

Entertainer reminisces at Town Hall appearance

What does a long-time vaudeville performer, nightclub entertainer, movie, radio and television star like Peter Lind Hayes do when he appears at a town hall?

As his lecture title "For Amusement Only" promised, he entertains. At Northville Town Hall last Thursday morning at the Plymouth Hotel, Hayes' humor reflected his years on stage. His talents in mimicry and timing were apparent as he told many ethnic jokes, did comedy skits and impersonations of such performers as Henry Kissinger, Nelson Rockefeller and David Brinkley. He also mastered President Carter's southern accent.

Hayes, who married Mary Healy after a whirlwind courtship when he met her as a 20th Century starlet, has remained wed for 36 years. He reports they're still a team. The pair played "Hayes" together in Missouri and will be doing so again in September in Las Vegas.

The two moved to Las Vegas from New Rochelle, N.Y., seven years ago but they return east each summer to take in some boating.

"RIGHT NOW Mary is in Las Vegas with mother, who still calls her 'that girl.'" After all, I'm an "only

son," Hayes told his town hall audience. "Mother admits to be 84," Hayes said as he recalled his first acting experiences in vaudeville with her. She was headlined as Grace Hayes. Hayes says she still owns the Grace Hayes Lodge in Las Vegas where she has lived since 1942.

"She bought 178 front footage across from the Sands for \$21,500 and when the late Howard Hughes bought everything else along the strip, she held out for a million dollars—she still has the property and Hughes is dead," Hayes recounted.

"My wife dated Howard Hughes in the early days," Hayes added, "but the one true love of his life was Katherine Hepburn who couldn't see him for dust."

Hayes sprinkled his talk with tales of Hollywood greats, including Ava Gardner, who, he said, dated Howard Hughes for about three months.

FRANK SINATRA also popped up in Hayes' reminiscences.

He called Sinatra "the last of the big spenders," recalling that the singer crooner invited 90 people to Palm Springs for his marriage to Barbara Marx. "We've been friends for 30 years," Hayes said, "but he adores

women and really doesn't care for men."

The evening before his wedding, Sinatra, who Hayes said has eyes in the back of his head, told one of his henchmen that "the man in the blue suit (whom neither knew) must be a crasher."

Sinatra's goon nudged the man firmly towards the door, suggesting he "get lost."

"But I'm the judge that's marrying them tomorrow," the man protested.

Hayes has a son "26 going on 12" who works for CBS, in "nuts and bolts," he said. His daughter is interested in photography and is married to a "boy who looks like Jesus."

Both children are adopted. Hayes said after he and Mary became parents, they "gave up stands like the Sands and did radio shows from our basement in New Rochelle."

They did so, he said, so they could stay right on top of the kids. "I can tell you it's a waste of time," But he smiled as he said it.



PETER LIND HAYES

SZ chooses Wm. Davidson

William M. Davidson was elected president of Congregation Shaarey Zedek at the 118th annual meeting of the congregation recently.

Other officers elected were: Leonard E. Baron, first vice-president; Harvey L. Weisberg, second vice-president; David Hermelin, treasurer; and Myron L. Milgrom, secretary.

Davidson, president of Guardian Industries Corp., is also majority owner of the Detroit Pistons basketball team.

He is the grandson of Joseph Wetman who served as president of

Shaarey Zedek from 1920 to 1922. His mother, Sarah (Sal) Davidson has been active in synagogue affairs for over 60 years. She is the oldest living past president of Hadassah in this area.

Davidson and his wife Lynne are the parents of Ethan, 8, and Maria Jane, 6.

He has served as vice-president of the Jewish Vocational Services and Community Workshop and on the board of trustees of Sinai Hospital. He has served the congregation as a member, second vice-president and first vice-president.

Sexuality set as topic

Human Sexuality is the focus of a two-weekend workshop offered by Wayne State University's College of Education through the College of Lifelong Learning.

Scheduled for May 13-15, and 20-22 at the WSU Southfield Center, 25610 Eleven Mile, the workshop is designed for teachers, counselors and other pro-

fessionals seeking sex education. Using an interdisciplinary approach to the understanding of human sexuality, the workshop is under the direction of Dr. John Pietrofesa. Workshop hours are May 13, 4:30 p.m.; May 14-15, 21-22, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; and May 20, 6-9 p.m. For information call Dr. Pietrofesa at 557-1654.

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Forest Park revival services set May 2-6

Dr. Verlin Kruschvitz will lead revival services at 7 p.m. each evening from May 2-6 in Forest Park Baptist Church. The church is at 27800 Shawnee, corner of Inkster in Farmington Hills.

Dr. Kruschvitz is pastor of Severns Valley Baptist Church, in Elizabethtown, Ky.

Allan Case, the music director for Severns Valley, will lead the music during the revival in Farmington Hills.

Rev. Robert Wilson is pastor of Forest Park and invites all persons in the community to the services.



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