

Town Hall Speaker Walters Gives Scoop On Jackie

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Women's Editor

Barbara Walters, TV personality who opened Livonia Town Hall gave her audience the tip-off on Jacqueline Kennedy's upcoming marriage to Aristotle Onassis 24 hours before Thursday's announcement.

"This is the rumor in New York right now," Miss Walters told the women at the Terrace Theatre in Livonia Wednesday. "I pass it on strictly on a rumor basis."

In her talk she showed herself to be a competent news-woman, entertaining speaker, loyal wife and doting new mother.

A competent newswoman, entertaining speaker, loyal wife and doting new mother -- all in the person of TV's Barbara Walters--opened the Livonia Town Hall series Wednesday. The dark-haired guest speaker, officially on vacation from her regular chores on the NBC "Today" show, gave her audience a look into the workings and enjoyments of a program that has become a tradition for millions across the nation.

Her appearance was one of very few outside New York in Miss Walters' life now.

SHE AND her husband, a theatrical producer, have a four-month old baby daughter, Jacqueline Dena, adopted when she was just a week old.

"I used to think there would be just a shade of difference in feelings toward an adopted child," she said. "I never knew that isn't true, of course, it helps that she's absolutely the cutest, brightest, smartest baby anywhere."

MIS WALTERS said she was delighted to have the world know Jacqueline was adopted, but a bit shook when women wrote in to say they had known right along that she was pregnant.

"I guess the TV camera makes us all look big," she said.

Trim in a bright pink suit, she provided all kinds of views into the television performer's world in talks both at the Terrace Theatre, Livonia, and later at the celebrity luncheon in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth.

A question I'm asked most often is when I get up in the morning for a 7 a.m. show, it's 1:30 a.m. Five o'clock if I cheat. So I'm always up for the baby's early morning feeding.

"Because of my husband's business, we often have evening social engagements, so sometimes it's hard to get up."

"I think that if you can get up that early to go to work, and see your husband still asleep in bed--and not hate him--then you've got a good marriage."

MIS WALTERS said she also is asked why she let her hair grow (because it's easier to curl that way) and what her fellow workers on the "Today" show are like.

"I used to say Hugh Downs, Frank Blair and Joe Garagiola are gentlemen with the accent on the gentle," she said. "Now I think that's inadequate."

"I can only say they are wonderful people to work with, and the two hours were on camera--live, by the way--are the most relaxing of the day."

INTERVIEWER of many well-known personalities, Miss Walters gave the women some quick word sketches of a lot of them.

Gregory Peck she called "the sexiest man I've interviewed. I'm not sure he was the brightest, but I didn't care."

Red Astaire, recently interviewed, "told me he had

Social Set At St. Mary's

The Moms and Dads Club of St. Mary's Preparatory School, Orchard Lake, will hold an East Side Social, Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the P.N.A. Hall, 10211 Conant, near Canfield.

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TOWN HALL OPENER—Television interviewer Barbara Walters (right) opened the Town Hall season in Observeland when she spoke for the Livonia Town Hall Wednesday. Showing her plans for the rest of the season are Mrs. Richard Joyner, president, at the left, and Mrs. Robert Jones, program chairman.

stipulated in his will that no movie may be made of his life story because it has been too happy and dull and Hollywood would try to glamorize it."

Several ladies in the news from a political standpoint were on Miss Walters' list. She described Muriel Humphrey as "the warmest," Lady Bird Johnson as "the most professional -- she does her homework and knows exactly what she wants to say and how to say it," and Jacqueline Kennedy as "the most fascinating and exotic and the one I know least."

She said she had not had opportunity to interview Pat Nixon "because she's shy of inter-

views and that's surprising -- she's extremely articulate. "But I have interviewed Tricia and Julie Nixon, and found them completely charming."

"I must add that my opinion of the Republican candidate is colored by my warm reaction to his daughters."

The speaker said she has a trick question she likes to ask celebrities -- their choice of a roommate in a long hospital stay.

"Most of the men picked other men," she reported. "Henry Fonda wanted Peter Ustinov, Jack Benny chose George Burns, and Alan King said he'd like to have Richard Burton,

because Elizabeth Taylor would come to visit. "Johnny Carson wanted the best damn doctor in town."

Asked about television coverage of the Democratic convention in Chicago, Miss Walters said she thought the thing that bothered so many people was that the newscasters "reacted rather than overreacted."

"And it's hard not to react to tear gas and stink bombs," she added. "I didn't know much about stink bombs before Chicago, but I'm sad to say I'm an authority on the subject now."

Miss Walters said the bulk of the mail on the subject was unfavorable to network coverage.



HYACINTHS FOR NOVEMBER—Nina Lynn, right, garden therapy chairman for the Hill and Dale Garden Club in Farmington, shows plans for the November project with special education children to Valerie Cheyne, perceptual development teacher in Farmington schools. The garden club for several years has worked on a therapy program in all special education classes in Farmington. The youngsters will plant hyacinth bulbs in November.

Engaged Fashion Show Planned By Hill And Dale Club

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Basette, of Brighton, formerly of Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice Marie, to the Rev. Gordon A. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Taylor, of Saven, Ore. The bride-elect graduated from Farmington High School, and Henry Ford Hospital school of nursing and attended Detroit Bible College. Her fiance attended Biola College, Cascade College and Palmer College and is a missionary candidate with North America Indian Missions. A Dec. 7 wedding is planned.

"Frost on the Pumpkin" is the theme for the Farmington Hill and Dale Garden Club fashion show and luncheon at noon Wednesday, Oct. 23, in the Franklin Community Church. The proceeds will go toward continuing the club's regular visits to Farmington school's Special Education Department. The show will feature fashions from Harvi's of Farmington Plaza, modeled by Mrs. Frederick Bulman, Mrs. Louis Kapernaros, Mrs. Robert Piercer, Mrs. Edward Hest, Mrs. Brad Lawton, and Mrs. Jack Siegies.

THE CLUB will also sell dried flower arrangements made by club members. The club visits 16 Farmington classrooms where they teach the art of planting, growing, flower arranging, and the conservation of wild-life plants to 165 students enrolled in the special education classes. Tickets may be obtained by calling Mrs. Rudolph Santano, 474-0733, Mrs. Louis Kapernaros, 628-0836, Mrs. Brad Lawton, 474-0819, Mrs. Alton Borgmeyer, 628-6870, or Mrs. John Passafium, 628-5073.

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JANET BLOOMFIELD



JACQUELYN BATES

Mr. and Mrs. Donard Bloomfield, of Columbia Avenue, Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to Roger Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman, of Highland. The bride-elect is a 1959 graduate of Thurston High School, and attended Adrian High School. She is presently employed by Himeitoch's. Her fiance graduated from Huron High School in 1955 and is a senior at Adrian. A January wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Elliott Bates, of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacquelyn Mae, to Richard Sterritt Keys, son of John Keys and the late Mrs. Marie Keys, of Grosse Pointe Park. The bride-elect is a senior at the University of Michigan and her fiance is an executive with Cowley department stores. A June 7 wedding is planned.

Mu Phi Epsilon To Meet Monday

The Detroit Alumnae Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, international professional music sorority, will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, in the home of Mrs. Fred Shafer, 14811 Ashlon, Detroit.

Hilda Humphreys will speak on the impressionism of Debussy, and Mrs. S.W. Curtis, soprano, will present the musical program for the evening.

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Manasos Make Home In Royal Oak After Rites

THE REMAINS of a man who died in a plane crash in the Pacific Ocean last month were buried in a funeral home in Royal Oak Tuesday. The man, identified as Manasos, was a resident of Livonia. The funeral was held at the funeral home, and the remains were then transported to the airport for burial. The funeral home is located at 12345 Main St., Royal Oak.

First Series Of Lectures For Women

A series of lectures for women will be held at the Livonia Public Library starting next week. The lectures will cover a variety of topics, including health, nutrition, and personal development. The series is organized by the Livonia Public Library and is free of charge.

ISLE Hook Appeal Dinner

An appeal dinner for the Isle Hook project will be held at the Livonia Public Library on October 25. The dinner is to raise funds for the project, which aims to improve the living conditions of the people of Isle Hook. The dinner will feature a variety of dishes and a live auction.

For Pi Beta Phi

The Pi Beta Phi chapter in Livonia is planning a social event for the month of November. The event will include a variety of activities, including a dance, a meal, and a presentation. The proceeds from the event will be used to support the chapter's activities.

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