

Gregory-Young

June Howell of Saginaw and James Gregory of Fremont, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tricia Ann, to Glen Edward Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Young of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be attended Michigan Technological University and is a nursing student at Saginaw Valley College. Her fiancé is a graduate of North Farmington High School and took his degree in geological engineering from Michigan Technological University. He is a student at Detroit College of Law, employed as a securities broker with Morrison, McKee & Young.

A June wedding is planned.



Kuck-Carter

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst W. Kuck of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Elizabeth, to Robert Edward Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Carter of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bentley High School and the University of Michigan's Engineering School. She now attends Seattle University for graduate work while employed as an engineer with Boeing Commercial Airplane Co. in Seattle.

Her fiancé graduated from Whitmore Lake High School and Michigan Technological University. He is now attending City University in Seattle and is employed as an engineer with Boeing in Seattle.

A June wedding is planned in Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



Butler-Hickman

Kimberly Hickman and Wayne Butler were married in Little Church of the West, Las Vegas, Nev. She is the daughter of Rosemary Ling of Southgate and Donald Hickman of Garden City. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Butler of Farmington Hills.

The couple were attended by Karen Scruggs and David Butler.

The bride is a graduate of Cody High School. The bridegroom is a graduate of North Farmington High School, employed as a salesman in Las Vegas.

The couple will make their home in Las Vegas.



Some trees thrive in wet spots Michigan DAR meets for its Awards Day

Many gardens have an incurable, case of wet spots due to a high water table, shallow bedrock or a sub-surface spring.

Here are some trees which "can exist" well in such a situation — sweetgum, river birch, quaking aspen, arbutus and the plane tree.

When grass grows tight at the base of a tree it will inhibit the tree's growth. It is known as allelopathy due to chemicals extruded from the roots of grasses.

It is a situation not caused by competition for moisture and nitrogen.

Much of the research in this problem



down to earth
Alice Burlingame

comes from the University of Rhode Island.

Many of our readers work with youngsters in schools or churches. An excellent project for their interest to

show the miracles of nature is to plant seeds in a Jiffy-7. Looks like a thin bottom — expands in a half cup of water.

Poke a few seeds in the top with a pencil and keep moist. This idea has

been shared before but good for all ages.

Also for a group project you can use paste to firm seeds on a strip of paper to be buried the right depth below ground.

If you have been day dreaming about a beautiful accent on your lawn, ask your nursery man about the weeping red jade tree.

Kindergarten open to public

Oakland University's Lowry Early Childhood Center offers two programs designed for children of kindergarten age.

The program for "Young 5's" is a half-day, five days a week class coordinated to meet the needs of children who are not ready for the traditional kindergarten classroom.

The program runs on the university calendar and tuition is \$110 per month.

For information of fall enrollment procedures or to observe the program call OU at 377-4100.

Quakertown Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will attend Spring Awards Day in the Kellogg Center, East Lansing April 3-4. Those attending are Mrs. Orvis L. Henke, regent; Mrs. Harlan Haskell, Mrs. Don P. Fairchild, Mrs. C. Harold Dolph, Mrs. Nell W. Huard and three junior members who will serve as pages; Mrs. Dennis Wojdyla, Mrs. Thomas Forbes and Mrs. James Hanlon.

The Michigan Daughters of the American Revolution will hold a tree planting ceremony in the Wildlife and Management Demonstration Area, Michigan State University, April 3 with Mrs. Clinton F. Stimpson, state regent, presenting the gift and Professor Glen R. Dudderar, wildlife specialist, accepting for the university.

Following the ceremony the Michigan Daughters will return to the Kellogg Center to attend workshops of Constitution Week, Insignia and Junior Membership Committees. Press books and yearbooks will be displayed in the Willy room.

Mrs. Clinton F. Stimpson will preside as Spring Awards Day opens April 4 with the 9:45 a.m. general meeting. Awards are presented to the chapters throughout the state in recognition of work accomplished during the year. The DAR Good Citizens will be presented.

At a 12:30 luncheon given to honor ten Good Citizens and their parents the state winner will be announced and awards given. Eight runners-up will receive \$35; second place, \$70 and first-place winner a DAR Good Citizen pin, \$100 from the national society and \$35 from the state society. The national society gives seven divisional prizes of \$250 each, a third prize of \$500, second of \$750 and a first prize for the National DAR Good Citizen of \$1,000.

The luncheon speaker is Charles E. Dewey Jr., retired director of Federal Emergency Agency, Region 5, past president of Battle Creek Rotary Club and past president of Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). His topic, "The Soviet Threat Then and Now."

consumer mailbag

I've decided to buy an electric blanket. Could you give me some ideas on what to look for? For prices vary so. Will I be able to reduce my heating bill by using an electric blanket. Are they safe?

Lisa B. Livonia

The prices for electric blankets can range from a low of about \$40 to over \$100 for the larger sizes. The differences in price usually reflects two things. One, the material and two, the controls.

The lower-price blankets usually contain a blend of 20 percent acrylic, and 80 percent polyester. The mid-priced ones are likely to be a 30-50 blend of those fibers. Top-of-the-line electric blankets tend to be 100 percent acrylic or 75 percent acrylic and 25 percent wool. The more expensive blankets are also cut fuller allowing extra inches of overhang.

Consumers Union tested several fabric types and concluded that all of the fabrics were durable. However, the higher priced acrylics tended to pull and look worn sooner than the other blends. And some of the best wearing fabrics in their tests were some of the least-expensive lines.

The type of controls can also add to the cost of an electric blanket.

Nonetheless, solid-state controls are found on the more expensive blankets.

The ticking sound made by the ordinary control during the on-off cycle isn't very loud. But it could disturb light sleepers. Most blankets have lighted controls although some are easier to read than others. Look for the ones with easy to read dial markings. You don't want to have to turn on your bedroom light to adjust your controls during the night.

Electric blankets are reasonably safe. Underwriters Laboratories sets standards recently made more stringent for electric blankets. Consumers Union concludes: "If you use an electric blanket according to the manufacturer's instructions, the risk of the blanket's causing a burn or a fire is very small, and the risk of electric shock is even more remote."

Manufacturers claim that electric blankets pay for themselves because they reduce energy costs, you dial your thermostat down at night. The cost of using an electric blanket can be compared to leaving a 100-watt light bulb on all night, about 7 cents for 10 hours.

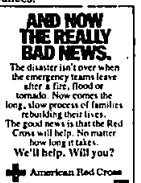
ECON-TIP: You can save 10 to 15 percent of your monthly electric bill by choosing the right type of light bulbs for the specific job. For example, lights are much cheaper than incandescent ones and provide excellent light for general working areas. Good places to install them include bathrooms,

kitchens and workrooms.

For more information on subjects that can save you money, improve your quality of life and help protect our earth, write to: Concern Detroit, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy, MI 48068

new voices

DR. AND MRS. ROBERT COLEMAN announce the birth of their daughter Kimberly Rae, born Feb. 20 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. The infant weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.



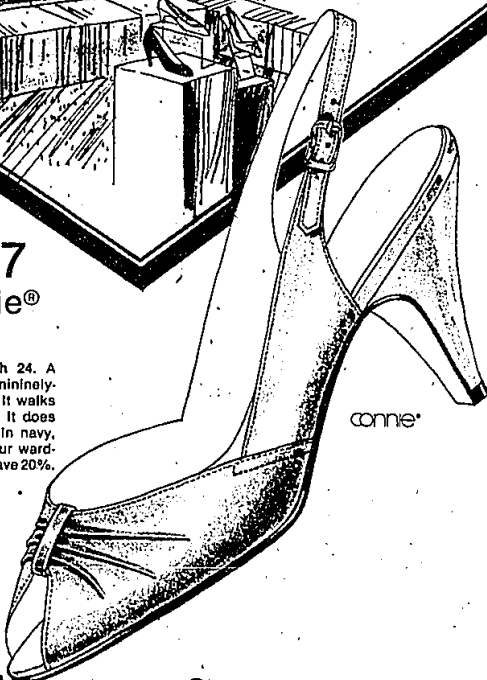
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