

m.m. memos

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### Our Michigan winters going to the sundogs

The sun was bright though still low in the sky as I started for work one morning last week. I knew the day was one of the real chillers of the winter — the weather report in the morning paper said so and so did my bones as I dashed to the car and waited for the heater to start working.

At the crest of the hill as I headed toward the expressway I looked across at the winter sun. Then I looked again. I hadn't been mistaken — there was a rainbow forming a more or less vertical arc to the left of the sun.

I kept the strip of rainbow under surveillance with occasional glances as I drove down the expressway.

Still there most of the way. Then I gave full attention to the merger that headed me east, and when I had completed that maneuver, the rainbow was gone.

BUT IN THE office parking lot, I checked things out with a co-worker who arrived about the same time. She had seen the rainbow, too, while driving in the same direction.

Rainbows after rain I had seen, but not the winter morning variety. But I had an idea what it might be. I remembered that several years ago our daughter, who worked a couple of winters in North Dakota, had written about "sun dogs."

She had said, I recalled, that these appeared in the sky when the weather was very cold and very clear. I couldn't remember how she described them, though.

Rainbow-like didn't sound right. So I opened our office dictionary.

"Sundog," it read. "A bright spot sometimes appearing on either side of the sun." That was when the letter from North Dakota had mentioned. But the dictionary went on. "A small halo or rainbow near the horizon."

IT WAS INDEED a sundog I had spotted. And it had to be a rarity in this area where winter skies are more cloudy and temperatures are more moderate than in North Dakota.

I described it to several people and figured it might well be a one-time view. And then a couple of mornings later I drove to work again and there at the top of the hill was another rainbow — a bit brighter and this time on both sides of the sun.

Maybe our winter this year is more Dakota-like. Maybe I'm more observant. But for a little while I found the cold of February just a bit more bearable because of a few pastel-hued sundogs.

### 9 youth to be confirmed

A group of nine young men and women will be confirmed in their faith at the 10:45 a.m. worship service Feb. 22 in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The class has been in instruction for three years preparing to confirm their views of love and faith.

Those in the class are Andrea Breuhan, Susan Chellstorp, Alice Ebel, Eric Engel, Susan Johnson, Andrew Lorenz, John Seitz, Gerald Sheahan, Jr. and Michele Weber.

### Immunizations are planned

The Oakland County Health Division will hold a free immunization clinic for Farmington and surrounding communities at the Shiawassee School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington on Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough are available.

A parent or guardian must accompany the child under 18 years of age, and bring any previous records of immunizations if they are available.

### Stevenson-DiMatteo

Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Julie to David DiMatteo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert DiMatteo of Hamburg, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of St. Johns High School, in St. Johns, Mich., and University of Dayton in Ohio. She is a teacher of special education classes in Sandusky, Ohio. Her fiancé, a graduate of Hamburg High School and University of Dayton, is employed with Brook, Schechter and Polakoff, a public accounting firm in Buffalo, N.Y.

A July wedding is planned in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.



### Pretty-Rogers

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pretty of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Deborah Marie to Gary R. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rogers of Farmington.

The bride-to-be is a 1977 graduate of

Novi High School, now attending Eastern Michigan University. Her fiancé will graduate from Michigan State University in the spring.

A July wedding is planned in Ward Presbyterian Church of Livonia.

### Eiser-Carr

Lisa Ann Carr and Michael Eiser Jr. were married in a candlelight double-ring ceremony conducted by the Rev. Charles H. Beynon in First Methodist Church of Farmington. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Carr of Farmington; he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Eiser Sr. of Mentone, Ind.

The bride wore a gown of Qiana and mandel lace while she carried a cascade of gardenias, stephanotis and angel's lace.

Linda D'Amico, sister of the groom, served as matron of honor, and her daughters Rachel and Nicole served as flower girl and ring bearer.

Bridesmaids were Cindy Rathbun of Livonia; Sara Carushan and Sue McMullan, both of Farmington. They wore sky-blue slipper-length gowns and carried bouquets of blue daisies, white carnations and angel's lace.

Mark Eiser served as his brother's best man. Guests were ushered by Charles Mead of Chicago, Donald D'Amico of Mentone and David Ehred of Redford.



The newlyweds received guests in Farmington Community Center before leaving on a wedding trip to Toronto. They are residing in Mentone.

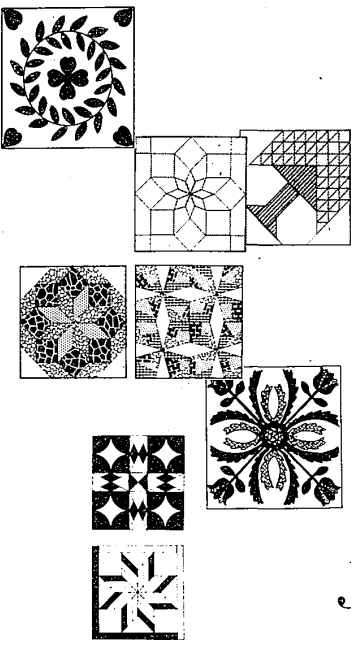
### Basket collection on display in museum

The special exhibit on display now in Plymouth Historical Museum, remaining through April 19, is a collection of antique baskets.

The collection boasts a diaper basket, sewing baskets, a hamper which once held feathers, an egg basket, market baskets and Indians baskets. A very unusual item in the display is a sweet-grass thimble basket.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is at 155 S. Main Street, open from 1-4 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$1 for adults; 50 cents for those from 12-17; and 25 cents for those from 5-11 years.

Special educational tours may be arranged by calling the museum, 455-8940.



### PATCHWORK PRESENTATIONS: A QUILT SHOW.

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