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The recent special bridal section of *The Observer & Eccentric* has a story missing. It wasn't supposed to be there in the first place, but as a member of society's unwed, I thought the case for the single side of marriage should be stated.

For myself, there were indicators that marriage would not come early. When other girls turned "sweet 16," I was practicing baseball and swinging from trees. Adulthood didn't much change my manner, and in college, I counseled the male lovelorn while my female friends did homework on their wifely diplomas.

Even at my older sister's wedding, there was the inevitable "you're next." Indeed I was, but I was too busy crying to catch the bouquet and "next" has yet to show up on his white horse.

SINGLEHOOD was not a predetermined course. I happened on

it, or it on me. Either way I have come to learn that a naked, third finger, left hand isn't simply a matter of not being married.

It is parents who believe in spinsterhood and old maidism and who think that at 25, you're on the road to both. Also, it means a mother who is constantly looking for "dreamboats" for you.

It is relatives over 70 who think that moving out of the house before you're married is a definite sin and sign of promiscuity and reason enough to cut you out of the will.

It is about-to-be married friends who think because you are single and not getting married, you would love to help them pick out their hand, photographer and wedding gown; that you adore dresses you can "cut off and wear again" with dyed to match shoes and since you're an apartment dweller, you have tons more money than married friends who are "saving for a house."

FURTHER, establishing a household in a world that waits for you to get married is tacky at best.

After buying a toaster for a wedding gift, I tinkered with my hand-me-down, 1940 vintage broken one. My silverware is the kind

you use to get with every gasoline fill up, my sheets are irregular, my plates are paper and I haven't got two glasses that match.

The appropriate items are promised to me when and if I get married.

SUCH deals I can live without.

ASIDE FROM the material handicrances and the continual premise that you will have a "big day," there are also attitudinal problems. Though women's liberation has made singlehood almost fashionable, there is still the "married friends' plans for singles" syndrome.

Mostly, they think you should join the ranks. And though it would be nice to get that replacement for an electric blanket, it is in fact difficult to realize their thoughts.

So they help. Inevitably, there is the date with the girlfriend's husband's best friend. If he's a turkey, you grin and bear it. Once I beared it for an entire evening as I was slowly crammed into the corner of the back seat with some jerk making amorous advances. I was tactful, but to no avail, and the couple was later divorced.

SINGLEHOOD and the life

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that goes with it isn't as glamorous as it's made out to be, but it's kind of fun. It does, however, make marriage rather scary.

Whereas 10 years ago, living with one person for the rest of my life sounded secure, it is now hair-raising at best. How will I train him to put the soap back in the soap dish, printed side down? Will he adjust and live with a sinkful of dirty dishes, which are only done every third Tuesday and only if I dirty them?

And what about laundry? Is he willing to change to a dark wardrobe for me. Will he buy my theory that cuffs and collars are all that count and in the interest of saving water, the wash is done only on a full moon?

Most importantly, can he cook and does he do windows?

Parents, friends and sometimes myself are aghast at such specifications. Marriage is a joy they say. And though a joint checking account would be great (then I could bounce HIS checks), being single has its merits.

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O.U. offers workshops

The Continuum Center at Oakland University is offering a variety of spring workshops designed to help explore problems of daily living.

Tips on developing effective communication will be discussed at a communication workshop for couples from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the Meadow Brook Clubhouse off Adams Road, Rochester.

The Continuum Center will hold a marriage enrichment weekend to help couples deal with minor problems, set goals and explore values. The weekend will be held from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 26, and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at Meadow Brook Clubhouse.

A career in transition workshop will be held from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesday from April 8-May 13 at the Meadow Brook Clubhouse.

For advanced registration for the spring workshops, contact the Continuum Center at Oakland University.

Stores host Easter bunny

Hudson's stores at Northland and Oakland Malls will host the Easter bunny at breakfast with surprises and entertainment for boys and girls, attending.

Tickets for the breakfasts to be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at Northland and 8 a.m. March 22 at Oakland, may be purchased at the store at least three days in advance.

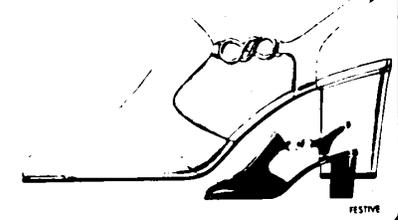
Reunion scheduled

A reunion is being planned for the January 1966, June 1965 and January 1964 graduating classes of Highland Park High School. The planning committee asks that graduates call Janet Poe Christiansen, Carolyn Berta Sanborn or Delores Boyajian Blackwell.

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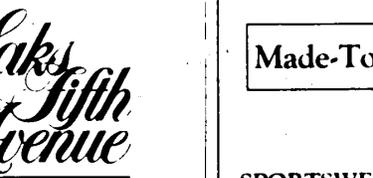
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