

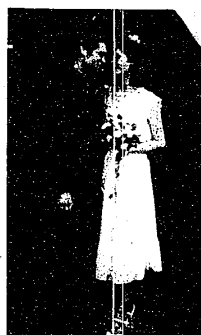
Gross-Trombley

Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Gross of Victoria, Kansas, announce the engagement of their daughter Janet to Donald H. Trombley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Trombley of Farmington Hills. The bride-to-be is a graduate of St. Mary College, Notre Dame, Ind. and her fiancé is a graduate of University of Michigan. Both are presently pursuing master's degrees in business administration at University of Detroit. A May wedding is planned in Kansas.



Andresen-Castle

Mr. and Mrs. Gard Andresen of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Christina, of Farmington Hills, to Stephen Meredith Castle of Farmington Hills, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Castle of San Antonio. The bride-elect graduated in 1973 from Stevenson High School and in 1977 from Michigan State University. She is manager of Michigan Bell Telephone Co. switching systems. Her fiancé earned an MBA from Indiana University in 1978 and is on the General Motors Corp. corporate financial staff. Their September wedding will take place in Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Livonia.



Carpenter-McClave

Maureen Ann McClave and Dean Edward Carpenter were married in Corpus Christi, Texas where both are serving as hospital corpsman in the Naval Reserve Medical Center. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Eleanor McClave of Ilion, Tex. and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce W. Carpenter of Farmington Hills. The bride wore a white nylon street-length dress, a floral headpiece, and carried a bouquet of blue and white carnations. She is a 1976 graduate of Ilion High School, attended College of St. Rose, in Albany, Texas, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1978. The groom is a graduate of North Farmington High School and attended Michigan Technical University in Hottington before joining the Navy. The couple received guests in the Naval Reserve Medical Center immediately after the ceremony.



m.m. memos

Margaret Miller

"Maybe our generation," my friend mused, "will be the one to accept nursing homes as part of getting older."

We were talking about our elderly relatives. Her mother-in-law lives in a nursing home; I was about to go that route with a loved one for the second time in a year, and the idea was painful.

Why the pain? At least partly because of the bleak conditioning our generation has received at every hand regarding a step like this one.

Our generation spent childhood years in homes that often included an aging grandparent or elderly aunt or uncle. If our own grandparents didn't live with us, we had friends in that situation. It was a fact of life sometimes delightful, often difficult, but always accepted. Certainly, everyone agreed, making adjustments was better than putting Grandma in one of "those places."

BUT OUR generation is grown up now, and the houses where most of us live are smaller. Our generation sees families scatter. Our generation often has two jobs to a family, and more often than not that second job is a necessity, given the facts of inflation and college costs.

And Grandma, the one who may well

have made a home for getting-on-in-years. Kids of our generation ago, now maintains independence much longer. Eventually what she needs is constant care along with a home.

So our generation starts moving on uptown toward the nursing home solution. Our elderly relatives reject the very suggestion; our own condition makes us recoil.

But necessity pushes us forward, and we find that there are dedicated operators of fine homes for the elderly that don't match at all the old mental pictures of "those places."

I KNOW. I've gone the route twice, both times with real trepidation. But both times the matter of care made it a decision that could not be avoided.

A year ago I found a place for my aunt, and she now has settled in happily. And last week my brother and I combined efforts to relocate our step-mother, who now needs constant care, and our dad, who is beyond giving that kind of service.

We told ourselves constantly we were doing the right thing. I know we were. I hope I remember that feeling when the next generational passage is completed.

ArtStart holds an open house

ArtStart Preschool will have open house from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, for all parents who wish to visit the facility and meet the staff. The nursery for children from two-and-a-half to six years of age is housed in Mercy Center, 28500 11 Mile Road.

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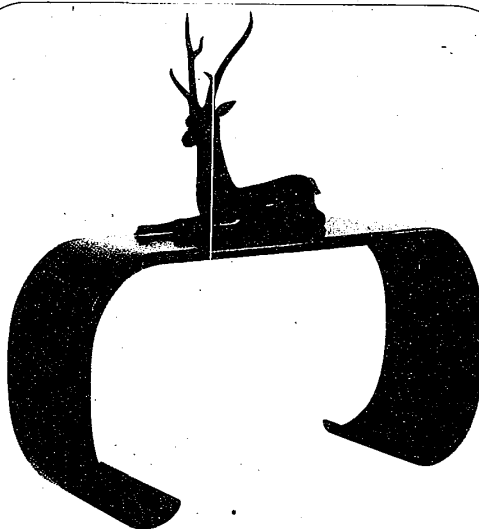
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