

Govan-Boral

Mr. and Mrs. Will Govan Jr. of Novi announced the engagement of their daughter Laurie Ann to Robert Thomas Boral, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boral of Auburn, Pa.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wall Lake Western High School, employed as a computer data operator for Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. Her fiancé is a graduate of Methacton High School in Fairview Village, Pa., and Pennsylvania State University where he was affiliated with Sigma Nu fraternity. He is a regional sales representative for Skill Power Tools, in Anaheim. A spring wedding is planned in Mercer Center.



Richards-Kurth

Kathleen Jean Kurth and A. Paul Richards were married Jan. 12 in First Methodist Church of Port Huron. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kurth of Farmington Hills and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Richards of Port Huron.

The bride attended Wayne State University. He attended Michigan Technological University and is the owner of Shoreline Aluminum.

The couple received guests in St. Clair Inn.



Plummer-Burt

Margaret Gail Burt and Robert L. Plummer Jr. were married in St. Paul Catholic Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Burt of Royal Oak and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Plummer of Farmington Hills.

Karla Mangan served as matron of honor with bridesmaids Terresa Frisbie, Sandra Hurd and Robin Kling. James Knight served as best man with groomsmen Christopher Plummer, Stephen Plummer and James Zeek.

The bride attended Central Michigan University and is employed with Grant and Busch in Southfield. The groom is a graduate of Central Michigan University, employed with Fort Tractor Operations in Birmingham.

The couple received guests in Macchus Siv and are now residing in Birmingham.



Controlling light enhances growth

When I first began this column in the late '60s, I had occasion to be in Colonial Williamsburg and took a side trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the United States Department of Agriculture.

The occasion prompted me to visit the research station and there I heard about the work of the early scientists. Because they had retired I was directed to their homes where on that day we sat on the porches and listened as they spun stories of their early explorations.

One told how in the jungles they could correlate the frequency of chirps of a cricket with the temperature and became aware of the heat of the day.



down to earth
Alice
Burlingame

He was anxious to inquire into the effect of night light upon the growth of plants. If you broke the night light into two parts, intercepted by light, the performance of a plant would be doubled. For instance, the breeders would break

the night of barley, wheat, and oats, to shorten the time for development of seeds.

FOR PEPPERMINT breeding they found if they could break the dark period of night, there would be more flowers in the setting of seeds for reproduction. All of this was great news for the seedsmen in 1955.

Another, found that if he placed some plants in the closet one hour before sunset, there would be dramatic results in the setting of seeds. Those experiments might sound trivial today, but their findings were very important to the commercial grower.

Today most homeowners who have potted plants and have found it is very difficult to bring them into flower a second year. Where large crops of poinsettias are grown commercially, street lights and many tricks of light used along with fertilizing are the reasons why commercial growers are so successful.

It was a red-letter day in my training

in horticulture when I spent a day with those experts in Washington, D.C., as they shared their acknowledged expertise with the plant world.

The two light pioneers I visited that day found light intensity wasn't important. It was the light intensity as exposed to plants on measured time which made a difference in total growth. Many trees and shrubs today won't thrive too close to street lights.

A trip today to Michigan State University, to its Department of Horticulture, or to other experimental sites for plant growth will reveal interesting facts about the growth of plants for production in the future. Michigan State University keeps its former scholars in the plant world up to date on their research.

Mesenbring-Breen

The Rev. and Mrs. Victor Mesenbring of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter Kathleen to John Breen, son of John F. Breen of Lincoln Park.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Central Michigan University, employed

as a recreation director for Sarah Fisher Center. Her fiancé is a graduate of Aquinas High School and Michigan Technological University. He is employed as a cottage supervisor for Sarah Fisher Center.

A June wedding is planned in Hope Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills.

Jewell-Dalley

Robert Jewell announces the engagement of his daughter Maurine Elizabeth to Kevin P. Dalley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Dalley.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of North Farmington High School and is studying nursing while employed with Bill Kanpp's. Her fiancé is a graduate

of Catholic Central High School and Michigan State University. He is now in an operations research master's program at University of Michigan, and a test development engineer with Alfred Teves Technologies in Troy.

A May wedding is planned.

8 named grand prize
Reflections winners

Eight elementary school students have been named "Grand Prize Winners" in the 1985 Reflections contest, sponsored by the National Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) in the Farmington-West Bloomfield Hills area. All of the winners attend Eagle Elementary School.

Winners in the Visual Arts Division of the contest are Nathaniel Canavasser, a third grader from West Bloomfield; Laura Cunningham and Al Zolton, both fourth graders from Farmington Hills; and Amanda McClintock, a first grader from West Bloomfield.

In the Literature Division of the con-

test winners are Gabrielle Aramian and Andrew Rudick, both fourth graders from West Bloomfield; Matthew Zimmer, a third grader from West Bloomfield; and Leslie Meyer, a fifth grader from West Bloomfield.

All winners are automatic entrants in the Michigan Reflections Contest.

State winners, in turn, will be submitted for competition in the national PTA contest.

The local winners were chosen by a panel of Farmington Hills elementary school principals from 32 entries from kindergarten through fifth graders in Eagle Elementary School.

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