

The Observer

Women

Town Hall
Presents
R. Adler



RICHARD ADLER

Broadway's Richard Adler is replacing newscaster Dan Rather as the opening speaker for the Livonia Town Hall in the Terrace Theater at 10:30 a.m. today.

Mrs. Geraldine Joyner, Town Hall president, said the change was made because today's Vietnam Moratorium had led CBS, along with other major networks, to pull all newsmen back from speaking engagements and keep them on standby alert.

"We are most fortunate that Richard Adler is able to come at such short notice," Mrs. Joyner said. "and Dan Rather will be with us in November."

Adler, composer and lyricist for such musicals as "Pajama Game" and "Damn Yankees," will speak on the topic "Words and Music," and bring in some of the ideas of another topic on which he speaks. "Must the Theater be Immortal?"

The speaker also is White House consultant for programs and talent, trustee for the John F. Kennedy Center for the performing arts, a consultant on the arts to the governor of North Carolina.

Fishbowl Discussion Probes Governor's Educational Reform

Educational reform will get fishbowl scrutiny by the Plymouth branch of the American Association of University Women at its meeting at 7:50 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in Plymouth Junior High West.

All interested are invited to attend.

The program title will be "The Governor's Educational Reform Plan," and several speakers knowledgeable in school matters will be on hand. The fishbowl term refers to the specific manner of setting up the discussion.

THOSE participating form inner and outer circles. This inner group then discusses the topic at hand while the outer group observes how the discussion is going.

When a member of the outer group is ready to make a comment or ask a question, he moves to the inner circle. Once he has done so, he returns to the outer group.

PANELISTS for the evening will be Jack Mochle, vice-president of the Plymouth Board of Education, Richard L. Smith, Plymouth resident and assistant superintendent of Detroit Public Schools, Dr. Charles Wells, consultant for the Wayne County Intermediate School District, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kummer of Ann Arbor who has served on many educational committees.

Smith is in charge of legislative services in Detroit schools. He holds degrees in economics and education from the University of Michigan and is working on his doctor's degree at Wayne State University.

Mrs. Kummer, a past president of the Ann Arbor AAUW, is a member of the association's state board and legislative chairman for the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers. She also serves on the educational taxation committee for the Michigan League of Women Voters and on the adult education advisory council for the Ann Arbor Board of Education.

Busiest Girl In Town? She's Our Miss Torchy

By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

To talk to Miss Torchy, you have to get up pretty early in the morning. Or stay up late. That's because Janis Lynne Pierce, the lovely Livonian chosen to represent United Foundation volunteers throughout the metropolitan Detroit area this year, is the busiest young woman you could find anywhere.

This reporter tracked her down close to midnight in the Farmington Players' barn, where she's rehearsing for "Once Upon A Mattress," the Players' musical production that coincides in time almost exactly with the Torch Drive campaign.

And even then the conversation stopped several times when she -- as Lady Larkin, the pregnant lady-in-waiting -- was called onto the stage.

YOU'D NEVER have guessed that Janis, chic and well-groomed in a bright pink dress and with every -- well nearly every -- blonde hair in place even at that late hour, had been dashing since early morning with barely a pause.

Just for kicks, she ran through the day that began when the alarm clock rang at 6 a.m. in the home at 3232 Southgate where the family moved from Farmington just a few months ago.

First there was about an hour at the office. For Janis, who earned a Michigan State University degree in communications, that's Patrick and Co. Advertising. She's an account executive.

"I try to get there for at least a little while each day," she said. "They were very pleased when I was chosen Miss Torchy, but it does put a strain on the whole staff to get the work done."

THEN THERE was a visit to an automotive factory -- on the day in question, the Fisher Body plant. Janis toured the assembly lines with United Foundation officials and last year's torchlighter.

"It's really inspiring to go into the plants and see the enthusiasm there," she said.

The Fisher Body visit included a report luncheon, and as usual Janis was called on for a short talk.

"I usually speak four or five minutes," she said. "I don't have anything rehearsed -- that would make me nervous. I just



BADGE OF HONOR -- H. Webster Pierce of Livonia is proud to wear the United Foundation's "We're all we've got" badge when it's pinned on by Miss Torchy, who happens to be his daughter, Janis. Mrs. Pierce looks on.

(Observer photo.)

say what I feel."

After lunch it was back to the office for another hour of work. Then a visit to a meeting of the Detroit Engineering Society and another speech.

In between the meeting and the evening play rehearsal there was about an hour breather. No time for dinner.

JANIS SAID she has been able to keep up the play rehearsals despite being Miss Torchy and a working girl schedule because the rehearsals come mostly in the evening.

Besides, she's having too much fun being Lady Larkin to be bothered by the fact that there are nine performances scheduled beginning Nov. 14, just a week after she winds up her schedule with the close of the United Foundation campaign Nov. 6.

She did miss rehearsals Monday night when she joined Michigan's Miss America, Pamela Eldred, and others in the big torch-lighting ceremony and ball that followed.

She had to do some quick schedule shifting to find time to pick out ball gowns for that occasion and for the victory dinner that will wind up the campaign.

Being chosen Miss Torchy also won Janis a Patricia Stevens course to take in the future "when I can fit it in" and the use of a sporty car "that really has been a big help."

JANIS' BACKGROUND leaves her well suited to the busy life she's leading these days.

She has studied and taught piano, sung in concerts at North Farmington High School and with a folk group named "The Unlabeled Four" at Michigan State University.

"My musical training certainly came in handy the day a cellophane show up at the downtown spot where we had a rally. Playing it was one of the really fun parts of the campaign."

She also is a veteran of beauty contests. She was Farmington's Junior Miss in 1965 and a finalist in the Miss Detroit 1967 competition.

Another musical effort for the drive is a song Janis is writing and hopes to present with some of the other Miss Torchy finalists. She'll accompany the group with her guitar.

"It's inspired," she said, "by the United Foundation slogan 'We're All We've Got.'"

With Janis, how much more do we need?

m. m. memos

We indulged last week in a standard form of family nostalgia -- viewing some old home movies.

We finally had found time to see the ones we took on our vacation, and while the projector was out, we put on some old reels.

Our youngest ham wanted to know if she was in the old ones. No, we told her, these were a bit before her time.

We enjoyed some of the standard bath table baby shots -- and made a few threats to show them to boy friends. We felt sympathy for our busy little dog as a succession of bouncing babies grabbed for his tail.

We revisited some less standard family scenes, like a long-ago parade around our summer cabin and a succession of small cousins running and running and running.

We marveled at the baby chubbiness of our current string bean, and laughed when our present-day Weight Watcher saw her baby self trying to eat a tulip and wondered how many calories.

"I just wish there were some of me," the youngest wailed, forgetting other movie shows when she's been the star.

But if she was less than satisfied with the evening, her mother didn't feel that way at all.

In today's busy times, I tend to forget what charming little people we used to have living with us. And while I'd never trade them for the big girls we have now, it's nice to know those old movies are there.

-- Margaret Miller

CWC Hears Mrs. King

Mrs. Pearl King of Seattle, former retreat director for Winning Women in western Wayne County, will be speaker for the Oct. 23 luncheon meeting of the Christian Women's Club.

The meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. in Lady's restaurant, Plymouth. Reservations for the luncheon and for nursery care for pre-school children must be made by Tuesday, Oct. 21, by calling Mrs. A.E. Van Grum, 453-6228.

Mrs. King, founder and present director of Northwest Winning Women in Seattle, also is known for her past work as food director for the Detroit YMCA. She also taught institutional management at Wayne State University.

The CWC program also will include a talk on Christmas decorations and trims by Mrs. Gladys Bower of the Early



MRS. PEARL KING

American Shop, Plymouth, and special music will be provided by soprano Ione Baker.

Mrs. Milliken Will Model

Michigan's first lady, Mrs. William Milliken, will be star model at a fashion show scheduled at noon Monday, Oct. 20, in Northland Inn, Berkley, by the Oakland County Council of Republic Women's Clubs.

Presidents of 11 GPO groups, including the Republican Wo-

men's Club of Farmington, will model designer clothes after being made up in professional mannequin fashion by cosmetic firm representatives.

Some 400 women are expected to attend the event.

Mrs. H. R. Henderson of Farmington is on the planning committee.

Day Care Centers Are Focus Of Conference

"Spotlight on Day Care" is the theme of an all-day conference Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the McGraw Memorial Conference Center at Wayne State University.

The conference is aimed at considering the program and responsibilities as well as future direction of some 100 full time day care centers in the tri-county Metropolitan Detroit area.

Expected to attend are some 500 center operators, teachers, social workers, parents and other interested persons.

SPECIAL INVITATIONS have been extended to key legis-

lators, labor groups and foundations.

Co-sponsors for the meet are the Michigan Department of Social Services, the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, the Wayne County Child Care Coordinating Com-

Start Series For Diabetics

A new series of classes for diabetics and their families will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, in the Wayne County Health Center, on Merriman Road under the direction of the Public Health Nursing Division.

The education by a professional staff covers topics which explain the condition of diabetes mellitus, its control and treatment and the relationship of diet. The importance of the diabetic's cooperation with his physician is stressed, along with the patient's responsibility in caring for himself in order to lead an active, normal life.

All diabetics regardless of age may attend with written approval from their physicians. Children under 14 should be accompanied by a parent.

The series consists of two-hour classes on five consecutive Monday evenings. Interested persons may register by telephoning the Wayne County Department of Health, Pa. 1-0200 or CR 4-2800, extension 6901.

mittee and the WSU home economics department.

Keynote speaker will be Lawrence Feldman, executive director of the Day Care and Child Development Council of America, a private advisory group. His topic will be "Community Mobilizes for Day Care."

SELMA FRABERG, of the University of Michigan children's psychiatric hospital, will speak at the luncheon meeting on "What Day Care Can Add to the Magic Years."

The day also will include a demonstration parent group meeting of mothers from the Brightmoor Day Care Center and six workshops dealing with matters as financial responsibility in day care centers, parents' rights and responsibility, community involvement and supportive professional service for child care.

Fees for the conference is \$4, and registrations must be made by Oct. 17. Checks should be made out to the Detroit Commission on Children and Youth and mailed to 2510 Horderrick Tower, Detroit, 48226.

Bloodmobile Visits Livonia

A Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the northwest regional office, 31228 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 12 to 8 p.m.

For an appointment to donate blood, call 422-2787.

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50 GOLDEN YEARS TODAY -- Mr. and Mrs. George O. May, 29651 Robert Drive, Livonia, were married Oct. 15, 1919, and will be honored by friends and neighbors at a reception in their home Saturday evening. Two nieces, Mrs. Harold Spence and Mrs. Willard Eden, will host the party. May is a retired auto industry worker and his wife worked as a hair dresser.

YWCA Class To Give Typing The Brush-Up

Women who want to speed up their typing can do so through a special course to be sponsored by the Northwest YWCA, 25340 Grand River, and the Kelly Services.

The course, beginning with a registration day Oct. 20, will be open to all YW members who can type at least 25 words a minute.

Following a preliminary conference, they will have the opportunity to practice regularly under the supervision of Kelly staff members.

THEY'LL BE READY to be employed as Kelly Girls whenever their typing speed meets the service's requirements, 40 words a minute for a junior typist and 55 words a minute for a senior typist.

A YWCA spokesman said reservations will be required for Oct. 20 registration. Each woman who calls the YW, KE 7-8500, will be assigned a specific time to come in. At that time she'll be given Kelly typing and clerical tests and can discuss specifics of the course

with staff members.

IN ORDER to accommodate those interested, evening as well as daytime hours will be offered Oct. 20.

Regularly-scheduled brush-up sessions will begin Monday, Oct. 27, and run for four weeks. Each woman enrolled will be able to practice twice a week for an hour and a half under the supervision of a skilled typist.

Membership in the YWCA, a Torch Drive agency, is \$5.