

Parents Get Assistance In Toy-Picking Challenge



MRS. JOHN M. JOANNIDES
(Sheila McKee)

Wedding Is Given Victorian Theme

A wedding with a Victorian theme united Sheila McKee and John M. Joannides in marriage Saturday, Nov. 29, in St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Livonia.

The Rev. William Whittleigh heard the couple's vows.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McKee of San Jose Avenue, Redford Township, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Marie Joannides of Seltzer Avenue, Livonia, and the late Maurice Joannides.

All wore deep purple velvet Victorian gowns with ivory lace at the high necklines. They carried lavender carnations with purple starflowers.

Michael Joannides, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The ushers were John Laskaris, Joe Romero and Jim Niemiec.

A RECEPTION in Somerset Community House in Troy followed the ceremony and the couple traveled to Canada for the honeymoon.

They will live in Clarkston.

The new Mrs. Joannides is a graduate of Thurston High School and Michigan State University and teaches art at Waterford Mott High School. Her husband, who holds two degrees from Morehead State University in Kentucky, teaches in Milford High School and Oakland Community College.

Parents today are faced with what is probably the biggest challenge since the beginning of time. How are they going to best equip their children to become active participants in the computerized world of the future and not be replaced by machines?

The new challenge comes with all the giant strides rapidly taking place in the scientific front -- in communications, in electronics, and space exploration.

Competition is a huge problem, too, because there are so many more to compete against.

THERE IS no simple answer to this complex problem, but parents take comfort from the fact that research today is not confined exclusively to the world of technology.

Learning specialists and behavioral scientists are constantly discovering new concepts in child development, the knowledge of which can help

parents in guiding their children through those most important early years.

Many of these are set forth in the new, free catalog, released recently by Creative Playthings, Princeton, New Jersey. Learning patterns are spelled out from early infancy onward by 10 outstanding world authorities, each of whom has written introductory editorials to the various catalog sections.

REBECCA WINTON, director of the Bureau of Early Childhood Education for New York City Schools, states in her editorial introducing community play: "Play has always functioned in miniature, facsimiles of items that he could manipulate in order that he might better understand their inner workings as well as their relationship to man. Young children use toys in the same manner."

"Studies emphasize the value and need of play," says Amy Hostler, chairman of the United States Committee on Early

Childhood Education for the United Nations.

"This has increased the widespread interest in ways to make play space a total learning environment where through the use of specially planned equipment the child can at his own pace gain an understanding of his world, can develop his physical powers and at the same time learn the basic concepts which are the foundation of his later formal studies," she continues in introducing the section on active play.

MISS HOSTLER has been actively engaged in teacher education as president of Mills College of Education in New York City and was previously executive director of the National Federation of Day Nurseries and president of the National Association for Nursery Education.

Parents interested in receiving a copy of the catalog may write to Creative Playthings, P.O. Box 330, Princeton, N.J.



MARY ELLEN DOUGLASS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Douglas of Flanders Avenue, Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ellen, to Stephen P. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Allen of Livonia. The bride-elect is a 1965 graduate of Our Lady of Sorrows High School and is employed by Alcan Sales, Inc. Her fiancé graduated from Franklin High School in 1965 and works for Tile-A-Rama. The couple plans to marry April 3, 1970.



DEBORAH POWNALL

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pownall of Danford Avenue, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Jean, to Daniel O'Dell Kelbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kelbert of Hugo Avenue, Farmington. The bride-elect is a 1969 graduate of Stevenson High School and employed by the hydraulic division of General Motors Corp. Her fiancé graduated from Clarkstonville High School in 1966 and is employed by Federal Mogul Corp. They plan to marry June 20, 1970.



BRENDA HONEYCUTT

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Honeycutt of Sheldon Road, Plymouth, announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Kay, to James Henry Honey, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Honey of Maplewood Lane, Plymouth. Both are graduates of Plymouth High School. The bride-elect is employed as a secretary at Minico Industries, Inc., and her fiancé, also a Michigan State University graduate, is a teacher at American Elementary School, Northville. They plan to marry March 28.

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