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The purple velvet gown with linen yoke and lace trim at left was worn in 1918 and again in 1983. Balhorn and Willis are both members of Farmington Nursing Home staff. Logan's mother is a resident at the home.

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Parade of wedding gowns

The mother-daughter afternoon tea hosted by the staff of Farmington Nursing Home is a long-time spring event that continues to draw more mothers and daughters to the home's grounds each time it's offered.

"It's come to be our biggest social event of the season," said Carolyn Darling, the home's activities director. "And every year we have more people offer to volunteer to help us with it."

The theme for this year's luncheon was "Weddings." Volunteer Sally Jacobs headed up the fashion show for the mothers and daughters that was a parade of

gowns once worn by residents, or staff members, or volunteers, or any of their daughters.

While daughters served their mothers tea under umbrella tables, a wheelchair ramp was converted into a white carpeted runway for the models who wore gowns from 1900 through 1987.

Among the gowns was one worn by Farmington Hills resident Martha Jarvis on June 18, 1960, and modeled by her daughter Delana. The mother-daughter's family ancestor Anna Jarvis conceived the idea of Mother's Day, which became a national holiday to honor mothers in the nation in 1914.

The spring tea to honor mothers in Farmington Nursing Home "just happened to coincide with National Nursing Home Week," Darling said. "It's our kick-off for a week of very special events. The grand finale is our ice cream social and balloon launch. We launched balloon messages for the first time last year and kept getting messages back for almost the entire year."

Dancer stages 30th concert

Virginia Dickerman, a longtime dance teacher in Farmington, staged her 30th Anniversary Dance Concert this spring. The anniversary concert was taped by MetroVision and will be shown throughout the summer and fall.

"I don't call them recitals. They are fast moving tap and jazz concerts," said Dickerman, 70.

Dickerman Dance Studio, on Orchard Lake Road between 10 Mile and Grand River, accepts students of all ages, and has a waiting list for the fall session, which is business-as-usual for the veteran dancer. One of her favorite classes, she says, is the one for 35-65-year-olds.



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No one had any problem placing the mini wedding gown as one worn in the late '60s. Rick Aardal escorts Theresa Wheeler, a secretary for Farmington Nursing Home, who models the

white face gown worn by one of the home's volunteers, Joy Johnson, for her wedding in 1959.

Rockets needs cheerleaders

Girls 9-15 years may try out for Farmington Rocket cheerleaders Friday and Saturday in Farmington High School gym, Shiawassee west of Orchard Lake Road. The Rockets are a youth football team.

Practice and tryouts run 4-7:30 p.m. Friday and continue at 9 a.m. Saturday. Cheers will be taught by former Rocket cheerleaders who are now cheering for Harrison High School teams.

Parents must attend a 20-minute information meeting either Friday afternoon or Saturday morning when they will learn about time and financial obligations for the cheerleaders. There will be a \$5 registration fee for anyone attending the tryout.

Thirty-six cheerleaders will be chosen for the pony, junior and varsity squads.

Last summer Rocket cheerleaders attended a cheerleading camp. Their first in Farmington Founder's Day Parade won the Queen's Trophy.

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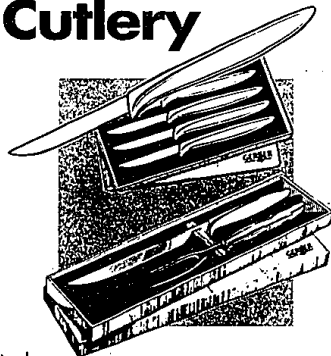


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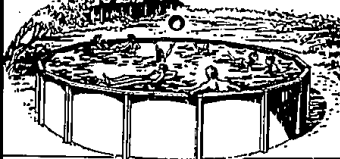
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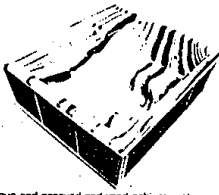
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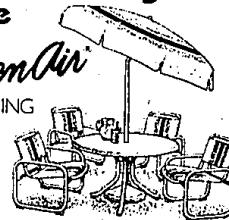
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