THE COMMUTER'S WIFE

Consider the Dismal Fate of Graduation Dresses Everywhere

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After Graduation Week, some parents feel like they've "commenced", themselves.

The feverish activity begins on a Thursday night two weeks before graduation, when Daughter comes home and says the girls are all having white dresses to wear under caps and gowns.

Dad says for her to go down and buy a dress on Saturday, but after a day spent looking, she comes home saying there is no dress to fit her (out of the hundreds for sale), and she's bought white eyelet material to make a dress.

Mother sighs. She remembers other dresses, and who made them.

Monday after school, Daughter cuts out the dress, but gets little done the rest of the week. Exams all week, she types copy after school for the "Annual" and at night, studies. Maybe Saturday.

Mrs. Brunson

BUT THAT DAY she spends shopping for white "heels". Sunday, church, a picnic, and baccalaureate. She is in a tizzy because a boy she likes has asked her to date.

Graduation Week. Exercises are Thursday night. Monday, Mother sees the unsewed dress lying around and sews a few seams on it, though the rose bushes need spraying badly. That night Daughter sews for an hour but has to rip out most of it. (She sews well ordinarily, but is dreaming of her date.)

Tuesday, Mother gets a few licks on the dress, but there's a club picnic that afternoon. Maybe Daughter will sew after school. But no, she stayed "after" to watch her boy play baseball.

WEDNESDAY after school Daughter has to have her hair done (Dad insisted, because it's looked positively wooly lately), so Mother manages to get the pockets put in the dress and the bodice together. The material is getting soiled.

Graduation practice that night and a church-board meeting for Mother. Late at night, Daughter sews bodice to skirt and puts in the zipper. But the bodice is on backwards. Rip. Rip. Now both are too tired to sew and the dress is in a most discouraging state.

GRADUATION DAY. No school, so both get up and start to sew, ignoring housework. Mother resews bodice to skirt and puts in zipper. The skirt is measured, 12 inches from the floor.

Daughter sews on the seam binding and both work on the hem. It's noon, the dress is done, but too soiled to wear. Into the washer and out in 20 minutes. But it's raining and the dress won't dry. So wrap it in bath towels and at 4 p.m. mother irons it. It's pretty.

That night it's worn, forgotten and invisible under cap and gown. But daughter looks lovely and Mother and Dad are proud and thrilled.

B'ham, Bloomfield Women to Assist GP Party Hostess

When Mrs. Owen R. Skelton opens her gardens on Ridge Road in Grosse Pointe for the annual garden sale of the Detroit Artists Market on Tuesday, June 8, a number of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills women will be on the list of assisting hostesses.

Included are Mrs. Carl O. Barton, Mrs. Randall Clark, Mrs. Erwin T. Coveney, Mrs. Thomas Hewlett, Mrs. John R. MacManus, Mrs. Benjamin H. Micou, Mrs. Arch Plant and Mrs. Harry L. Winston.

Members and their friends will view an exhibition of paintings, sculpture, ceramics, metalwork and textiles by artists and craftsmen of this vicinity.

Want ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

HARRIET THOMPSON

Harriet Thompson Sets July 19 Date

July 19 is the date set by Harriet Thompson for her marriage to C. Arnold Truman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Truman of Spokane. The wedding will be at 2 p.m. in the Plymouth Congregational church in Denver. Harriet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crawford Thompson of Chicago, formerly of Bloomfield Hills.

The bride-elect has chosen her sister, Mrs. Robert J. Kelsey (Theodosia Thompson) of Gowanda, N. Y., as her matron of honor. Carol Jeanne Lautz of Denver, a University of Michigan classmate, will be maid of honor.

Attending Arnold will be Robert J. Kelsey of Gowanda as best man, Harry Regenstreif and Ernest Simpson of Denver, ushers, and Robert J. Kelsey, Jr., ring-bearer.

After a Colorado honeymoon, the Trumans will live in Denver.

Return from Europe

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie D. Stauffer of 176 Suffield drive returned home June 2 on the Queen Elizabeth after spending five weeks abroad on the Chet Sampson tour. Countries included were Scotland, England, Holland, Switzerland, Italy and France.

Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all news—call the society editor about them.

Annual Open House At Cranbrook School Set for Saturday

The third annual open house and tea of Cranbrook school will be held by the faculty and students of the School on Saturday afternoon, June 5.

Parents and friends of present and prospective students will view athletic demonstrations, arts and crafts exhibits and a varsity baseball game between Cranbrook School and Hamtramck High School.

Special band and glee club concerts have been planned for the occasion. Classrooms, laboratories and dormitories will be open throughout the afternoon.

5 Named Directors Of Harvard Club

Five Birmingham area men have been elected to the board of directors of the Harvard club of Eastern Michigan, club officials announced this week.

Among 12 members elected to the board at the club's annual meeting May 12 were Malcolm G. Adam, 1255 Villa; William K. Ginman, 19470 Beverly, Beverly Hills; Gordon W. Love, 962 Abbey; Fred W. Freeman, 1696 Graefield, and Ralph C. Getsinger, Jr., 505 Bryn Mawr.

Fishing, Bear Hunt In Northern Canada

Mr. and Mrs. Julian B. Wilson, 135 Waddington road, left Friday for their annual fishing trip and bear hunt in northern Canada. Accompanying them was George Bookless of Rochester.

Joining them in Canada are Mr. and Mrs. Burton Ayers of Magnolia subdivision and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jarosz, 1425 Clarendon.

Their hunting will be 17 miles into the bush at Cartier, near Thodberry, Ont.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

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