

# Up and away...

## Couple takes off for life together

By DAN MCCOSH

When newlywed Mrs. James Choate left the wedding reception at the Roostertail restaurant in downtown Detroit, the last thing she expected to see was a helicopter waiting to lift her away.

The former Mary Schad, of Farmington Hills, "was married at St. Fabian Catholic Church Saturday, to James Choate, of Allen Park.

The young couple's grandparents, both confined, were unable to attend the ceremony. "Her parents have

been so great to us, I wanted to do something," Choate said.

THE "SOMETHING" was an unexpected helicopter ride from the reception to Mrs. John Callahan's home on Garfield in Redford Township, before the couple left on their honeymoon to Key Biscayne, Florida.

The surprise for the new bride was the result of an idea cooked up at a bachelor's party a couple of weeks before the wedding.

Choate says the idea of flying away from the reception was the suggestion of an Air Force friend.

PLOTTING THE trip took nearly a week, between leasing the helicopter and arranging to have a car waiting at the landing site.

After the visit to Mrs. Callahan, the newlyweds planned to take the car to visit Mrs. Alice Schad, Mrs. Choate's other grandmother, who lives in the Franklin Manor nursing home in Southfield.

"She thought she knew everything about the wedding," Choate said shortly before the trip. "I guess it'll surprise her."

## Clerk rehired by personnel committee

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the director was suspected of the embezzlement.

"She went downward, instead," he added.

Mrs. Roberts, after removing the file from the file drawer, showed it to another clerk and discussed it with several other people in the office before the story was related first to Lt. Kelly, according to testimony at the hearing.

"In the final analysis, we reluctantly find that Mrs. Roberts' credibility leaves much to be desired, but, in light of all the circumstances involved in this case, we feel and do so find that the discussed "discharge" and subsequent termination were both the result of emotional over-reaction due to the extreme circumstances involving the department investigation," the report indicated.

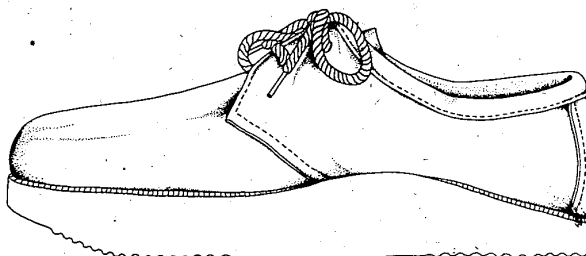
"The employment of Debbie Roberts with the city was terminated when she signed a termination statement after being told by her department head that she would have to be dismissed for violating department procedure and for violating the confidence of the office of the director."



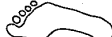
### A toast

Celebrating their marriage, just before taking off, are Mr. and Mrs. James Choate (photo courtesy of Focal Point studios)

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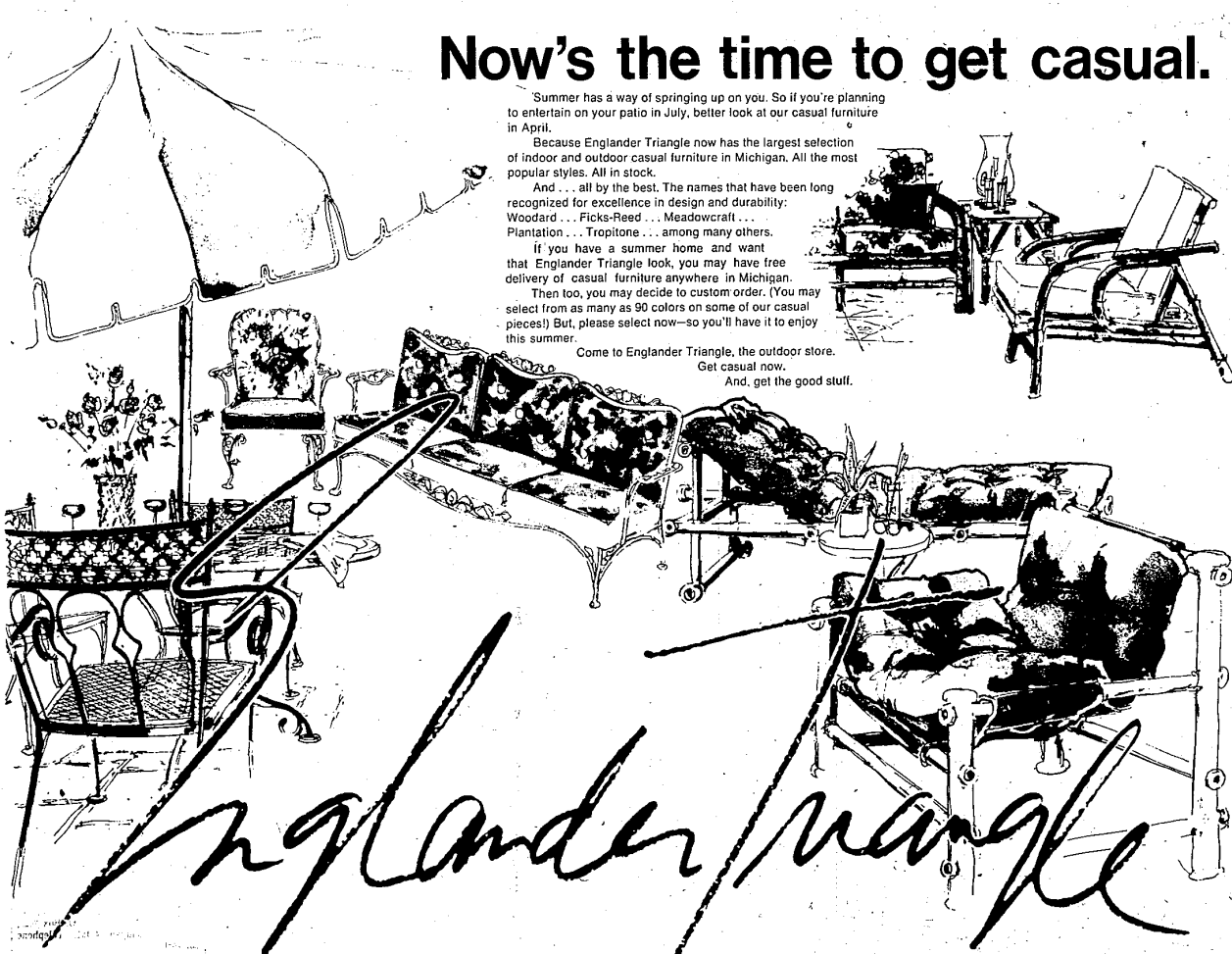
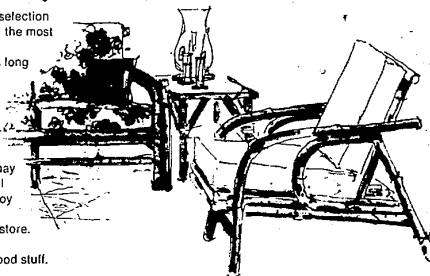
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