

Bruce-Kitchen

Marie Elizabeth Kitchen of Plymouth and Robert John Bruce of Farmington were married Sept. 23 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. The Rev. Philip Rodgers Maceo performed the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Lester and Geraldine Kitchen of Plymouth, Marion Bruce of Farmington and the late Robert J. Bruce.

The bride is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed with Delta Air Lines and K mart.

Her husband is a graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed with Crowley-Miller Co.

Debbie Wolfe was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Denise Kitchen and Ann Anderson.

Mark Nolte was the best man. The groomsmen were brother of the bride, Michael Kitchen, and brother of the bridegroom David Bruce.

For her wedding, the bride wore a white satin gown with sequin and pearl beading and a cathedral-length train. She wore a lace hat with a



double veil, and carried roses, daisies and baby's breath.

A reception was held at Roma's of Garden City.

After a wedding trip to San Diego and Hawaii, the newlyweds are making their home in Belleville.

Boardman-Smith

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Boardman of Walled Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Jean, to Gregory M. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benedict J. Smith of Birmingham.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University, took her master's degree from Oakland University and is a teacher of fourth grade students at Forest Elementary School in Farmington. Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed by Electronic Data Systems while working toward his master's degree.

A June wedding is planned.

Church will expand with new addition

A sunny Sunday in December marked a long-awaited groundbreaking for an ambitious addition to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The church, on Eight Mile Road between Gill Road and Halsted, has been on its Farmington Hills site since 1975.

The congregation, however, was formed in 1937 and has built three churches since.

From its origin as a Finnish Lutheran congregation comprised primarily of Finnish immigrants from northern Michigan, Bethlehem Lutheran Church has taken an active role in serving the religious needs of its community, initially in the west-side Detroit neighborhoods, and for the past 13 years, in Farmington Hills.

The consistent growth of the congregation has created new needs which cannot be met by the current facility.

"Bethlehem Lutheran Church has experienced a dramatic rate of growth over the past five years,"

said the Rev. Jonathan K. Bomgren. "Our Sunday School enrollment has more than tripled, and we've recently added a second children's choir to accommodate the growth."

On the other end of the age spectrum, the Bethlehem senior citizens group named the "Recycled Teenagers," regularly uses the church building and averages between 150-200 attendees at each function.

"Expansion will allow Bethlehem to better serve the needs of our own congregation," Bomgren said, "and to more adequately serve the community around us."

"Having celebrated the undertaking of expansion during the worship and groundbreaking service, the congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran Church looks forward to dedicating their newly expanded home sometime in spring."

"It will be an exciting time for our parish family. We look forward to celebrating our expanding role in the Farmington Hills community,"

around Farmington

All announcements for this column must be mailed to *Around Farmington*, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. Deadline is noon Monday for the Thursday publication and noon Thursday for the Monday publication. Requests for announcements will not be taken on the telephone.

● HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION

Monday, Jan. 16: Registration for high school completion classes are taken from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday in Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawasssee. For information, call the school, 477-9373.

● GED

Monday, Jan. 16: Free GED (General Educational Diploma) preparation classes begin this week in Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawasssee. Registrations are taken from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday in the school. For information, call the school, 477-9373.

● WEIGHT NO MORE

Monday, Jan. 16: Free introductory session to Weight No More, a life-style approach to permanent weight loss, at 7 p.m. in Botsford Hospital, Grand River west of Eight Mile Road. For information, call the hospital, 471-8040 during regular office hours Monday-Friday.

● ICE FISHING

Monday, Jan. 16: "Ice Fishing for Family Fun," two-session class with Joe Derek begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawasssee. Fee is \$10. Registrations made by calling the school, 477-9373.

● GO FOR IT

Tuesday, Jan. 17: "Go For It," program led by Ann Greene who tells how to get what you want out of life, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. No charge, but reservations are requested by calling the library, 553-0300.

● CHORALE AUDITIONS

Tuesday, Jan. 17: Auditions for Madonna College Community Chorale begins at 7 p.m. in Room 186 on the campus at 1-96 and Levan, Livonia.

● GIBSON OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, Jan. 18: Open house from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Gibson School for the Gifted, 12925 Penton Road, Redford. For information, call the school, 537-8888.

● CHORALE REHEARSALS

Wednesday, Jan. 18: Women singers may join Suburban Chorale of Livonia in open rehearsal at 7:30 a.m. in Clarenceville High School, Middlebelt north of Seven Mile. Open rehearsals continue Jan. 25 and Feb. 2. For information, call Bea Seaglione, 477-2271.

● CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, Jan. 18: Farmington Youth Assistance General Citizens

Committee meets at 7 p.m. in Room 10, Farmington Public School Administrative Annex, 32789 10 Mile. Open to residents interested in the prevention of child abuse, child neglect and juvenile delinquency. For information, call the FYA office, 476-3340.

● UNDERSTANDING GRIEF

Wednesday, Jan. 18: "Understanding Grief," parent discussion sponsored by North Farmington High School Guidance Office, at 7:30 p.m. in the school, 13 Mile east of Farmington Road. No charge.

● FINANCIAL AID

Thursday, Jan. 19: Information on financial aid for students told in program at 7 p.m. in Madonna College's Kresge Hall, 1-96 and Levan, Livonia, in cooperation with Michigan Student Financial Aid Association and Michigan Department of Education. No charge.

● NATIONAL GALLERY

Thursday, Jan. 19: Film series on the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., begins at 11 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty. No charge. Series continues Feb. 2 and Feb. 16.

● PARENTING TEENS

Thursday, Jan. 19: "Parenting Teenagers," series of four sessions, begins at 7:45 p.m. in St. Gerald Catholic Church social hall, 21400 Farmington Road. Series continues Jan. 26, Feb. 2 and Feb. 9. Interested persons are invited to attend one or all sessions. No charge. Series led by family counselor Fabian Weber.

● LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Saturday, Jan. 21: Young adults interested in compiling a newsletter of book suggestions may join an orientation session at 10:15 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty Street. For information, call Nancy Hasek, 474-7770.

● STEAK FRY

Saturday, Jan. 21: Steak Fry served 6:30-9 p.m., followed by dancing in Groves-Walker American Legion Post, 31775 Grand River. Advance reservations are \$7, taken by calling the post, 476-9174 after 2 p.m. Admission is \$8 at the door.

● SOCCER KICK OFF

Saturday, Jan. 21: Farmington Soccer Club's Kick-Off Banquet rec-

ognizes last season's teams and serves as an introduction of the club to potential spring season players, at 6 p.m. in Room 306, Building J, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Tickets are \$7.50, available from Ken Habich, 553-3183.

● ACTIVE PARENTING

Sunday, Jan. 22: Active Parenting video program based on the theories of Rudolf Dreikurs, begins at 9 p.m. in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 11 Mile west of Middlebelt. Registration is \$10, made by calling the church office, 476-8880.

● BIRTHING CENTER

Sunday, Jan. 22: All families who have had children in Providence Hospital's Birthing Center are invited to a party celebration of its 10th anniversary, from 2-5 p.m. in the hospital cafeteria, on the ground floor of the DePaul Center, 16001 Nine Mile, Southfield.

● HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION

Monday, Jan. 23: Free high school completion classes begin this week sponsored by Clarenceville Adult Education Program. Registrations taken from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily in the education office, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

● PLASTIC SURGERY

Monday, Jan. 23: "What You Should Know About Plastic Surgery," talk by Dr. William Vasilief, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. No charge, but reservations are necessary made by calling the library, 553-0300.

● OCC REGISTRATION

Monday-Friday, Jan. 23-27: Walk-in registration for all non-credit classes taken 9:11-30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. in M Building's second floor, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College, Orchard Lake Road and I-96. For information, call the college, 471-7618.

● COMMISSION ON AGING

Tuesday, Jan. 24: Farmington Area Commission on Aging regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington City Hall, Grand River west of Farmington Road. Open to the public.

● DANGERS OF SMOKING

Tuesday, Jan. 24: "The Dangers of

Smoking — The Benefits of Quitting," program at 7 p.m. in Founders' Room, Residence Hall, Madonna College, 1-96 and Levan, Livonia. No charge.

● BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, Jan. 24: "The Misalliance," by Anita Brookner, begins Popular Book Discussion series at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. Copies of "Taste for Death" by P.D. James available for check out, set for discussion Feb. 28.

● WELCOME COFFEE

Wednesday, Jan. 25: Welcome Coffee hosted by Welcome Wagon Club, at 10:30 a.m. in one of the members' homes. Open to all persons new to the area interested in learning the offerings of the club. Reservations taken by Petty DuPont, 476-6882.

● FLAMENCO MOSAICO

Thursday, Jan. 26: "Flamenco Mosaico," a performance demonstration by Los Flamencos Dance Theatre funded in part by Michigan Council for the Arts, at 10 a.m. in Mersey High School, 11 Mile and Middlebelt Road. Program designed for students of Spanish language and culture, and senior adults. Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling Frankel Arts Management, 546-0015. Admission is \$3.

● GETTING IT DONE

Thursday, Jan. 26: "Getting It Done," talk by Thomas Stone who tells how to prioritize tasks at 7 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty Street. No charge, but reservations are necessary, made by calling the library, 474-7000.

● CROSSING TO SAFETY

Thursday, Jan. 26: "Crossing to Safety" by Wallace Stegner continues Popular Book Discussion Series, at 10 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty. Copies of "Love, Medicine and Miracle" by Bernie Siegel now available for checkout, set for discussion Feb. 2.

● LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Saturday, Jan. 28: Las Vegas night games run from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in George F. Monaghan Council, Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road. Admission is \$8 at the door. Maximum payout is \$500.

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