



Witt-Perri

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Witt, of Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa Ann to Robert Michael Perri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Perri, of Farmington Hills.

The bride-elect and her fiancé are both graduates of Harrison High School. She is employed with Remco Office Equipment Inc., as a secretary. He is vice president of Quality Coach, Inc.

A September wedding is planned in St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Ales

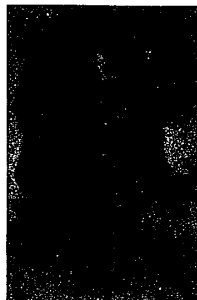
Teresa Brenz and Steven Ales were wed in St. Coleman Catholic Church Aug. 26. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brenz and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Baldassar Ales.

The couple received 300 guests in Fairlane Manor, following the ceremony, before leaving on a trip to Montreal, Canada.

On their return, they will take up residence in Canoga Park, Cal.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Harrison High School.

She moved to Los Angeles, after school, to work as an operations coordinator with Protocal, a security firm. In 1974, he began his career in the record industry as a local promotion man for Prodigal Records, the pop division of Motown. He is now a Motown sales manager, in Encino, Cal.



Kestner-Kolodziej

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kestner of Farmington Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Marie, to Keith Michael Kolodziej, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kolodziej of Livonia.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Western Michigan University and is employed as an educational therapist at the Oakland County Children's Day Treatment Center. Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University and is currently employed by Real Estate Marketing Systems, Inc., in Southfield.

A December wedding is planned in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington.

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"I figure I'm hitting just about everything this year," our North Dakota daughter wrote somewhere between a back-packing stay in Glacier National Park and her week with us on Lake Superior.

"I'm seeing the spacious skies, the purple mountains majesty and at least one of the shining seas, and right now there are the amber waves of grain."

"That last is incredibly beautiful around here for a city girl turned farm nut."

And that about sums up the surprising (to us) situation of the member of our family who headed west just about a year ago to take a daily newspaper job.

A reporter she has become, and she enjoys her work a lot, but in the last few months she also has developed a consuming interest in what makes the farms go in the part of the country that is currently her home.

And in her first summer on the plains, she's had a great time learning about the operation of a big farm as well as the ins and outs of reporting city council and school board meetings.

Shortly after she drove west we started reading in letters about a farm family she had met and how much she enjoyed visiting them.

Spring brought news of a new arrangement in reporting schedules so that some afternoons could be spent as an extra farm hand. "Yesterday and today I helped them get in the last of the wheat and barley," she

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wrote. "Pinto beans are next. I've been driving the tractor that pulls the cultivator (they're both HUGE) getting the fields ready for planting."

Later letters mentioned the Sprague, which she described as "a dandy little open air machine that you take at about 40 mph across the field and feel like you're flying," and "the swather (pronounced swatter) which is an open air monster with a big pad-dlewheel thing in front."

"It cuts the grain down, laying it in long rows to dry before it's combined," our farming apprentice went on, "and I was having a ball out there in the sun and the wind, singing at the top of my lungs through the last of the wheat."

For one who has to force herself to do the lawn and garden work, having a "city girl turned farm nut" can be a mile unsettling. But somehow, as she describes colorful fields and the joy of hard physical work, she's brought us a little closer to another kind of good life.

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DOUG SPENCER

Spencer joins WMU staff

Doug Spencer, Farmington, is joining Western Michigan University's Sports Information (SID) staff as assistant to the director, after a year as assistant sports information director at Eastern Michigan University.

Spencer, 24, is a 1976 WMU graduate in English and journalism, and worked three years as a student aide in the SID office. He has also worked part-time for the Western Herald, the WKZO radio and television sports desk and was manager of the gymnastics team.

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