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"Didn't anybody give you a bridal shower?" one of my daughters asked. "Nothing around here looks showery." I had just returned from a visit to the store in town considered the best for purchasing special gifts.

After long agonizing, I had rejected my usual favorite, a candle and holder, then decided against coasters, a glass salad bowl and a stainless steel tray. I had come home with a set of wooden spoons and other kitchen implements in a miniature barrel.

I like wooden spoons, I decided, and the package would have a neat rattle to puzzle the bride-to-be before she opened it.

My daughter tried out the shaking and guessed wrong about the contents and then posed her question about whether anyone ever showered me a quarter century ago.

Yes, I told her, I remembered with pleasure two showers given for me, but for the life of me I couldn't recall what any of the gifts had been.

I looked around the house and still couldn't remember. Wedding gifts could be identified, but shower presents drew a blank.

So that evening, after we had arrived at the shower and unscrambled bridal words like ebdri, figt and meerycer, I posed the ques-

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tion to a couple of other guests while the bride began unwrapping.

A couple of them, like me, couldn't remember a single shower offering. One was pretty sure that a battered tray still in use had its start wrapped in shower paper, and another had received a pair of blue towels that now are relegated to swimming pool use.

The bride worked her way through a stack of beautiful gifts. She said she liked the wooden spoons, through she didn't rattle the package much.

I found myself wondering what would still be in use in 25 years. Would her home look "showery?"

It wouldn't matter, of course. Showers and gifts make marvelous presenting excitement, but they don't have much to do with marriage.

Far longer-lasting will be the memory of the evening and all the people who wished her well.



Millionaire for a Night

Elaine Rousseau tries on her money hat that will be part of the fun when The Women of North Farmington stage "Millionaire for a Night" beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday in Farmington's American Legion Hall, 3175 Grand River. A \$6 reserved ticket

includes stake money, and a midnight buffet, through Olga Vossos, 851-0249. All proceeds are earmarked for Mary Wagner's Community Living Centers and New Horizons. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)



Animal Day at the center

Members of the staff at Upland Hills Farm bring their animals to Farmington Community Center Saturday for a day of half-hour shows. Farmer Webster, showing a group of visitors how a sheep is shorn, is but one of the treats set for young and old alike, running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the center grounds. There is no admission charge.

Club Circuit

KENDALLWOOD LADIES GOLF LEAGUE is looking for experienced and beginning players. Call Irene Berras, 357-1014.

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF BARBER SHOP QUARTETS SINGING IN AMERICA, Oakland County Chapter, will send its Wolverine Chorus to compete in the Pioneer District contest this weekend. The contest is in conjunction with the annual spring convention in Lansing.

The Wolverine Chorus, under the direction of Fred McFadyen, meets

every Monday at 8 p.m. in Knights of Columbus Hall, 2299 Twelve Mile, Berkeley.

Al McPherson invites all men with a desire to sing four-part harmony to call him about membership at 477-7076.

SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB, of Farmington, meets April 28, at noon, in First United Methodist Church social hall, on Grand River and Warner.

Guests are asked to bring a sandwich for lunch. Cards will be available for afternoon recreation.

Booklet tells tax proposals

Several major tax amendments are being considered by the Michigan Legislature. Some proposals amending the state constitution will appear on the ballot in November by means of initiative proposals.

What these proposed changes are and how they will affect taxpayers, property owners and the services nor-

mally provided by tax dollars are the subject of "Michigan Taxes and Proposed Changes," a publication prepared by two Michigan State University specialists.

To obtain a copy of the new publication, write to Alvin House, Department of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University, East Lansing 48824.

Sandra Darvin teaches yoga for the lazy man

Sandra Darvin, who has been teaching yoga since 1963, is now zeroing in on helping seniors limber up and pick up a little energy with yoga classes.

Her sessions, which she calls "The Lazy Man's Yoga," begins at 11 a.m. every Friday, in Mercy Center, on Eleven Mile and Middlebelt.

"You don't have to learn to do 85 postures," she said, "I have ten that I teach to fatties and seniors that can help anything from a kink in the back to arthritis."

She advocates the yoga positions to improve breathing, which in turn makes for better circulation. "It will curb your desire for junk foods and deter old age," she said. "My students think more positively and become more loving by donating a little time to their beautiful bodies."

Cost to the seniors is 50 cents a session which runs about 90 minutes.

Ms. Darvin will give demonstrations and talks about yoga to local groups by calling her at 476-5380.

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