teleconferencing as an instructional medium, a rationale for system design using technical components, and research findings on the effectiveness of teleconferencing, which has been shown to be as effective as face-to-face discussions.

The second session on Feb. 15 will focus on teletechniques.

The third session on Feb. 27 will put theory into action. The participant presentations will be critiqued by participants in other locations for content, the rationale of the system design to meet particular needs, and for process,

the use of good teleconferencing techniques to present the materials.

**THE LAST SESSION** on March 1 will concentrate on how to program success.

All four sessions are 1-4 p.m. The "Meet-Me" link is 2:00-3:30 p.m. Participation is limited to 30 persons. Prepaid registration deadline is Feb. 5. Cost for the seminar and take-with materials is \$100. A 25 per cent discount is available to nonprofit organizations.

To make a phone reservation or for additional information, call the Division of Continuing Education, (313) 377-3120.

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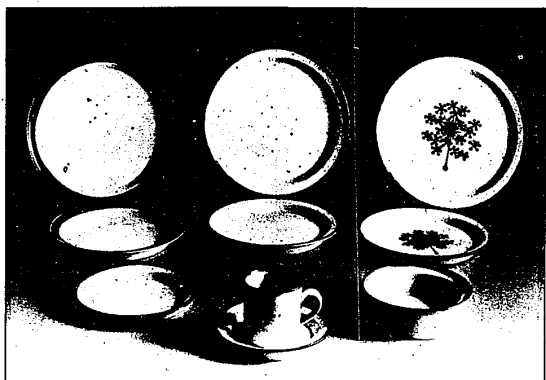
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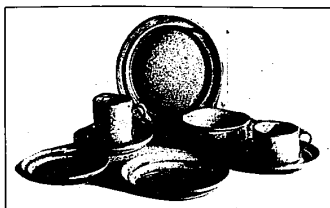
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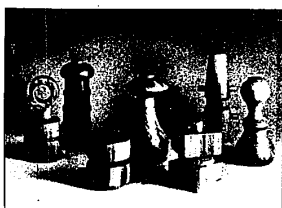
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