



Bev and Randy were high school sweethearts, brought together by a summer's dance when she was a sophomore and he a junior.

That was five years ago in Livonia's Bentley High. Today they are in the throes of planning a wedding Bev hopes will be "as big and as gay as a Mardi Gras -- I want to let the whole world in on it," she says.

The interim years took Randy to Schoolcraft and Oakland Community College, and then to his present position where he is a management trainee for the S.S. Kresge Company. Meanwhile, Bev became a medical secretary, then switched to her current job at Forest City, when she became earnest about saving money for her marriage.

She isn't the girl next door, but she is the girl who lives right around the corner. Beverly Wicker's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Padgett, of 31638 Grennada, and Randy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bishop of 14155 Berwick, in Livonia.

The young couple's most common interest is music. Randy describes himself as an "avid music buff" and they were members of their high school's concert choir together. If things go as planned, their former concert director will sing the theme song from "Romeo and Juliet" at their wedding.

Bev once interjected the idea that Randy sing their favorite song at the ceremony, or maybe recite the words as a vow in addition to the traditional vows, but Randy backed down on both counts. He wasn't too sure he was going to get smoothly through what was necessary, much less sing.

Their love for music extends to Randy's playing the drums, and they both enjoy dancing, but summer leisure time is spent mostly at the Bishop's pool.

Bev developed a friendship with Randy's mother through a mutual interest in ceramics and handicrafts, and more lately, Mrs. Bishop's love

for antiques is being transferred to her future daughter-in-law.

The design of Bev's wedding gown, now being made, she keeps a secret. She says only that it will be traditional white.

She has chosen Kathy Williams to be her maid of honor and Nell Bruce for her matron of honor. Bridesmaids will be Sherry Radies, Sue Pfiefer and Kaen Bock.

Randy's life-long friend Tim Bock will be his best man. His brother Jim, and friends Tom Brand, Rick Kles and Steve Radies will seat the guests at the wedding ceremony.

I, Randy, take thee, Bev - November 27, 1971

"A Time For Us..."

Beverly Wicker and Randy Bishop



Beverly and Randy are spending their pre-wedding days choosing furniture for their new home, figuring out a practical budget and even find time for a short hug. Their parents from left to right are Mrs. Robert Bishop, then Beverly's mother Mrs. John Padgett, Randy and Beverly and Mr. Robert Bishop.