

Acting For Children

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Women

Can Libraries Play New Role?

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

DETROIT What about using the local library to introduce youngsters to the experience of expressing themselves through acting?

It's being done on a small scale throughout the country as participants in a panel discussion during the Children's Theatre Conference meeting testified this week.

Other than one program in a branch of the Detroit Library there doesn't seem to be any formal movement underway on the local level.

THE PROGRAMS described ranged from those designed for

the disadvantaged child to one for the child of suburbia.

Only one of the programs was being administered by the library system itself. In all cases, however, the library was providing the facility.

Financing ranged from government grants to fees collected from the children to the funds of a settlement project to the librarian's own private financial resources.

SPECIFICALLY the programs described were:

• A FTA sponsored and administered program in the metropolitan area of Seattle, Wash. for 4-5-year-olds. The 10-week class is financed by the \$6.50

fee paid for enrollment.

Margaret Woods, founder of the program, said that the aim is to "create an interest in literature and focus on an involvement in good literature" among the youngsters.

The sessions include puppets, story telling and creative dramatics.

• A creative drama program for the children of Detroit's Ingham City in the Bowen Branch, Ellen Sibley branch libraries, said that she started the creative drama program in order to "teach the children how to feel and how to express themselves."

Financing for this program has come from the librarians'

poockets because of the financial plight of the Detroit system.

• Creative drama classes are now conducted in nine branches of the Boston Library which grew out of an afternoon visit by a group of children from the local settlement house to the local branch library.

• The Federal Government has financed a three-year pilot program in the Philadelphia Free Library system which has been run on an incentive basis through the schools.

• ALL OF the panel participants were enthusiastic about the development of children's creative drama programs in a library setting.

Time after time the comment was made that the librarians themselves became avid supporters of the program after the classes were instituted.

A spokesman for the children's services department of the Wayne County Library System said that no organized children's program was underway within that system which services all the suburban libraries.

"Right now our programs exist because of the interests and energies of the individual librarians," she said, "However I think that this type of program is needed and if any librarian were to start one she would have the support of the system."

They're Engaged



BRIDGET ABRAAM



MARSHA SPORRE



SHEILA MCKEE

Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Abraam of Sumner Avenue, Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bridget Ann Sporre, to Gary Thomas Roger Edward Bertravick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bertravick of Lexington Avenue, Redford Township. The bride-elect is a 1969 graduate of Redford Union High School, and is employed as a cashier by the Kroger Co. Her fiancé graduated from Redford Union in 1965 and attended Henry Ford Community College. He is employed by the Detroit Diesel division of General Motors Corp. The couple plans to marry Nov. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee L. Ball of Cape Coral, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Marsha Ann Sporre, to Gary Thomas Roger Edward Bertravick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bertravick of Lexington Avenue, Redford Township. Both are 1969 graduates of Albion College and plan graduate studies in the fall. The bride-elect, a psychology major, will study mental health at the University of Michigan School of Social Work and her fiancé, a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, will attend Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery at Kirksville, Mo. A June wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKee of San Jose Avenue in Redford Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheila, to John Joannides, son of Mrs. Marie Joannides and the late Maurice Joannides of Sartz, Livonia, formerly of New York. A graduate of Michigan State University where she majored in art and affiliated with Chi Omega social sorority, she is a teacher at Waterford Mott High School. Her fiancé was graduated from Moorehead State University in Kentucky with bachelor's and master's degrees in English. He will teach this year at Milford High School. The wedding date is Nov. 29.



MRS. GARY CHARLES PURECE (Marlene Roberta Dietrich)

Purece-Dietrich Vows Spoken In St. Aloysius

St. Aloysius Church in downtown Detroit was the setting of the wedding of Marlene Roberta Dietrich and Gary Charles Purece, Aug. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Dietrich Sr., of Martin Crescent, Redford Township, are parents of the bride. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Purece of Oak Park.

The Rev. Richard J. Ward, pastor of St. Aloysius and formerly pastor of St. Robert-Belarmine Church in Redford Township, officiated for the 5 p.m. ceremony.

The bride chose a wedding gown of silk organza featuring a mandarin neckline. Hand-drawn alencon lace and pearls were used for the bodice and a border of the lace encircled the skirt and train. Her chapel train of silk illusion was secured by a camelot style headpiece of matching silk and lace, and her bouquet was of white duchess roses with white roses, baby's breath and ivy.

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The death rate from heart disease in Israel is one of the lowest in the world, according to Histadrut Health Insurance. The rate is approximately 26% of the total mortality rate, according to doctors, whereas in the U.S. the rate of deaths from heart disease is 38%. The coldest community in the world is Oymyakon in Siberia, where a temperature of minus 95 degrees has been recorded. Because of its inclement weather, Siberia, which is as large as the combined area of the U.S. and Mexico, has a population of only about 23 1/2 million. Only one state in the world, Louisiana, is named after a European monarch, the name honored Louis XIV of France.

Dustin, Husby Unite

The Rev. Herbert Kaas, pastor of Rosedale Park Lutheran Church, who had married the bride's parents, officiated for the recent wedding of Carol Dustin of Farmington and Cal Husby of Traverse City, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Farmington.

The couple are on the faculty of the Traverse City public schools, the bride as a school nurse and her husband as English instructor and swimming coach.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derby Dustin of Lilac Drive, Farmington. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Matilda Husby of Traverse City and the late Mandon Husby.

The bride wore a white linen empire style gown complemented with white lace and a touch of pink. Her veil was attached to a matching lace headpiece and she carried a single long-stemmed pink rose.

Mrs. Merlin Smith of Union City, Mich., cousin of the bride, was matron of honor. Peggy Gascho, a nurse co-worker of the bride, was bridesmaid. They wore pink linen empire style gowns with white lace trim and matching lace and tulle headpieces. Each carried a single long-stemmed pink rose. The guest book was attended by Julie J. Smith.

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AFTER A RECEPTION in Dearborn Country Club for 200 guests, the couple left for their wedding trip to New York City. They will live in Troy and plan to continue studies at Wayne State University where the bridegroom is a senior and the bride is a junior.

MRS. CAL HUSBY (Carol Dustin)

Marilyn Ann Miller, daughter of Mrs. Russell David Miller of Program Drive, Plymouth, and the late Mr. Miller, will be married Oct. 18 to Robert Gouin II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert James Gouin of Ludington, Mich. Both are students at Washtenaw Community College.



MRS. JAMES BERNARD KOPAS (Fawn Theresa Choske)

Grandfather Aids In Wedding Rite

With her maternal grandfather assisting in the ceremony, Fawn Theresa Choske became the bride of James Bernard Kopas Aug. 2, in St. Elizabeth Church, Tecumseh.

The couple's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Choske of Tecumseh and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kopas of Tecumseh. The Rev. Herald Harrison, maternal grandfather of the bride, assisted the pastor, the Rev. Robert J. Handley, pastor of St. Elizabeth's. A papal blessing for the couple was read during the mass.

THE BRIDE wore a floor-length high fitted A-line dress of heavy crepe with jewel neckline full length sleeves and chapel train. Her headbanding was of sculptured braids and it held the floor-length veil which the bride made. Her flowers were a cascade of white orchids, white sweetheart roses and stephanotis.

The bridegroom's sister, Karen, was maid of honor and Judy Chinoski, his cousin, was the bridesmaid. They wore floor-length lavender dotted swiss gowns in empire design with full sleeves and skirts. Their matching colonial bouquets were of various shades of lavender flowers.

James Darguz was best man and ushers were Frank and Fred Choske and Dan Gadowki.

To Trade Plants

A white elephant plant exchange will be the main event of the Sept. 8 meeting of the Plymouth Branch Women's National Farm and Garden Club.

The newlyweds, both graduates of Michigan State University, left for a week's honeymoon on the East coast. They will make their home in Mount Clemens.

Mrs. John Simmer, 5640 Warren, will be hostess and Mrs. Robert Edelzy will be tea chairman for the day. The meeting

at 1 p.m. will be the first of the fall season.

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