

Tilley-McGraw Rites Read

Riverside Chapel, Presbyterian, Southfield was the setting for the marriage of Linda McGraw and Patrick Tilley, recently at an evening ceremony. Dr. Harold Vernon officiated at the rites.

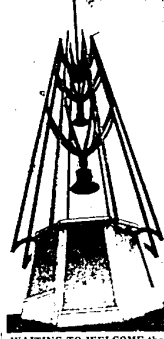
A reception followed at Rose-dale Gardens Civic Association Clubhouse.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Chester McGraw of Gal-lipolis, O. and the groom's par-ents are Mr. and Mrs. Reuben (Bud) Tilley of Farmington. Rose Sobania was maid of hon-or. The bridesmaid was Debra Kinjorski.

Michael Tilley was his bro-ther's best man. Lynn Simrak was an usher. Michael Deszar-jins was ring bearer.

Gallipolis was the site of the honeymoon. Seaman Tilley is due to report back for Machin-ist Training School, at Great Lakes, Ill.

A friendly neighbor and his garden tools are soon parted.



The Distaff Point of View

Jerry Wendt
Woman's Editor

It was the heart of the city. A grey stone building sat behind great iron gates. I entered the courtyard and felt myself going back nearly 700 years in time. The door of the building swung open to admit me and after identifying myself, I was led into a long, narrow room and the door closed silently behind me.

There were no carpets on the floors, no curtains at the windows. The silence was broken only by the muffled sound of bells everywhere there was the feeling of a pulsing, secret life.

My chair was seated facing the wall. A wrought iron grille centered the wall. Beyond that there was space, then another wrought iron grille, behind that a curtain. In a few moments it would part, and I would find myself facing a woman who had entered these walls when she was 22. Now in her late thirties, she had never left these walls.

What would she be like? How had she found life? For this was the heart of the cloister world. I was in the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, the Cloister of the Dominican Nuns. Founded by St. Dominic in 1206, they came to America in 1916. Now they are building a convent at Thirteenth Mile Rd. and Middlebelt in Farmington. I had read a copy of their magazine "Echoes" and found such warmth and humor that I was determined to meet the person who could write like that from a cloister.

The curtains parted, interrupting my thoughts and I found myself facing one of the most fascinating women I have ever met in my life. Sister Mary of the Incarna-tion was a student at Marygrove when she read the life of St. Theresa and decided to lead the life of a cloistered nun. How had a lifetime affected her after daily practicing the three vows of prayer, penitence, and example? I had the idea, that most people had of a remote, with-drawn person, living in an ivory tower, far away from life and its problems. Part of this is true, for part of a cloister will forever remain a mystery as it still is a contemplative life. Nonetheless, there is a busy, active life within the cloister and the minds of nuns are kept active as they daily become closer to God.

Sister was a history major, and writing for forte. She tried to avoid the kitchen and of course found her-self saddled with its chores. However, she cheerfully dubbed herself "Editor-in-Chief" and christened her huge stove "Black Maria." Her account of her first at-tempt with recipes for gems and in one of our next issues we are going to bring you her own story of her kitchen adventures.

Right now, of course, they are getting ready for moving, even as you and I do. The beds have been dis-man-teled and the mattresses are on the floor, likewise the bureau drawers.

However, there will be two old friends waiting to welcome them when they move to Middlebelt and 13 Mile. Joseph and Dominic are already installed in regal splendor after being modernized by electricity. Joseph weighs 500 pounds and is 108 inches in circumference. Little Brother Dominic is only 100 pounds and 48 inches in circumference. For years these bells have daily sum-moned the nuns to their chores and prayers. They were moved August 27. Since then, the Sisters have used hand bells and the results have been more or less gratifying since even with the best intentions, the nuns will ge-nerally be in something.

We had talked for nearly three hours and I was loath to take my leave. I am completely humbled by a life that is such a sacrifice to God and made with such good humor. It is a comforting thought to think that these gentle women will be our midst. Surely the force of good that will be released by their prayers will count for much. It is to be hoped that the women will rally to form a Guild for them, because unable to leave their walls, they will be dependent upon others to help them.

As we said Goodbye, the sisters called their loving greeting to all who leave their walls. "God Bless You blessed work."



SPRING BONNETS SEEN in the lobby of right), wearing Easter hats are Mrs. Paul the Terrace Theater made this season's com-centers, Mrs. Claude Centers, Mrs. Thomas cluding program of the Livonia Town Hall Black-box, and Mrs. Kocer Winship, residenta a gala event. Seen in the picture (left to of Livonia.

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the Dominican Sisters when they move into their new home on Middlebelt and Thirteenth Mile Rd. and Dominic and Joseph. Joseph (biz brother) has these words inscribed: "Seven times a day I will praise Thee" (words referring to the seven times the bell calls the nuns to the Divine Office). Little Brother, Dominic has "Thanks Be to God." These bells are on the top of the building.

—Photo by Jake Wendt

Farmington Club To Learn Art of Table Displays

Farmington Alumnae Association of Delta Gamma will meet at Mrs. Orr Opt Hill, 94895 Quaker Valley Rd., Farmington, on Monday evening, April 11, at 8 p.m.

The program for the night will be a flower arranging demonstration by the hostess who is a member of the Hill and Dale Garden Club of Farmington.

She will demonstrate how to arrange flowers into decorative table displays for indoor entertain-ing as well as for outdoor summer entertainment on the patio or terrace.

Engineers Wives To Meet April 13

Engineering Society of Detroit Wives Club will hold their annual elections at 8 p.m. on April 13 in the Reception Room of the Rackham Building, Mrs. Stuart Vaughan of Livonia will pour at the tea table planned by Mrs. Joseph Vaughan, also of Livonia.

All members are selling tickets for the Benefit dinner-dance on Saturday May 7 in the hall-room of the Rackham Building. Proceeds will go to Pilgrims Project to help send retarded children to camp. Contact Mrs. Bernard Wybrecht 731-5049 for tickets.

Livonia Club To Meet April 13

Livonia Home Gardeners Club will meet April 13 at Bentley High School. Harold Weber, will talk on "From Seeds to Flowers". Time is 8 p.m.

D.B.C. Staff Member To Speak at Livonia Church April 10

Rev. Chester L. Hals tead, Training at Michigan State Uni-Christian Service Director at DBC, will be the featured Wayne State University and speaker April 10 at First Bas-tist Church in Livonia.

Before joining DBC as an in-structor in Counseling and Guid-ship service will be "The Print-ance, Rev. Halstead was pastor of Clarenceville Baptist Church, speak at the 7 p.m. service on "The Resurrection and the Life."

Rev. Halstead, who lives at 20879 Grandon, Livonia, is a graduate of Tennessee Temple College, Chattanooga, where he majored in Psychology. He later earned a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counselor

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Mr. and Mrs. Wallace R. Lutermoser, Sr. of 32138 Oakley Avenue, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter JOANN De-gres to David Frederick Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson, of Grandville, Detroit. JoAnn is a 1965 graduate of Bentley High School and David is a graduate of Cody High School. A June 25 wed-ding is planned.

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Marcus Bass, a member of the Synagogue's religious com-mittee conducted the services with many students taking solo parts.

Mrs. Blank played the piano for several of the songs and singing was led by Thea Schwartz.

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