

Am I overburdened with a sense of personal pride? Do I love myself too much? Have I become overly selfish? Here I overbooked my need to get and retain humbled and generosity? If not, then I have plenty of work cut out for me to do—and quickly!

## Suburban Scene

### Nine Brides-Elect Feted by Sorority At Saturday Party

By BARBARA GANSCHOW

The George H. Glover home on North Cranbrook road, Bloomfield Village, was the scene of much merriment Saturday when daughter Gail's sorority sisters entertained for nine brides-elect.

Thirty graduating seniors from the University of Michigan, members of Pi Beta Phi, came from Ann Arbor for the afternoon festivities.

Sitting in front of the fireplace, with identically wrapped packages tied with white bows and pink blossoms, each bride-to-be told an anecdote about how she met her fiancé.

Sue Roach of Birmingham Blvd. and Martha Wallbillich of Redding road were among the girls honored, as was Jane Germany of Mansfield, Ohio, who will marry John C. Maddox, Jr., of Walnut Lake road, Aug. 11 in Mansfield.

Sue's wedding to Dick Simpson of Dayton, Ohio, is scheduled for June 9 in Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church, Christ Church Cranbrook will be the scene of Martha's June 30 marriage to William Chalfonte of Hutchinson, Kan.

Bouquets of spring flowers decorated the Glover home. A pale green cloth covered the serving table and deep pink roses wreathed the punch bowl.

Also among the honorees, all to be wed this summer, were Nancy Pittba of Blacksburg, Va., Penny Brown of Grand Rapids, Frederika Haines of Vassar, Mary Jane Roubil of Detroit, Ann Hess of Flint and Sara Jo Brown of Springlake.

### Orchard Lake Sailing

A free-for-all race May 27 will launch the sailing season at Orchard Lake country club. An 11 a.m. brunch will precede the event which is open to men, women, boys and girls.

Lady sailors and crews will plan their program Wednesday at a club luncheon arranged by Mrs. Basil E. Brown, chairman of the social committee.

Mrs. Edward S. Reid, chairman of women's sailing activities, has announced her committees. Co-chairmen for girls' sailing are Mrs. Nancy Sommer and Mrs. W. K. Ginn. Mrs. Rudolph Eberstadt, Jr. and Mrs. George D. Miller are in charge of rules, assisted by Mrs. L. W. Shaffner.

Chairman of new skippers and crews is Mrs. John K. Bagby; with Mrs. Douglas A. Holmes, Mrs. Graham John Graham and Mrs. John W. Fitzgerald are prizes co-chairmen. Mrs. George H. Crane and Mrs. Shaffner are planning the first summer series which will open the ladies' racing season June 20.

The second summer series is being handled by Mrs. Howard E. Green and Mrs. Paul L. Penfield. Mrs. B. H. Micon and Mrs. George H. Russell are co-chairmen for the championship series. Mrs. Sidney Oldberg is Pontiac regatta chairman.

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EERO SAARINEN heads the architectural firm which designed the GM Technical Center. Winning the competition for the American Embassy in London, he will leave May 23 to work out problems in London. Accompanying him will be his wife and Joseph N. Lacey.

## For Men and Women of Industry, Contemporary Design, Tech Center

By FRAN MAIER

"A whole group of buildings working for one purpose, unity, and every unit to be a part of a larger purpose," remarked Eero Saarinen . . . "that was the aim of the architects, Eero Saarinen and Associates of Bloomfield Hills, who designed the General Motors Technical Center."

Dedicated Wednesday, the multi-million dollar Technical Center, at Mount and Twelve Mile, has been a success. The building's modern surroundings—fountains, lawns and trees enhance the beauty.

BUILDINGS are constructed of steel—the metal of the automobile—used in a clearly expressed system of standardized measurements. The typical buildings have north and south curtain walls of greenish glass windows and grey porcelain enamel metal panels set in aluminum frames. In dramatic contrast to these neutral shades are end walls of glazed brick in blazing colors—red blues, yellows and oranges.

The first four bricks in the experimental process were placed in the kiln at Cranbrook by Maja Grotell, head of the ceramics and pottery department.

THE ARCHITECTURE attempts to find its eloquence by developing everyday ordinary industrial buildings into beautiful objects rather than in straining for the spectacular and the Social.

"To fulfill the functional requirements took a lot of teamwork within my group," said architect Saarinen.

Three of his associates, John Dickinson of Sheppard Associates, Birmingham, who designed his own home . . . a wood and glass box type on stilts which has a retaining wall of red glazed brick, Kevin Roche of Frank Street, Birmingham, and . . . Platten, played major roles and worked continually since the beginning seven years ago.

DINKELLO, project manager, in charge of co-ordination between engineers, clients and architects, also, did a great deal of experimental research in materials.

Roche, who did architectural design and interiors, is responsible for the unique staircases. Steps of one unusual spiral staircase are emerald pearl Norwegian granite held by thin stainless steel suspension rods that converge in a cone at top and bottom of the structure.

Platten, who was in charge of the research group and is now in Rome on a scholarship, had a major design responsibility. Saarinen's two partners, J. Henderson Barr and Joseph N. Lacey, worked on architectural things in relation to styling and engineering building in the early stages.

A RESIDENT of Academy Row, Bloomfield Hills, Olav Hammarstrom did interior and exterior design of the restaurant.

Interiors of the central restaurant can be seen through glass walls. Dining rooms have special

Textile consultant for the firm of Eero Saarinen Associates, she worked closely with Warren Platten. Her designs are in the lobby of the engineering staff building, process development lobby and service center. She also wore the fabric for the ceiling of the office of Harley J. Earl, vice president in charge of styling.

LOCAL AREA men who worked in the early stages of the development were Glen Paulson, Ed Elliott and Elliot Robinson.

Working under Kevin Roche in the latter years were Gene Festa, Joe Wehrer and Jack Goldwyn. Many of the chairs employed

at the center were designed by Saarinen for Florence Knoll, one of the leading makers of contemporary furniture, who received her education at Kingswood and Cranbrook.

The decorative, golden-glittering screen by sculptor Harry Bertoia, who originally studied at Cranbrook, separates the dining area from the entrance in the central restaurant, is a design made up of plaques of enameling steel coated with metals applied in the molten state.

RESPONSIBLE for the landscape which reinforces the pleasure (See CENTER, Page 2, Sec. 2)



MARIANNE STRENGELL OF CRANBROOK who designed all the rugs, many drapes and other fabrics for the GM Tech Center is examining the unusual hand-woven rug in the library of the research building.

### Elected President Of Pembroke Class

Anne Coulter, a senior student at Pembroke college, Providence, R. I., has recently been elected class alumnae president. She will serve until the first reunion of her class in 1958.

Anne is also president of the Pembroke student government association and an active member of the academic honor system committee. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce N. Coulter of Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills.

### Kramers Have Moved

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Kramer and daughter Karen, five months, have moved from Woodlawn avenue, Birmingham, to 58 Manor road, Bloomfield township. Kramer is associated with Jacobsons of Birmingham.

### At Franklin Community Association's Spring Dance

A T LEFT—Donning their best bibs and tuckers, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts (center) were among guests entertained at a cocktail party preceding the Association dance hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Adams (left and right) at their Willow Green home in Franklin.

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### LWV Convention Delegates Return

Birmingham area delegates have returned from the national convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Attending the five day meet were Mrs. John D. Rumsey of Crestwood, Franklin, Mrs. Evan B. Hanway of Rivenoak avenue and Mrs. Thomas Steinhilber of Lake Park, Birmingham, and Mrs. Cleveland Walcutt, Eaton road, Bloomfield township.

### Breien's Announce Daughter's Troth

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Breien of Carriage road, Gilbert Lake, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Helen, to Donald George Probst.

Donald, a son of the Jacob Probst of Detroit, will graduate in June from Wayne university school of engineering.

Patricia is a junior at Wittenberg college, Springfield, Ohio, where she is a member of Chi Omega sorority.

### Pierce Girl Scouts Take Trip to Farm

Pierce school girl scout troop 531 took an overnight trip to the Kerley farm at Ortonville last weekend. They took a side trip to Camp Narrin to plant trees.

Last month, their overnight excursion took them to Greenfield village.

### Committee Member For Maytime Ball

Serving on the committee for the 5th Annual Ball, tomorrow evening, is Nancy Carolin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Carolin of 31241 Labser road.

The "Ball," sponsored by Delta Sigma Epsilon, national social fraternity, will be held in the Arabian Room of the Hotel Tuller.

### Mothers Are Guests Of U of M Students

Mother's day came early to University of Michigan's campus, with many sororities and fraternities entertaining their mothers last weekend.

This was arranged so guests could enjoy the May festival. Some of the local mothers who visited Sigma Chi were Mrs. Ray Lovell, Mrs. Frank Bostford and Mrs. B. Chapman.

### MSU Club Members Form Auxiliary

An auxiliary to the Michigan State university club has recently been organized.

The group met recently in the home of Mrs. Harry Winston Jr., Lakeside avenue, Birmingham.

Elected to the governing board were Mrs. Winston, chairman; Mrs. Edward J. Perron, secretary; Mrs. William Adams, treasurer; Dottie Rosetti, program chairman; and Mrs. Donald McCandless, publicity.

### Mary L. Chritton Former Resident Engaged to Marry

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Chritton of Lake Angelus, former residents of Bloomfield Village, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Louise, to Lawrence J. Conner, Jr., son of the Lawrence J. Conners of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mary resides in Los Angeles, but plans to spend the first week of June in Lake Angelus. A fall wedding is planned.

### Music Guild Hears Piano Concert

Cranbrook Music Guild's annual meeting will be held Monday, May 28 at 7:45 p.m. at the Cranbrook House.

Following the meeting there will be a concert by Walter Baker, pianist, who is holding his bachelor of music degree in June at Oberlin college. He has made two solo appearances with the symphony orchestra at the National Music camp, Interlochen.

Friends and members are invited to the concert and afterglow. Assisting Mrs. Martin Archangel, chairman of the afterglow, are Mrs. LeRoy Kiefer, Miss Mary Buick, Mrs. McKnight Parker and Mrs. W. Ogden Vogt.

### The Bride is the daughter of Angelo Viola of Harding, Detroit.

Livy's floor length gown of peau de sole silk was fashioned with a scoop neckline accented with pearls and long sleeves. The fitted bodice dipped to a "V" in the front and back. Her illusion veil fell from a pearl crown and she carried white carnations, stephanotis and trailing lily.

MRS. MATTHEW Boehmer of Detroit was matron of honor and Mrs. Bruce Mitchell of Swartz Creek, sister of the groom, and Dolores Viola, sister of the bride, were bridesmaids.

All attendants wore identical frocks of pale green acetate tissue nylon. Scoop necklines coming to a "V" in the back gave detail to the waist length gowns. Fitted bodices extended in a straight front panel with gathered fullness starting at the hipline and continuing to the V-dip in the back. They carried bouquets matching their crowns of white daisies with yellow centers.

JOSEPH SPAIR of East Detroit was best man. Ushers were Gino Viola, brother of the bride of St. Clair Shores, Bruce Mitchell, brother-in-law of the groom, and John and Robert Thomas, brothers of the groom.

For the wedding and reception, following in the Jefferson room of

## Thomas-Viola, Vows Spoken Saturday in Nuptial Mass

Before the altar banked with white gladioli and blue fuji mums, Olivia Viola and William H. Thomas, exchanged vows and rings at 11 a.m. in St. Margaret Mary church, Detroit.

The Rev. Lawrence Cavanaugh officiated before 200 wedding guests.

Olivia is supervisor of the Birmingham branch of the Oakland Child Guidance Clinic and Bill is township editor for the Birmingham Eccentric.

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