

William A. Ritter, senior minister of Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills has been awarded an honorary doctorate of divinity at the Albion College honors convocation. Albion President Bernard T. Lomas conferred the degree.

For four years he worked as associate minister for the First United Methodist Church in Dearborn. In 1969, he was appointed to the Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia where he served for 11 years.

In 1980, he assumed his current posi-

Born in Detroit in 1940, Ritter graduated from Mackenzie High School in 1958. He earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Albion College in 1962 and his master's in divinity from Yale Divinity School in 1965.<sup>1</sup>

He is married to the former Kristine Larson of Novi. They have two children, William, 13, and Julie, 6.

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His face was the first ever seen on Detroit's Channel 7 TV in an October 1948 broadcast. He also hosted movies for "Bill Kennedy's Showtime" and was master of ceremonies for a 1950s TV program called "Starlit Stairway."

As a writer, Osgood produced series after series of radio dramas, wartime accounts, success stories, stage and film critiques, columns and a book on 50 years at WXYZ radio — much of that from his own experiences.

**HIS FAVORITE** was a series called "The Factfinder" which aired between

1936 and 1941. It dealt with every topic imaginable. The long-running Lone Ranger series, born at WXYZ during the Depression years, was the subject of a recently published Osgood article in *Horizon* magazine.

“Frankly, I’m sick of the Lone Ranger. There was so much more to the station than that,” he remembered.

Before joining radio, Osgood, a native Bostonian, spent 13 years in theater on Broadway. He acted with such names as Charles Bickford, Lynn Fontanne, James Gleason, Spencer Tracy and Bette Davis before their superstar careers boomed.



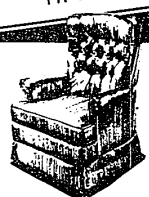
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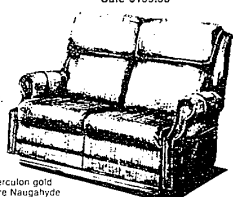
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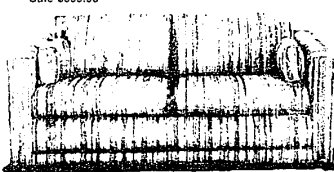
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