

Happy Bells Ring For Jill And Rick

THE OBSERVER's own Jill Lindsay and Rick Collins now are husband and wife.

Jill and Rick, you may remember, were the handsome engaged pair we pictured shopping for furniture, linen and diamonds in our first bridal supplement this spring.

And their enthusiasm, cooperative spirit and obvious enjoyment of each other's company made us nearly as happy as they when the wedding bells rang right on schedule in St. Agatha's church, Redford Township, in a nuptial mass last Friday.

JILL WORE the lovely Victorian gown with lace and pink ribbon trim she had described happily during the picture-taking tour.

Preceded by seven attendants in Victorian-styled pink and blue gowns, she was a truly beautiful bride. Her father escorted her down the aisle, and she paused to plant a light kiss on his cheek just before turning to meet her bridegroom.

The Rev. James Varty, former associate pastor at St. Agatha, had come back from a visit to Mexico to marry the young couple he had known for years.

"It makes me especially happy to be here for this occasion because I've watched you grow for five years," he told them. "I'll keep growing and maturing as you grow in God's love."

DARK-HAIRED RICK was all smiles as he brought his pretty



MR. AND MRS. RICK COLLINS
(Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

blonde wife back from the altar. They met while attending St. Agatha school and are beginning married life as Rick, now a Wayne State University graduate, prepares to continue his studies and work with emotionally disturbed children at Hawthorn Center.

At the hall where the reception was held, Jill and Rick posed happily for the photographer with their parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Robert Lindsay and Mr. and Mrs. William Collins.

Mrs. Lindsay posed twice because she forgot she had exchanged wedding shoes for more comfortable slippers.

Mrs. Collins declared cheerfully that "there are three more in the family to be married and I'm recommending elopements."

THE ATTENDANTS all lined up for pictures. There were Jill's sister, Robert, as maid of honor, Rick's sister, Mrs. Judy Thacker, and Gerri DiCicco and Karen Dalrymple as bridesmaids, Mary Margaret Lindsay as junior bridesmaid, and Rick's sister Patricia and Carole Guesada as flower girls. Also Rick's Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers, Paul Dawson as best man and Charles

Foster, James Collins and Robert Aller as ushers.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins cut their wedding cake and danced to the music provided by a combo band.

Then they left on a Las Vegas honeymoon -- a thank-you and best wishes gift from THE OBSERVER to one of the nicest young couples we know.

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Women

Home Arts Take Fair Spotlight

The Community Arts building will be a-buzz with activity every day during the 120th Michigan State Fair, Aug. 22-Sept. 1.

Daily programs in the auditorium plus demonstrations in the exhibit hall will give advice on sewing, cooking, fashion, art and other subjects. There are in addition to the exhibits of canned and baked goods, needlework and art and sculpture which will interest every homemaker, cut to mention her husband and children. The exhibit hall demonstrations will cover pottery, art, cake decorating, quilting, decoupage, and spinning and weaving.

The auditorium schedule will get underway each day at 10 a.m. with a program by the Weight Watchers group which has been so successful in reducing the size of the American waistline. Weight Watchers will also give a program daily at 7 p.m. In conjunction with these, there will be a teen fashion show Aug. 23, recipe awards Aug. 26, adult fashion show Aug. 27, State Fair Queen presentation Aug. 28 and on Aug. 29 introduction of the "family of the year."

Tips on the way to use patterns in making fashionable clothes at reasonable prices will be given at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day in the auditorium by the J.L. Hudson Co. and Simplicity Patterns.

Food for company meals will be prepared in demonstration by Detroit Edison Co. homemakers at 12:15 p.m. each day in the auditorium.

Cooking will be in the spotlight again at 3:15 p.m. each day as experts from Consumers Power Co. give cues for barbecuing on outdoor gas grills.

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m. m. memos

What-do-you-want-to-be-when-you-grow-up has for years been a favorite discussion topic at our house.

With participants only of the feminine gender, the suggestions leave out the vocations like cowboy and fireman. We incline more to teacher and nurse and singer and movie star.

The girls used to think that being a store clerk or one of those all-knowing cashiers who know the price of every item in the supermarket would be the epitome of success. They're still of the opinion that the kids who run production line hamburger service in the drive-ins seem to be having a lot of fun.

One decided recently that being a lady policeman sounded like an interesting future.

I suppose the idea was inevitable with the increased possibilities for girls now. As things are going, they might wind up being jockeys, baseball umpires or mailmen. Or presidents.

Of course, while pursuing chosen careers, they all plan to be mothers of vastly assorted numbers of children, with names already picked out.

But the career plan that seemed to make the most efficient use of time came some time back from one of our smaller girls.

"I've decided I'm going to be a movie star," she announced, "and I'll be a mommy too and on my day off I'll be a teacher."

—Margaret Miller

Farmington AAUW Looking For Books

Your old books can help the cause of higher education for women.

That is, they can if they are added to the piles of volumes the Farmington branch of the American Association of University Women will put on sale in the Livonia Mall Sept. 25 to 27.

The sale, during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on those dates, is the 17th annual one held by the Farmington AAUW.

Proceeds go to the Farmington District Library and to a special fund set up every year by the national AAUW to provide financial assistance for women scholars who are continuing their graduate studies.

The group currently is asking for contributions for the sale. All kinds of books will be accepted -- hard covers, paperbacks, textbooks, fiction, sets of encyclopedias, do-it-yourself books, children's books and cookbooks. National Geo-

graphic magazines also are requested.

A special box has been set up in the Farmington area, and AAUW members will pick up books in this area upon request.

Book sale chairman Mrs. Glenn T. Purdy, 476-6372, or her assistant, Mrs. Herbert Rogers, 476-1258, will make arrangements for book pickups.

Start Lamaze Classes Aug. 21

Physical and mental conditioning for mothers-to-be will be given in six-week class series by the Childbirth Preparation Association.

Registration is now in progress for classes to start Aug. 21 in Wyandotte, Aug. 25 in Taylor and Sept. 4 in Wayne. For information and registration, contact Mrs. Thomas McConnell, at 291-0389 or write 3018 Roosevelt, Taylor.

Redford History Housed In Study

It was the year 1818 that a young pioneer couple followed an Indian trail into the part of the Michigan territory that now is Redford Township.

They move along the Rouge River to the spot where it branched east and west and chose the west stream. The place they chose to build their homestead cabin is now part of Lola Park.

Israel Bell was only 19 and his wife Laura was just 15 when they became the first white homesteaders to venture past the settlement at Dearborn. They were the only settlers in this area until Tom Geldert followed the same trail seven years later.

Probably not knowing anything about the Bells, Geldert chose the river's other fork, and his cabin was built in the area where Shawansee and Telegraph now meet.

THAT'S THE BEGINNING of the history of Redford Township, the oldest of the communities now covered by The Observer.

But the longest history in the area is contained largely in the mind and jam-packed study of history teacher Fred DesAutels.

DesAutels, 28550 Lyndon, is historian of a community that has no historical commission or spot to categorize or display its memorabilia.

Currently engaged in writing a history of the township, he has talked to township officials about the possibilities of forming a historical society and hopes that might lead to a Redford museum.

CURRENTLY DesAutels' office is that museum, and its contents have been collected in many ways.

"I read everything I can find about this part of Michigan," he said. "The Michigan Pioneer Series has been especially helpful, but I've also picked up a lot of information from abstracts of property, cemetery association records and from the records of and earlier justice of the peace, William

Smith. "Sometimes just one paragraph or sentence in a whole book gives me some new information."

DesAutels also passes out mimeographed information on the township to school and club groups and in turn asks all who receive it to tell him about their own families and how they came to Redford Township.

"I've come up with several new leads that way," he said. Actually DesAutels is fascinated by all things historical.

A political science major when he attended Kalamazoo College, he began teaching in 1958 after 37 years in the hardware business and now teaches history at Southwestern High School, in Detroit.

Besides the history of Redford, he is working on an account of the beginnings of Springwells township in the Southwestern area, especially Woodmere and Delray villages, and this summer has traveled to France for more research into his project of writing a history of the DesAutels family.

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In this day of emphasis on the new, this historian hopes

that soon more residents of the area's oldest community may turn their eyes back to their heritage.

At that time it was generally felt that no two places in the country should have the same names, and it was popular to take names from far-off lands, Pekin and Nankin from China, Livonia from Russia, Troy from Greece.

"One of the early settlers who followed Bell and Geldert to the area, George Ferrington was named to head Pekin township about that time, and thus he became this area's first township supervisor."

"Later Pekin township also was divided in half, with Redford to the north and Dearborn to the south."

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RECORD STUDY -- Fred DesAutels, Redford Township historian, looks over some of his records in his home office. (Observer photo)

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