



**W**endy Brey of Livonia will marry John Toland of Birmingham.

No date has been set, but we didn't let that bother us. We went right ahead and called Jack Forest of ROSE JEWELERS, Wonderland, to talk not about wedding rings, but silverware.

Every young couple should know what to consider when investing in everyday stainless flatware and "special occasion" silver.

Jack Forest of ROSE

JEWELERS, Wonderland, advises young couples to invest in a better grade of stainless.

"We're talking \$50 or \$60 for a fairly decent set of stainless steel," he said and explained that this price includes a service for eight.

Forest said that anything less expensive would not be quality but would be "stamped" by a machine and unfinished.

"You have a better balanced utensil with hollow handles that are attached just as they are with silver plate," he said.

We asked Forest about caring for silver plate and whether modern technology has developed anything that prevents tarnish.

"When you have silver you have to be resigned to the fact that when the air reaches it — it will tarnish. There are anti-tarnish cleaners and today's silver chests are lined with anti-tarnish material, which minimizes the need for cleaning," he said.

Actually, silver improves with age because of this chemical reaction to air — the deeply engraved patterns retain this tarnish and "mellows" the silver.

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