

**THE COMMUTER'S WIFE**

**'Turnabout Week' Can End Argument On Hardest Worker**

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There's an old, old controversy raging still about who has it the harder—husband or wife.  
Asked what she'd want if she were Queen-for-a-Day, the mother of four boys answered, "I'd just like to have my husband manage the boys for one day. Then he'd see how they tear the house down, how much food has to be cooked for them, how they fight—and what big holes they tear in their clothes."  
Her husband's version would probably be "My wife gets to stay home every day while I get out and make the living. Loads of groceries every week, at least one new pair of shoes every pay-day, and last year Johnny, that's the second one, had a mastoid operation I'm still paying for."

**DAD WILL** look the part too, getting off the train in the evening with shoulders sagging, and carrying a big brief-case full of work to be done at home.

Or, if he works in a factory he arrives home bone-weary, perhaps covered with dirt and grease. By that time, if Mother is dressed in a clean, raffish house dress the way the women's magazines tell her to be, he may think she hasn't done much all day. Then when he's showered, dressed and been fed, and sits down to read the paper and watch TV, he looks like quite a man of leisure to her while she spends most of her evening arguing the kids into taking their baths and going to bed.

**CHANGING PLACES** for a week would be an eye-opener. If Mother went into Dad's job she'd find that bosses don't talk nice to employees who make mistakes. That excuses don't count if the deadline isn't met or the shipment doesn't reach its destination. That's there no alibi for the screw that wasn't tightened. She'd see that the world of business isn't the factory she thought it was.

She'd learn the fear of lower sales-figures and of lay-offs, and realize that whatever happened, the burden of the family's support would still be on her shoulders, a load that wouldn't lighten for many years to come.

**AND DAD**—what would he discover? That housework has a way of undoing itself as it goes along. That children interrupt work constantly. That if there's a baby in the house, it's his day-and-night responsibility. That even if he's feeling miserable, he must somehow stagger to his feet and look after the little ones. And that the job is not just 40 hours a week, but goes on all the time.

A "turnabout week" would do the trick. Mother and Dad would find that where there are children, each parent contributes equally. And that in the final analysis, it's worth all the trouble.



MARGARET BARTON

**Announces Troth Of Hills Girl To Princeton Grad**

Engagement of Margaret McEdward Barton to Philip Matter III, is announced by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Carl Osborn Barton of East Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills. Philip is the son of Mrs. Spencer M. Cantrell of Marion, Ind., and the late Mr. Milton Matter. The bride-elect was graduated from Cranbrook school, Cranbrook, attended the University of New Mexico and was graduated from Michigan State college. She is affiliated with Tau Beta and Kappa Kappa Gamma. The prospective bridegroom was graduated from Cranbrook school and Princeton University, where he is a member of the Cup and Gown club. He is a captain in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve and has served in Europe and Korea.

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**Fay Kanin Comedy Ends This Week**

Seasoned favorites blend their talents with relative newcomers in present, "Goodbye My Fancy" at Will-O-Way Playhouses under the direction of William W. Merrill. Playwright Fay Kanin deals with an overdose of nostalgia on the part of an ex-conductor turned congressman returning to her alma mater to receive an honorary degree. Aline Hirschfeld plays Congresswoman Agatha Reed. Minnie Jo Curtis, in her first Will-O-Way role this season, draws laughter playing secretary to her congressman boss. The salience president, played by George C. Scott, is the congressman's old flame.

A **MAGAZINE** photographer, who for personal reasons got the assignment to cover the weekend homecoming, obligingly encourages the course of events to their climax. Michael Keith is the photographer.

A 16 year-old Birmingham girl, Martha Kern-Buhls is cast as the pretty daughter. She is 1954 winner of the Will-O-Way Apprentice theater scholarship, sponsored annually by the Michigan State Federation of Women's clubs. Miss Buhls is a student at Kingswood school Cranbrook.

**ALSO APPEARING** are Robert Bryson, Bettie Toll, Francis Hamsburger, Kenneth Krezel, Kemal Kasem, Larry Johnson and others. "Goodbye, My Fancy" continues nightly through Sunday, Aug. 15. Curtain is 8:30. For reservations call the Will-O-Way box office. Opening Tuesday, Aug. 17, and continuing through Aug. 25, will be Harry Segal's "Here Comes Mr. Jordan" with Paul Barry and George C. Scott.

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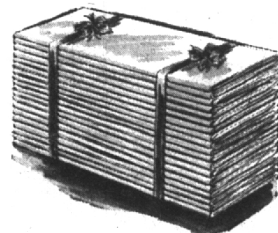
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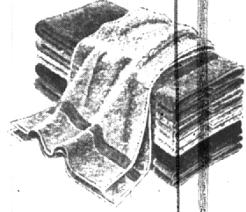
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