



'Bad Seed' preview

Maxwell Anderson's "Bad Seed" is Farmington Senior High's all-school drama selection this year. Senior Deon Edwards (standing) portrays Christine, the mother of Rhoda, played by sophomore Julie Rosenberg. Sophomore Susan Griceus is cast as Monica. Curtain time is 8 p.m., Feb. 23-25 in the FHS auditorium. Advanced student tickets are \$2. All other tickets are \$2.50 at the door. Instructor Ves Spindler directs the play assisted by student teacher Joe Maci. Student Jim Philp is the stage manager. (Staff photo by Harry Mauth)

Unselfish leadership is organization goal

By JOE MARTUCCI

The Committee of the Silent Majority is starting to make noise.

Founder Bob Dalton, a Bloomfield Township businessman, said public response has been overwhelming. Announcement of the new group, which plans to launch a crusade against apathy and government ineptitude, was carried in the Eccentric in November.

Dalton said about 35 people were so impressed with what he's trying to do that they called him. He arranged a meeting at his home last week and since then has been working nearly full-time to organize the group. He's been asked to appear on a radio talk show and to address the Birmingham Lions Club.

"The Committee of the Silent Majority will be neither conservative nor liberal. It will be a responsible organization and will earn the love, trust and respect of the people of this country," Dalton said.

"We want to build unselfish leadership for our nation that will address itself to solving problems and preserving the free enterprise system."

Dalton has coined a slogan: "When they are wrong, you write." The group's mailing address, appropriately, is P.O. Box 1776, Bloomfield Hills 48303.

After the meeting he will take the necessary legal steps to organize the group as a non-profit corporation. He's already opened a bank account.

"It has become a reality. There's no question about that. Our first goal will be to earn the trust of the people. I don't think it's going to be difficult. They will trust you until the day you lie to them."

Dalton figures the group represents 65-75 per cent of the people in the United States.

"They are the responsible citizens who work for a living, still believe in God, motherhood and the flag and are attempting to raise their families in a responsible manner."

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"They are the people who do not believe that our Constitution has given Congress the responsibility or authority to care for us from the womb to the tomb."

The group's objective is to "organize and mobilize people and funds in order to educate our political bodies in regard to the meaning of the word leadership."

Dalton is selecting a six-member panel to help coordinate the efforts of the group. Several businessmen have also volunteered to advise on issues with which they are familiar.

"OUR BIGGEST need at the present is help and counsel," Dalton said, adding that he would like help from top automotive or banking executives.

Members of the panel will include experts in taxation, law, banking, finance, management and marketing.

Dalton doesn't want just anybody. The tax man, for example, "will probably come from one of the major accounting firms." The lawyer, he said, "should be from one of the larger law firms."

He said he wants people with access to the research and resources available to major firms and corporations.

The group will tackle a variety of issues, said Dalton.

"The legislation on Social Security has to be changed. Then there are the Panama Canal treaties, the energy problem, national health care, the food stamp program and deficit spending."

Dalton has many figures. "The interest on the national debt is \$3.5 billion. Total profits before dividends of the 1,000 largest corporations are \$42 billion. So, if you took all the profits of the 1,000 largest companies, you still couldn't pay off the national debt."

Costs of welfare and Medicaid programs in the last eight years rose more than 100 per cent. "The wages of the productive people in the country have not seen that type of increase."

Dalton says he's also concerned the so-called Humphrey-Hawkins employment bill will be passed as a tribute to the recently deceased Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

"We can't afford this tribute. Let's build a vocational training school for auto mechanics instead."

Confer with Brotherton

Residents of the 6th legislative district will have the chance to tell State Rep. Wilbur Brotherton (R-Farmington, Southfield) their concerns at a public meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Farmington Hills Community Library Auditorium, Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

There is no structured agenda for this meeting. After I make a few introductory remarks, I just want to listen to the people," Brotherton said.

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Bloomfield Township businessman Robert Dalton is gaining support for his new group, The Committee of the Silent Majority. (Staff photo)

Unemployment drop predicted for state

Unemployment rates will decline in most Michigan counties in 1978, says a Michigan State University economist.

Dr. David I. Verway, of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, has published his forecast, "1978 Economy: Another Good Year," in the current issue of the Michigan State Economic Record.

"Overall, the state can probably expect an employment gain of 2.9 per cent," Verway foresees. "That means an unemployment rate of 5.6 per cent. Between 1976 and 1977, Michigan employment grew by 4.5 per cent while the nation's rate of gain was 3.4 per cent."

"We had a longer way to go, of course, because the previous recession was more severe here. The 1976 unemployment rate for Michigan was 9.4 per cent compared to 7.7 per cent for the nation."

Purchasing power is expected to rise

by approximately five per cent both in Michigan and the United States. In past years, Dr. Verway said, purchasing power of Michigan incomes rose by about nine per cent.

ABOUT 40,000 new jobs in construction, retail trade and other non-manufacturing sectors can be expected in Oakland, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, St. Clair and Wayne counties, he said.

Retailing, according to the economist, should provide a larger share of the job gain than it did during 1977. Since the gain in manufacturing employment isn't likely to exceed 5,000, he said, the relative gain in employment isn't expected to be as great as in 1977.

"Assuming continued slow growth in the labor force, the unemployment rate will drop to 5.4 per cent from the 1977 average of 6.8 per cent," Verway said.

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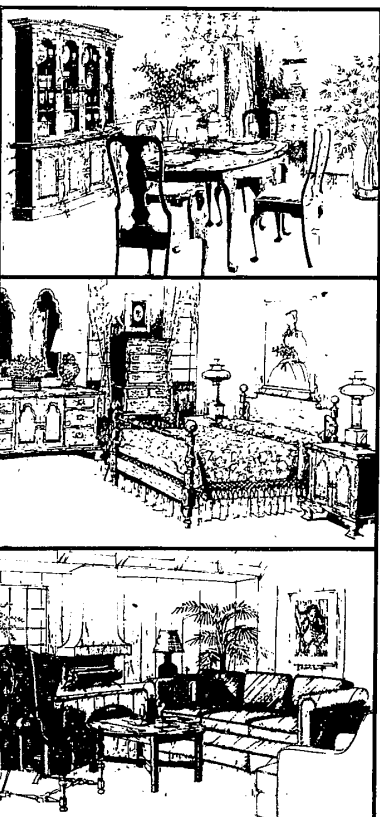
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