

Betrothals Announced



MRS. WILLIAM G. BRITCHER
(Marlene Joy Heft)



SYLVIA WESTON



JANET SHAY



PAMELA JACOBS



PHYLLIS BARNEY

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Weston, of Gaylord Avenue, Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sylvia Sharon, to John Anst Nykanen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anst Nykanen, of Kintoch Avenue, Redford Township. Both are graduates of Redford Union High School. The bride-elect is employed by General Motors Acceptance Corp., and her fiancé is serving in the U.S. Navy at Great Lakes. The couple plans to marry Dec. 21 in the Temple Baptist Church, Redford Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Shay of Stamford Avenue, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Christine, to Thomas Robert Drummond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drummond of Westland. The bride-elect graduated from Bentley High School and attends Schoolcraft Community College. Her fiancé is a student at the University of Michigan. An August wedding is planned.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold D. Jacobs Jr. of Cincinnati announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Dee, to Robert Nolan Pettit, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pettit of Livonia. The bride-elect is a 1968 graduate of Morehead State University and is teaching in Ann Arbor. Her fiancé is a student in the University of Michigan college of engineering. The wedding will take place April 26 in St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati.

The engagement of Phyllis Ruth Barney and John Scott Williams has been announced. The bride-to-be, daughter of Mrs. H. Philip Barney, of Plymouth, and the late Mr. Barney, is a student at the University of Michigan. Her fiancé, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Z. Williams, of Alexandria, Va., has a master's degree from the U. of M. and is a foreign service officer with the U.S. Information Agency. The couple plans to marry in January and will live in Madrid, Spain.



MRS. ARTHUR LAMPE
(Kathryn Lee Hennicken)

Uncles Of Bride Assist In Covenant Church Rites

Kathryn Lee Hennicken had the assistance of three uncles when she became the bride of Arthur Fredrick Lampe in Covenant Community Church, Redford Township.

Two of them, the Rev. Douglas Couch and the Rev. John Drummond, performed the ceremony. The Rev. Norman Sanders was soloist.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Hennicken, of Livonia, are parents of the bride, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Gable, also of Livonia.

A church reception followed the wedding.

The bride, given by her father in marriage, wore a chantilly lace gown with full skirt. A silk organza rose with pearl and crystal trim held her long veil, and she carried white roses with a white orchid center.

Maids of honor Paula Pritchett wore peach chiffon over linen and carried lustrous carnations. In avocado green gowns and carrying yellow carnations were bridesmaids Janice Hennicken, sister of the bride, Barbara Aisen and Rubana Ludwig.

George Parsons was best man and the ushers were Jim Foster, Richard Meuveld and Paul Hennicken, the bride's brother. A younger brother, David Hennicken, was ring bearer, and the bridegroom's niece, Michelle Barnes, was flower girl.

The couple went to the Smoky Mountains and Washington for their honeymoon and will live in Plymouth. The bride is a graduate of Stevenson High School. Her husband graduated from Pellevue, Pa., high school and attends Schoolcraft Community College.

Newlywed Britchers Will Live In Plymouth

Marlene Joy Heft and William G. Britcher were united in a recent double-ring candle-light ceremony at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Detroit. The Rev. Gerald Schultz officiated.

The couple are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Heft, of Longview Avenue, Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. George Britcher, of Wilcox Road, Plymouth.



CHARLENE BOISVERT

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boisvert, of Merritt Drive, Westland, announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlene Dawn, to Gary Wayne Redfern, son of Mrs. Irene Redfern of Detroit, and Alfred Redfern of Canada. The bride-elect attended Nankin Mills Junior High School and graduated from Mr. Arnold's Beauty College of Cosmetology. Her fiancé attended Redford High School and is employed by Sears. The couple plans to marry Jan. 25 in St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Livonia.

THE BRIDE, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory peau de sole A-line gown with a deep yoke of alencon lace and pearls. Elbow-length sleeves and hem also were edged with the alencon lace, and the train was cathedral length.

The bride's illusion veil fell from a flower cluster and she carried a colonial bouquet of white rosebuds and orchids.

Linda Ferrone served as maid of honor and Bonnie Heft, Sue Evans, and Mrs. Karen Heft were the bridesmaids. The attendants wore A-line, floor-length gowns in lime green and carried purple asters.

THE BRIDE'S god-child, Holly Ann Harrill, served as flower girl. Michael Britcher assisted as best man, and the ushers were David and Karl Melow and Art Heft.

The mother of the bride wore an aqua ribbon lace sheath and the bridegroom's mother chose a gray lace and pink cat-dress.

After a reception at Cambridge Hall in Detroit, the couple left for a Northern Michigan honeymoon.

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Marriage Matters

What Is Happening To Parental Authority?

By DR. ALFRED J. PRINCE
(Dr. Prince is associate professor of sociology at Eastern Washington State College, where he directs the undergraduate social work program. He is an experienced family and marriage counselor and has done extensive research into family problems.)

Is the contemporary family supplying the type of guidance, training and discipline that children need? Are modern parents sharing their guidance function? What is happening to parental authority in the modern home?

In the old-fashioned type family, parents assumed an authoritarian position and laid down rigid rules for their children to follow. Children were allowed little, if any, self-determination. Discipline was based upon authority with instant, unquestioning obedience expected.

The democratization of the home, especially in the last generation or two, has resulted in significant changes in our methods of childrearing. There has been a clear trend away from strict, rigid rules of child care toward flexible, permissive ways with children.

MODERN PARENTS, in general, do not conceive of themselves as authoritarian figures, issuing orders and demanding instant obedience. The personal development of the child as a goal of childrearing has superseded the older goal of obedience without question.

These changes in childrearing methods are, of course, to be commended. Children should be allowed a degree of self-determination. They should have right of discussion and be consulted on certain family matters. Are they not as much members of the family as are parents?

At the same time, however, observers of family life are wondering if many parents are not shirking the duties of parenthood. They are concerned with the type of guidance and training many children are receiving in the home. They are worried about the haphazard techniques of discipline being

applied all too frequently by many parents.

THE TREND away from the use of absolute, arbitrary authority toward a more democratic consultative type of control has not lessened the need for firm discipline and parental guidance.

Children must be subject to the final authority of their parents. Indeed, their immaturity makes parental control necessary.

"It is this immaturity," writes one family specialist, "which despite any extreme to which the 'no repression' theorists may go will always make children subject to adult authority."

The fortunate child is not the one who grows up in a world which has neither rules nor boundaries. "The child needs boundaries with an area of freedom within the boundaries, if he is to develop any sense of security."

All this is not to imply that parents would become stern disciplinarians. Harsh and cruel punishment can only adversely affect the child's feeling of personal worth and his responses to others.

In addition, discipline can never be effective if it is an expression of a desire for retaliation or to satisfy a neighbor or even to "give a child what he deserves."

DISCIPLINE which promotes the development of the child has the following characteristics: (1) It is firm, reliable and kind; (2) It shows the child what others expect of him; (3)

it encourages the child and promotes a feeling of faith in himself; (4) It strengthens the child's skills for better future performance; (5) It does not alienate and isolate the child; and (6) It comes from mature adults worthy of emulation.

Under our new concepts of parenthood, the functions of parents are more difficult to discharge perhaps than when parents assumed a more authoritarian position.

Still, no parent can rightly shirk the duties of parenthood merely because they are burdensome or difficult. "Responsibility is always onerous to some extent," writes one eminent family sociologist, "but there is no way wholly to avoid it, especially in the family."



PAMELA CORCORAN

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Corcoran of Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Jean, to Gerald Daniel Bliss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Bliss, of Farmington. Both are graduates of North Farmington High School. The bride-elect is employed by the Southfield News and her fiancé has attended Michigan State University. No date has been set for the wedding.

Say Laundering, Not Washing

Washing means rubbing or agitating clothes in soap or detergent suds. Laundering is a more comprehensive term. Mrs. Ruth Ann Wilson, Farm State extension clothing specialist, explains that laundering refers to the entire sequence

of operations needed to get soiled clothes clean and ready to use again. It includes at least the basic steps of sorting, pretreating, washing, rinsing, drying, and ironing required.

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