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Crazy Hats in Style

Crazy hats will highlight the Saturday evening dance at Forest Lake country club and modeling their chapeaus are (from left) Mrs. James McGuire of W. 13 Mile road, Birmingham, Mrs. Donald Hacker of Colony Hill, Franklin, (Bird, the pony) Mr. McGuire, behind the horse, and Mr. Hacker.

Attendants Appear In Aqua Taffeta

The Rev. Robert S. Graham performed the double ring ceremony for the marriage of Suzanne Shanklin and Howard Eugene Fitts Saturday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church in Birmingham.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Hamilton boulevard, Birmingham, and Mrs. Richard W. Shanklin of her husband is the son of Mr.

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'Shooting Stars' To Give August Astronomical Show

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August will be the month of "shooting stars," since the time is rapidly nearing for the annual Perseid display.

This outstanding show appears with almost perfect regularity each August and is considered the most dependable of the scheduled showers. Meteors may be seen flitting across the sky in larger numbers than at any other time of the year, with the maximum coming around Aug. 11 or 12.

A shower of meteors can occur only when the orbit of the earth crosses the orbit of the meteor swarm. The time of the earth's crossing determines the date of the shower. Apparently, in the case of this swarm, the meteors gradually have spread out along the entire orbit, for every year when earth crosses the path, a

shower of moderate intensity and about the same frequency is observed. As many as 50 shooting stars or more may be observed each hour.

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Fortunately, the first quarter moon of Aug. 11 will not seriously interfere with observations this season. Shooting stars are pieces of iron and stone that become visible when they enter and encounter the earth's atmosphere. Coming at very high speeds—always several miles per second—their motions are checked and retarded and the resulting friction sets them burning, with most of them consumed in the plunges. The temperature resulting from the meteor's violent rush through the air is enormous and produces the brilliant flash that looks like a star.

ALTHOUGH these flashes of light may be seen in the sky in any direction, the paths of the meteors of this shower, when traced back, seem to intersect in the northeast near the Cassiopeia-Perseus border, where the constellation Perseus rises about 10 p.m. This accounts for the name given the annual display.

The bits of iron and stone seem to radiate and fly in all directions from this region and it is not uncommon for a "falling star" to move upward instead of downward. The best time to look for "shooting stars" is after midnight, when they are not only brighter but also when we can see those that we meet head on as well as those that overtake the earth.

Have You Met...

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hughes of Wadsworth lane? They moved from Royal Oak on June 13. He is a supervisor for Anick Manufacturing Co.



MRS. HOWARD E. FITTS

and Mrs. Howard P. Fitts of Wellesley Hills, Mass.

GUESTS WERE greeted at Forest Lake Country club following the ceremony.

The bride appeared in a gown of silk organza over taffeta highlighted by a softly scalloped neckline outlined in alencon lace and featuring short sleeves and fitted bodice.

A crown of nylon tulle and lace secured her fingertip veil of French illusion. She carried a white Bible decorated with tiny white orchids and trailing stephanotis.

Honor attendant was Lucille Thompson of Pittsburgh, Pa., and bridesmaids, Paula Pitts of Wellesley Hills, Mass., and Mrs. Richard B. Shanklin of Providence, R. I.

ATTENDANTS were street length dresses of green aqua taffeta with fitted bodices and full skirts. Matching crowns and bouquets of white tea roses and carnations completed their outfit.

Albert R. Smith of Greenfield, Mass., was best man. Ushers were Peter C. Fitts of Wellesley Hills, Mass., and Richard Shanklin of Providence, R. I.

Mother of the bride wore a champagne silk sheath with matching accessories. Mrs. Fitts appeared in a rose beige silk sheath. Both mothers had cymbidium orchids.

THE NEW Mrs. Fitts changed into a charcoal gray linen sheath with white accessories for her wedding trip to Northern Michigan.



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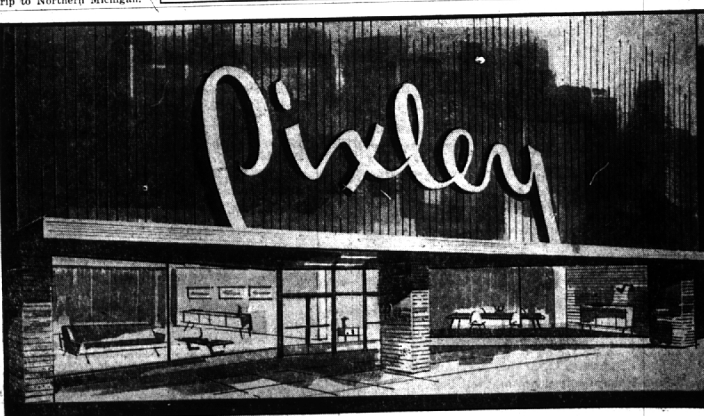
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