

m.m. memos  
**Margaret Miller**

## Off into wild blue yonder

I hugged her and we smiled a goodbye in the local Air Force recruiting office long before dawn on one of winter's coldest mornings last week.

I turned around as I left and caught a glimpse of her yellow ski jacket as she began a conversation with her recruiter. Funny, but I found myself remembering the yellow dress she wore as she walked down the hill on her way to her first day of kindergarten.

I worried a lot that day, I remember, that my "baby" would have a hard time adjusting to the rigors of school regimentation. This time I felt a lot more sure of her ability to cope with a lot more rigors.

Fifteen years can make quite a difference, and anyway we've all survived many comings and goings in the meantime.

WE'VE SEEN her sisters take off for college and come back and take off again to pursue dreams in far parts of the country. We've seen one walk down the aisle into matrimony and have begun preparations for another such trip.

We've changed houses and traveled around the country and both our generations have seen friends move far off.

So when our youngest announced a few months ago she was considering a four-year enlistment in the service, we knew it would be another big change, but one that sounded like a good idea.

She was interested in the training she could get. We thought that in her case it was the right way to get the training.

We all were even more pleased when, a few weeks after the swearing in, we learned she was being assigned to medical technician training. We voiced often our envy that she was heading for Texas sun. That should make even basic training bearable.

IN THE EARLY days of 1981 she quit her job and prepared to leave.

"Sometimes I can't believe I'm really doing this," she commented one night.

There were severe withdrawal symptoms when she sold her car.

"Withdrawing into your car," quipped a friend who gave me a lift one evening when I loaded mine out. She sorted belongings and even cleaned her room. Well, sort of cleaned her room.

The family prepared a CARE package for a farewell dinner. We included a supply of toy cars and some wings (chicken) and memorabilia of home like Mom's much-ridiculed rocks and shells.

Our airman (not even airperson) enjoyed a few parties and a day of skiing with a favorite friend and a couple of evening times by the fire with her dad and me.

And then the alarm went off on the appointed day and we all had to believe she was doing this.

The recruiter had recommended that families not go to the airport with the new enlistees, so we didn't see her off into the wild blue yonder. But finally this week a card arrived and we know she's on base and keeping well occupied.

We're looking forward to hearing more. It should be an interesting four years.



### Siehak-Blouin

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Siehak of Milford announce the engagement of their daughter LouAnne to Geroge Blouin of Wixom.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Milford High School employed as a dental assistant in Milford. Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington High School, employed with LaFontaine Toyota in Dearborn.

An April wedding is planned.



### Lademan-Zovodny

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lademan of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Marie to Dr. Paul Zovodny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zovodny of Fairfield, Conn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University and employed as a medical researcher. Her fiancé is a graduate of Hahnman Hospital, a genetic research center in Philadelphia.

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

## Joppich leads artists in mixed media workshops

Edie Joppich, a Farmington artist who holds a host of awards for her work, leads three workshops in February in sessions sponsored by Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL).

All of the workshops will be given in Room 21 of Jackson Community Center, 32025 Lyndon, Livonia.

"Adventure in Mixed Media" runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6. In this class, Mrs. Joppich shares her ideas and experiments to bring out each participant's creativity. Techniques used will be in collage, resist and rubbing methods. Slides will be shown during the lunch break. Fee is \$17.

"Adventure in Mixed Media with Model" runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. A variety of techniques will be demonstrated with a costumed model in an environmental setting. Slides will be shown during the lunch break. Fee is \$14.

"Faces and Figures" is the name of

the workshop set from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20. Emphasis will be on intensive eye-hand training to develop observation and drawing skills. Participants will draw from a female model in the morning and a male model after lunch. Fee is \$20.

Registration is being taken now by Elizabeth Hull, 464-2611.

### Old furs remodeled

Women who have old fur coats can learn how to refashion them in one of Valentina Novacek's new "Fur Remodeling" classes in Farmington Community Center.

The first class will begin Thursday and a second will begin Feb. 26.

Those planning to remodel a large item may want to sign up for both classes. Each class is held for four sessions and is \$20 per student. Hours are 1-3 p.m.

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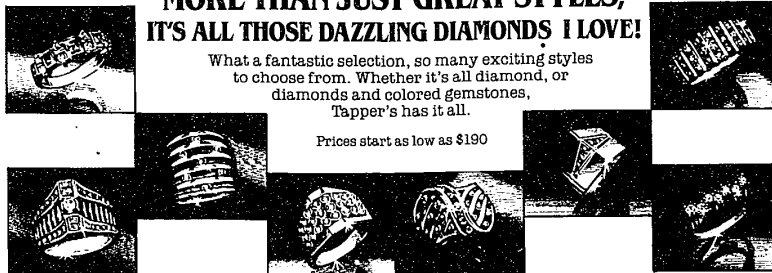
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