



MRS. PETER GRYSON

## Velma Harris Wed In Methodist Rites

Dr. Arnold F. Runkel performed the double ring ceremony Saturday evening uniting in marriage Velma Marguerite Harris and Peter Gryson at First Methodist church, Birmingham.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Harris of Needham Heights, Mass., formerly of Birmingham. Mr. and Mrs. E. Joseph Gryson of Crabtree, Bloomfield township, are parents of the groom.

PRECEDING the bride down the aisle were maid of honor Suzanne Wilson of Wilmette, Ill., and bridesmaids, Mrs. Roy Christensen of Ann Arbor and Judith Ann Gipson and Christine Gryson of Birmingham. They wore pink organza full skirted frocks accented by pink taffeta cummerbunds.

The honor maid carried an arrangement of pink roses and chattered carnations and the bridesmaids' bouquets were composed of American Beauty roses and pink carnations. Pink shoes and face veils and white gloves completed their costumes.

VELMA'S wedding gown was fashioned of imported white embroidered organza designed with a Sabrina neckline, short sleeves and tiered skirt. Her fingertip veil

descended from a head piece of organza and her flowers were white and pink roses.

Guests were ushered by George Rockwell of Birmingham, Edward Shied and James Shaban of Jackson and Thomas Harris, brother of the bride. Lt. Joseph A. Gryson served as best man.

Mrs. Harris chose a matching sequined hat for her pale blonde hair, which was styled in a soft wave and accented by a corsage of pink roses. The bridegroom's mother wore a chiffon gown in a café au lait shade and a pink flowered hat. She pinned pink roses to her bag.

WHEN THE newlyweds left the reception at the church for a northern Michigan honeymoon, the bride had changed to a navy blue linen suit, navy and white accessories and a corsage of pink and white roses.

The bride served as a teacher last year at Vaughan school in Bloomfield Hills. She and her husband will make their home in Ann Arbor while he continues his studies at the University of Michigan dental school.

## DOWN TO EARTH

# School Bells Mean Lawn Work

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME  
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Before the school bells ring for the children, the home owner gets his call for major work on his lawn.

Keep plenty of grass seed on your garden shelf so that you can ruffle up the worn spots. Then sprinkle some of your choice compost soil, "manufactured" by using leaves or black loam, over the area. Carefully spread your seed, then compact the soil with the seed, by stepping on it or using a roller for early germination.

New lawns should be built at this time, and established lawns should be "top dressed" with rich loam.

THE BEST TIME to buy chrysanthemums to be placed in pots for terrace or porch beautification is right now. This gem of a flower has the great attribute of being able to be transplanted at any time.

By picking a main plant just coming into flower you will have 2 to four weeks' pleasure from the selection, then place it in the perennial garden for a sure next year.

The fall season is the best time to execute major construction ideas in the garden. If you plan to make a terrace don't forget the books filled with ideas, "Gardens Are for People" and "Planning and Building Your Patio," which will take you "in tow" and help you endlessly with the technique.

DR. L. C. CHADWICK at the state nursery conference gave us some grand plant selections which I want to share with you. He emphasized that when you pick out a shrub or a tree you should place major emphasis on the mature branch formation, even before mak-

ing the selection for the potential flowers or fruit. This is a very important good reason why you should visit established gardens.

To hide the architectural weakness over window wells, we like to employ cotoneaster, because it



PATRICIA N. SPERRING

## Sperlings Announce Daughter's Troth

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Sperling of 18241 Kirkshire, Birmingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Nancy, to Martin Kingshill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin A. Kingshill of Detroit.

First Presbyterian church in Birmingham will be the scene of their October wedding.

grows horizontal, about six inches high, and it will let in filtered sunlight. Dr. Chadwick has found that cotoneaster adpressa is better than the variety horizontalis, because it is harder.

Daphne is a good evergreen shrub we like to use in a sunny location, because it is about two feet high and twice a year has heavily scented button-shaped flowers. Dr. Chadwick favors the variety Daphne Retusa, because of the white flowers with the rosy margins. This selection is good near a door or any other place where you want a fine, low-growing accent.

A SHRUB WHICH likes wet feet and will take a little shade is Aesculus Pavia, which is a good red bottlebrush. It will grow up to fifteen feet high, the flowers are dark red panicles which can be six inches long. It is best planted

## Miss Dove Feted At Bridal Showers

Mrs. H. L. Burkhardt of Park street will entertain tomorrow evening at a dinner in Devon Gables after the rehearsal for the wedding of her son, David, to Alysanne H. Dove which will take place Saturday.

The bride-alet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dove of Wallace street, was honored recently at a shower given by Mrs. Arthur Baynes and Mrs. Parker Eckersen at Mrs. Baynes' home on Telegraph road.

Other fetes for Alysanne included a shower given by Mrs. Richard L. Kingswood of Villa road and another with Ann Groves of Westchester way as the hostess.

alone as a specimen. The flowering period is during July and August.

Dr. Chadwick bemoaned the fact that we do not use more tree peonies. This selection will give you the fine flowers we associate with peonies, plus a small tree to give a vertical accent in our perennial beds.

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**Mrs. Blunt Is Home From Lake Vacation**  
Mrs. Loren Blunt has returned to her home on West Lincoln, Birmingham, after spending four weeks at White Lake with Dr. and Mrs. F. B. McAllister of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Capt. and Mrs. Willis Wallbaum of Wright-Patterson Air Force base.  
Mrs. Wallbaum, Mrs. Blunt's niece, is the former Capt. Winifred McAllister of the Women's Expeditionary Air Force who was stationed in Germany for eight years.

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