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Gullible's travels

A funny thing, in fact, a couple of funny things, happened on the way to my getting retired. I managed to get completely unhinged by not one but two surprise parties.

My colleagues on the Observer's editorial staff pulled off the first one.

They scheduled it on a Saturday night before Thanksgiving, choosing that date, they explained, so no suspicions would be aroused. Then they managed, right under my nose, to spread the word among 60 or so people over a period of several weeks.

How did they ever put it over, one of my daughters wanted to know. Well, the decoy was perfectly logical, I explained. It was a scheduled dinner date for my husband and me with a longtime associate who said he wanted to take us out before he went on vacation. And indeed he was vacation-bound in December.

INGENUOUS planning, I thought, and it led to a wonderful party.

But I suggested then there might well be a high gullibility factor involved, and later events convinced me I was absolutely right on that score.

The holiday season came and went with its usual quota of celebrations and early deadlines, and in this particular holiday season we added some extra

get-togethers with friends and last days of work.

And then it was the last Sunday before departure for Florida and I said a lot of farewells at church and went home for an afternoon of packing boxes.

OUR DAUGHTER had invited us for dinner that evening, suggesting we could watch football more comfortably there than in our stripped-down quarters. We never turn down an extra chance to enjoy granddaughter Katie. I could contribute a salad to the meal, Katie's mother said, but no, she didn't need any help with dessert.

The reason she didn't become apparent when, after we had eaten there were sounds of delayed Christmas caroling outside. Then about 30 church friends trooped in with party makings to surprise Ms. Gullible one more time.

We couldn't have had a better send-off than that evening of fellowship. When we wound it up by joining in the old hymn "God Be With You 'til We Meet Again," I was convinced that what I may lack in perception I more than make up in marvelous friends and colleagues.

The man of our house suggested the headline you read above. It certainly fits. Maybe what I need first in retirement is a course in suspicion - training.

Sproule-Cartwright

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Sproule of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Sharon Beth to Paul Cartwright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Cartwright of Northville. A May wedding is planned.



Melat-Liston

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Melat of Gooch, Mich. announce the engagement of their daughter Alice Fay to William Jeffrey Liston, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Liston of Farmington.

The bride is a graduate of Hope College, employed with WEYI-Channel 23 in Flint.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Ferris State College employed with WTVS-Channel 58 in Detroit.

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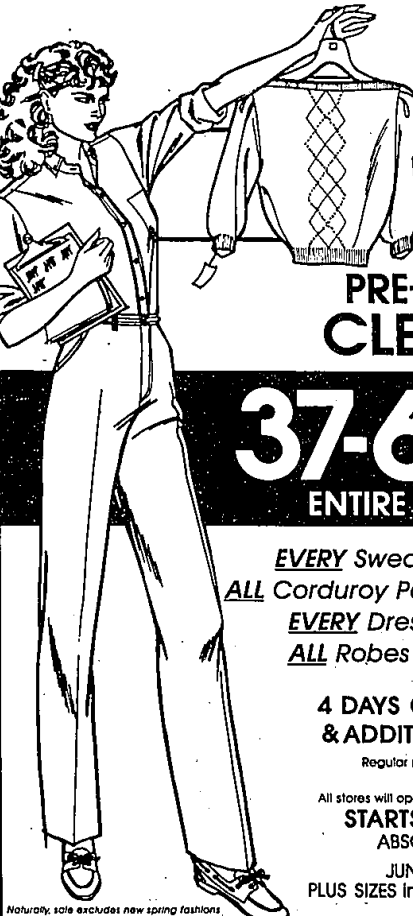
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