

Dr. Ginott Leads Off Town Hall

Dr. Haim G. Ginott one of the top men in the country in the field of child psychology, will lead off the Livonia Town Hall series at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, in the

Terrace Theater, 3040 Plymouth. Dr. Ginott, author of the best sellers "Between Parent and Child" and "Between Parent and Teenager," also will speak at a celebrity luncheon in the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth following the lecture.



DR. HAIM GINOTT

THE LUNCHEON is \$3.75, and those wishing reservations should send checks payable to the Livonia Town Hall to P.O. Box 2143 by Friday Oct. 16. Tickets for the four-lecture Town Hall series, which also includes talks by newspaper columnist Earl Wilson on Nov. 19, cartoonist Bill Mauldin on Jan. 20, and mentalist Kreskin on March 17, may be purchased for \$10 at the Terrace.

PROCEEDS of the series are used to support the American Field Service foreign exchange student program in Livonia. Dr. Ginott is adjunct associate professor at New York University's graduate department of psychology and clinical professor at Adelphi University in the post-doctoral program in psychotherapy.

Key Punchers Invited To Help March of Dimes

If you've ever been a key-puncher, you can lend a hand to the March of Dimes drive in Wayne and Macomb counties by volunteering an hour of work the weekend that begins Friday, Oct. 23.

The March of Dimes, which raises funds to prevent birth defects, will be working with the Data-Tronic Corp., Ford Road and Middle Belt in Garden City to computerize all its education and fund-raising records in a Key-Punching Marathon. Data-Tronic has offered the use of its machines for the project. Still needed are 75 experienced punchers who will donate their services for an hour sometime during the weekend.

"WE ARE GOING to start at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23," said Jim Hartnett, assistant director of the March of Dimes in the

metropolitan area, "and keep going until 6,000 cards are punched."

"If we get the 75 operators, we should be able to complete the work by the end of the weekend."

Any key-punchers who could help are asked to call Donald Eby, director of education for the training division of Data-Tronic, at 261-7810.

HARTNETT EXPRESSED the March of Dimes organization's appreciation for the firm's offer, explaining:

"If we convert to computers we can do a more thorough job in this area, but the process would have been very costly without this offer."

Co-sponsors of the project are the Garden City Chamber of Commerce and the MAI Equipment Corp.

Architect Addresses AAUW

Tivador, Balogh, a local architect, who has served as chairman of the Plymouth Township Planning Commission for the past five years, will be the speaker when the Plymouth branch of the American Assn. of University Women holds its second general meeting of the year Thursday evening, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Plymouth Junior High West.

Balogh will speak of his personal efforts to produce low-cost housing units and will discuss sociological and economic implications for a community involved in such a project.

A member of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Wayne County Program for Community Involvement, Balogh has also been a visiting lecturer at the University of Michigan's School of Architecture, an instructor in the University's Extension Services, and a member of the Schoolcraft College Architecture Dept. Advisory Committee.

Membership in the Plymouth AAUW is open to Plymouth, Livonia, Northville and Novi women who hold a college degree. All prospective members are welcome to attend Thursday's meeting. For further information or transportation arrangements, contact membership chairman, Mrs. Judy Jarvis, 453-6392.

Sodality Plans Witches' Night

A Witches' Night card party will be held Friday, Oct. 16, at 8 p.m. in Ladywood High School gym, 16600 Newburgh, Livonia. The party is being given by members of St. Edith Catholic Church Altar Sodality. Tickets are \$1.50, at the door.

Spotlight on Women

He's Funny And Serious

Everyone Loved Sam

By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

Could it be, humorist Sam Levenson wonders, that today's kids turn to drugs in a subconscious search for lost "sights, smells and aromas of home."

"We've deprived this generation of the odors of bread baking, food burning, vinegar and lemon oil," he told an overflow Northville Town Hall audience last week.

"Many kids have never smelled anything that smells like home and mother. So maybe they look for ecstasy in chemicals. Let's go back to making home the most ecstatic, exciting and joyful place to be."

BROOKLYN'S ex-school-teacher, described by the late Carl Sandburg as America's greatest humorist, started the local town hall seasons off in a gallop with his appearances in the Northville High School auditorium and at the celebrity luncheon in Lot's of Plymouth.

He had the auditorium full of smartly-dressed ladies and the students from a psychology class almost rolling in the aisles with his rapid-fire jokes done with his inimitable Levenson touch.

Through it all he pushed his philosophy that love is better than things—"I wasn't underprivileged, we just didn't have any money," and that instinct can top theories—"Mother used to tell us to put down the book and pick up the baby."

BUT AT THE LUNCHEON he drove home those ideas without the accompaniment of joke upon joke.

Many women laughed, but Levenson was perfectly serious when he told them:

"My son is a young architect, and I gave him basically nothing but a good home and a good education. I never bought him a car—I didn't want to deny him the joy of buying one for himself."

He went on to relate that his college age daughter had worked for several summers,



AND THAT REMINDS ME—Humorist Sam Levenson, Northville Town Hall speaker, had lots of stories to share in his appearance last week. This one was for Mrs. Dolores Hyatt, Town Hall president. (Observer photo by Vince Witek)

but when she asked if she could spend her junior year abroad, he told her it was all right if she could afford it. It takes a while, but that's using psychology."

"The joy of achieving I will not deny to these kids," he emphasized.

LEVENSON added with obvious pride that his son and his wife had purchased a home in the Harlem district of New York, stating that instead of joining the Peace Corps, they would stay and work among the people there.

"I was the youngest of 10 boys in a family," he had related earlier. "When it came to education, we had a family foundation. When my oldest brother earned his first \$100, he gave it to the next brother."

"Down the line we helped each other. Then we paid our debts back up the line."

HE HAD A WORD for the members of the Northville High psychology class in his audience. "My mother knew folk psy-

chology," he said. "When I told her that Louise hit me, she asked why Louise didn't hit her. It takes a while, but that's using psychology."

In answer to questions at the luncheon, Levenson had some definite ideas on the subject of long hair, hippies and sex education.

Long hair shouldn't be a great sign of independence, he thought. "I guess I'd ask a kid, 'So why do you have to be

non-conformist like everybody else?'"

Members of the hippie cult he described as "lost sheep masquerading as shepherds."

On the matter of sex education, he made his point strongly. "I've told my daughter, 'Your body is a sacred vessel. God created you. FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE IF YOU HAVE TO.'"

"And I told my son that it's easy to become a father—much harder to be a man."

m. m. memos

Fall means football and football to many means placing a little wager on the outcome of a favorite game.

So are born those lists of games, complete with point spots to even out the bet, that get much careful scrutiny every week even though they theoretically don't exist.

They undoubtedly have fattened many pocket-books, but I'll bet any football wager-maker who spent a weekend at our house would decide there must be an easier way to make a buck.

Our game started when the man of the house asked one of the girls if she'd like to pick the games each week and bet with him. She did, and then a couple more wanted to get into the act, and we had a great deal of soul-searching on whether to put a penny or a nickel on a given contest.

Then grandma joined the fun, but had a bit of difficulty accepting the point spot system.

"If you pick Notre Dame, they have to win by 21 points or more," we told her. "If they win by 20, you lose."

"That's not fair," she argued, but made her selections anyway.

Miss Almost Nine joined in with a five-cent wager on the Mississippi-Alabama game we all watched on television. She favored Alabama, and watched with consternation as Mississippi rolled up the score.

But her bookmaker was generous.

"Daddy says I can lower the bet a penny for every touchdown Mississippi scores," she told me. "Or if I want I can switch to Mississippi. But he says most people wouldn't do this for me."

That's true, but most people wouldn't have as much fun.

-Margaret Miller

Morals Pollution Topic

A plan—a plea for elimination of moral pollution will be delivered by political analyst and journalist Martha Rountree at a noon luncheon Monday, Oct. 19, in Royalty House, Warren.

Miss Rountree will address the annual fall luncheon of the West Bloomfield Women's Club. Also attending the luncheon will be the Republican Women of Farmington Hills, under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Kern.

Miss Rountree's address in June before 2,000 delegates to

the national convention of the General Federation of Women's Club in San Antonio, Texas, was "Introduction into the Congressional Record under the heading 'Crusade for Morality.'"

She is the originator in 1945, along with Lawrence E. Spivak, of the program "Meet the Press."

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