

Plimpton leads off series

Northville offers variety in upcoming townhall

George Plimpton, called "the contemporary Walter Mitty," will open Northville Town Hall's 1978-79 season Oct. 12, it was announced at the final program of the current series last Thursday.

He will be followed by party-giver Allison Laland Nov. 2; Dr. Murray Banks, March 8, and Broadway-television personality Bob Wright, April 12.

When he appears on Northville Town Hall's 17th season, Dr. Banks will have the distinction of being the first repeat lecturer. His talk, "What To Do Until the Psychiatrist Comes," is the second most frequently given talk in the world.

In announcing next season's selections, Florence Booms, chairman, noted that the price for the four lectures remains at \$15. They will continue to be held at the Plymouth Hilltop Inn on Northville Rd.

SPONSORED BY Our Lady's League of Our Lady of Victory Church, the series has become an area-wide event with proceeds shared with charities in Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Farmington, Livonia and South Lyon.

Half of the profits, the Town Hall committee points out, are given to Our Lady of Victory Church Lady's League with the other half donated to charities who apply to the Town Hall Board of Awards.

Deadline for application for an award is May 31 with letters to be sent to Northville Town Hall, Box 93, Northville, 48167, marked, Attention, Board of Awards.

Ticket applications should be sent to the same address with stamped, self-addressed envelope included.

CELEBRITY LUNCHEONS will follow each of the lectures. Unlike the lectures, they may be reserved and paid for individually. They will be \$5.50 each or may be pre-paid at \$25 for the series. Checks and self-addressed envelopes should be sent to Mrs. Frank Shokaluk, Box 93, Northville, 48165.

Babysitters also are available through Our Lady of Victory School. For information, call Mrs. Robert Hodson, 349-7888.

In announcing the new series, Mrs. Booms called the speakers "both entertaining and informative."

GEORGE PLIMPTON, the season opener, is known for having done a multitude of unlikely things and then writing about them very well. He quarterbacked with the Detroit Lions, pitched to the All-Stars in Yankee Stadium, played bridge with Oswald Jacoby, tennis with Pancho Gonzales and percussion with the New York Philharmonic under the baton of Leonard Bernstein.

Then he wrote about what makes champions tick. His first achievement after Harvard and Cambridge was to be one of the founders of "The Parish Review," a highly esteemed literary magazine.

ALLISON LALAND, who frequently appears on radio and television, gives a complete dimension to the party

scene and is known as Washington's "hostess with the mostest."

She attended Greenbriar and Agnes Scott colleges and pursued a career in public relations in Atlanta where she gained a reputation as one of the city's successful hostesses. Her profession and her art took her to San Francisco and the Washington.

She will give helpful hints about entertaining as she relates tales about her own parties.

Hostess Laland originally made her name as a party-giver with the Nixon

people. Last fall, The Washington Star newspaper gave her credit for having "finessed the political changes with style, and the skill of a survivor."

The article mentioned that she had been coached in party giving by the late Perle Medea, a fellow Christian Scientist, and had been helped in making her mark on Washington by "six inheritances in recent years."

DR. MURRAY BANKS, in addition to being a top platform speaker, is a writer and adjunct professor of psy-

chology at Northwood Institute. He also had been a psychology professor at several other institutions, including University of Memphis and Northern Michigan University. He is a graduate of New York and Columbia universities.

His books include "How to Live With Yourself," "Things My Mother Never Told Me," "How to Overcome an Inferiority Complex."

"He entertains royally while he subtly instructs," says Mrs. Booms. Bob Wright, star of Broadway stage

in "Kiss Me Kate" and "Man of La Mancha", will combine song with wit, humor and stories of backstage life in "Musical Theatre Cavalcade" when he concludes the new season.

He will present musical highlights of hits, including "Beggars' Opera", "Applause" and "My Fair Lady".

He has been entertaining theatre goers for a couple of decades and also is a television favorite, having been seen on Hallmark Hall of Fame, the U.S. Steel Hour, Jack Paar Show and the Mike Douglas show.

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