

# The Distaff Side...

By Jerry Wendt, Women's Editor

Time was when Cupid, a cherubic little fellow was depicted with a bow and arrow, curts and all that old-time medical jargon. Today we live in the Jet Age and Cupid, along with everyone else has been streamlined.

Today, a computer named "Big Mother" has taken over the romance department. Imploping the gods, nagging at friends and relatives to find mates, nowadays, girls enlist the aid of a mating service (Pan-A-Service, Inc., 500 St. Ann Arbor, is a near one).

They pay the fee! and answer a list of questions, then sit back and wait for the phone to ring and a voice to say, "Hi, we've been mated by Big Mama, let's go to work and have a cup of coffee and get to know one another."

The questionnaire offers all sorts of information such as "Fundamental Attributes, Preferences and Interests, Personal Traits, and General Attitudes."

The Observer made an intensive survey, in classrooms, offices, parties, etc., because we are convinced that the scientific method of mating is going to be the thing of tomorrow. And came up with some surprising results.

The first thing to be emphatically established is that the computer is not for the person who can't get a date, but for the person who is choosy.

Professional men who have devoted their youth to study and establishing themselves in their profession, suddenly find all the girls they would pick are gone.

As one eligible bachelor said, "I had just a few weeks before 'run out' of female acquaintances of my age and was literally 'out of gas' on the road to romance. I don't drink, and I don't have a 'line', so walking into a crowded cocktail lounge was out. At work, the attractive girls are either married, about to be married, nearly engaged, pinned, or going steady."

For the women who have established themselves early in a trying profession, or young teachers or business women who have just graduated and then accept a position in a city away from home where they know none, a similar situation exists.

The Observer interviewed top grade subjects. All were in professions and had no unattractive characteristics, such as overweight.

Among the girls, all the unmarried ones were willing to give the computer a try. Although all were dating, they thought the computer might perform a definite service.

One tiny girl, whose size covers a king-sized brain, felt the computer might put her in touch with an older man whom she would find more her mental level. She

has gone ahead rapidly in a man's profession and now finds that her former dates bore her. Her religion includes divorce, and at work it is the same old story of the attractive men being married.

One girl, who is very pretty, did not go away to college and she says, "I've always gone out with someone I knew very well, or my family knew very well. Call it a sense of adventure, if you will, but I would like to meet someone who had traveled, or who could bring some new interests into my life."

Another young girl, whose engaged marriage ended in divorce admitted that her unhappy experience had shaken her confidence in her ability to select a mate.

Attractive, she has dates, but as she says, "I would like to meet someone who was scientifically recommended. There must be some aspect of my nature that I am not familiar with, and I would like expert advice."

Unfortunately, the computer was dealt a lethal blow by two bachelors, who were probably just what the girls who went to the computer service were praying for.

Both in their late 30s, they have above average positions in the "top brass" management and are very good looking. They both dance well, have excellent manners, are socially acceptable any place.

One owns a town house with two bars, one outside and in, and a swimming pool. The other owns a smart bachelor pad in town and a year round home on the lake. They both drive sport cars.

Grade A plus in eligibility, neither would be caught dead near a computer, as they said, "why use a computer? I can't keep up with my social life, now."

Among the happily married men, we asked if they would use the Computer Service if they were widowed or divorced. One said that he certainly would. A charming man, he said he would do it to escape the rash of faxes that would be thrust upon him by acquaintances—and having driven miles in his job said that he would insist the computer put him in touch with someone in his area.

Another, a doctor, surprisingly said that he wouldn't, right away that is. "There are a few numbers that I have seen since I've been

THE HOPED FOR RESULT of all the computations; Love in Bloom.

married," he said, "that I would want to check out first."

Seeing our surprise, he amended, "I wouldn't think of using them when I was married, only if I was suddenly widowed."

Our final interviews were with two people who had used the Computer Service and were now dating the people supplied to them. Both were enthusiastic in their praises.

On the distaff side was a 21-year-old secretary. A stunning brunette, her mother had urged her to try the service.

She worried about her daughter meeting men that she didn't know too well, and wanted the service to perform as a chaperone.

The girl picked the third applicant, a man whom she confessed, "was the handsomest man she had ever seen."

An engineer, he had come here for graduate study. She had liked the first two dates, but wisely decided not to settle on one and now couldn't be happier.

Another bachelor, with a ready sense of humor, is happy with the results. He has a splendid position, and found that in obtaining it, he had become too serious, and out of touch with the social whirl, but let him tell it in his own words.

"You have to first admit that you are lonely and aren't living the life of a movie star with social engagements virtually every night or every weekend."

"After all there are many

young men who have so many girls' phone numbers, and dates that they need the computer introduction service like Henry Ford needs a new car.

"I feel that if a person admits their social life isn't what they want it to be and they need a bit of assistance, then the computer is just the thing."

"Out of the five girls I have dated through the service, all are just the type I am looking for. Four out of five are the same religion, they all have college educations and responsible jobs."

"They're a far cry from the blind dates fixed up for me by aunts and cousins. Even if the meetings shouldn't result in marriage, I feel the service has enabled me to be much more comfortable and more relaxed and outgoing and more sure of myself when I meet girls other than those through the computer service."



HEAVY CONCENTRATION is needed in order to avoid spilling, decides Margaret Comeau, a student at the Livonia Nursery Inc. Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Comeau.

## Livonia Nursery Incorporated To Begin Classes Sept. 19

The Livonia Nursery Incorporated, located in the Rosealee Presbyterian Church, is making plans to begin regular sessions on Sept. 19. The co-op nursery, affiliated with the Greater Detroit Nursery Council and administered by the parent members, is taught by Mrs. Arthur B. Morrill, experienced in pre-school education.

Orientation teas are being held at Mrs. Morrill's home, 35880 Bobrich; the three-year-old group on Sept. 6 at

8:30 p.m.; the four-year-old group on Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.; and the four-year-old morning group on Sept. 8. Sept. 12-16 is interview week. During this week Mrs. Morrill interviews the mother of each new child, finding out many things which will help her in working with the child. During each half-day session children are given an opportunity to explore a wide variety of play and learning activities including such things as: paints, crafts, play dough, scissors, glue, science table, doll corner, climber, work bench, blocks, book corner and outdoor play area.

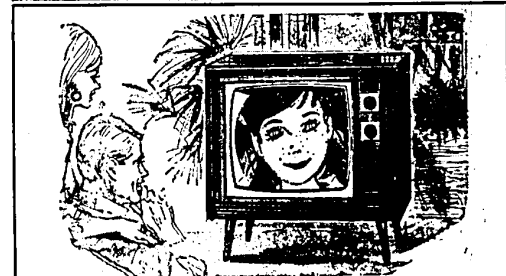
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## Junior Division To Take Part In Livonia Flower Show Sept. 9

"Beauty Has a Small Beauty" is the name of the Junior Division of the Flower Show to be presented by the Livonia Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden's Association Sept. 9, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia, from 2 to 8 p.m.

Table settings on TV trays will include "Breakfast with Barbie," "Lost in Space," and "Beauty Dines with Bat Man."

Design classes include animals, birds or characters made from seeds, vegetables, fruits or any natural material, and for the boys, arrangements made in or on sports equipment.

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