Local women give Dr. Brothers a warm welcome

Psychologist shares wisdom, witticisms

By KATIE KERWIN

gave nem.

There was nothing cold, clinical or scientific in her Troy Town Hall talk Wednesday. Dr. Brothers sounded more like the columnist and TV personality than a practicing psychologist and college professor.

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titude of middle aged men drew more murmurs and chuckles.
"Once upon a time, it was men who complained that middle aged women were rigid. Now it's women who are doing the complaining," she said. "Men decide to protect their bodies from undue stress and strain. They don't give up their work or golf or any of those things, though." More wry laughter.

More young couples are living together before marriage these days to find out if they're sexually compatible. De. Brothers node.

"Actually, they could learn more about their compatibility if they forget about sex and just becompatible. Dit if they forget about sex and just becompatible. If they forget about sex and just becompatible if they forget about sex and just becompatible. If they forget about sex and just if they forget about sex and just in the room burst out laughing.

THE PROGRAM NEVER plunged into the deeper waters of serious psychological and social problems. Dr. Brothers kept talk skimming along popu-



Dr. Joyce Brothers attracted a crowd of nearly 500 women at Troy Town Hall last week. The audience for the final town hall of the season was the largest turnout of the se

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The audience joined in with delight on two test-your-knowledge quitzes on love lives and understanding the opposite sex. Some couldn't resist call; got answers and other reacted with whoogs and clapping when Dr. Brothers supplied the answers. Do opposites really attract? Can a man predict what a young woman will be like in 20 years by looking at her mother? Do men have more colds? Do women have more alightmares? Do women really change their minds more often than men do?

Popular on the talk show circuit and a familiar syndicated columnist, Dr. Brothers undenlably attracts a loyal following in Troy. The town hall turnout of almost 500, nearly all women, was the highest for the season, said coordinator Mary Am Solberg, Such followers have placed Dr. Brothers among America's 10 most admired women in several polls. The petite, blond grandmother dished out a well-seasoned blend of common sense, pop psychology, serious research data and human experience. The crowd date it up.

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Her talk ran quickly through a range of topics: developing solid friendships, understanding body language, how to study effectively, relaxation methods and the durability of marital love. But it was the quizzes that really warmed up the audience.

Packed with the kind of did-you-know tidbits that come in handy at cocktail parties, Dr. Brothers

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kept her listeners guessing about some popular myths and misconceptions.

OPPOSITES DO ATTRACT, the said, because they complement one another. The bookworm and the social butterfly, the spendbrit and the penuplicater and the quick-tempered and the doormat have a promising future together. Reverence and sentimentality don't spoil sex and ourtishly. Dr. Brothers said. A recent study of successful middle-aged men, all listed in Who's Who, found clergymen have the best sex lives. Murmurs swept the crowd at that. "If a young woman lets a young man go too far, he'll never be able to trust or respect her after-

ward? True or false?" she queried. "There is no correct answer," Dr. Brothers informed them a little later. "But what you wrote down reveals a great deal about you." Another lively reaction. Several women quickly dropped a casual hand over their answer sheets.
"If a young man wants to marry 'a girl just like he girl who married dear old Dad, he'd better hurry. In fact, he may be too late," Dr. Brothers said. Peninine attitudes are changing about roles, careers and themselves.
But women are still more critical about themselves and themselves. "When a meman walks by a mirror, she sees all the things that are wrong — "Need a little lipstick" or whatever. A man walks by a mirror and sees Mr. America."

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