

The Observer

Women

We're Conditioned To Downgrade Arab, Says Town Hall Speaker

By CANDY LUTZ

"Americans have been conditioned to accept an image of the Arab as a dirty, illiterate, backward person," according to Grant C. Butler, director of International Lectures for Pan American World Airways.

He contended in a Livonia Town Hall appearance Wednesday that the American government and press attitude toward the Arabs, plus his portrayal in movies, has made the Arab horribly misunderstood by Americans.

Butler, who lived in Saudi Arabia for several years while employed by the Arabian American Oil Co., is considered an expert on Arab affairs and has written several books on the subject.

"In my connections with Arabs," Butler said, "I have found them to be a gentle and good people."



RELAXING BEFORE LUNCH — Grant C. Butler relaxes at the Mayflower Meeting House after speaking on Arab culture at the Livonia Town Hall.

THE MIDDLE EAST, composed of 18 countries and sheikdoms, is located in the northwestern part of Africa between Morocco and Iran and has a total population of 110-million.

The Arab nations, subsistent from the 12th century until approximately 25 years ago, are not tightly linked.

However, according to Butler, these loosely-knit nations have their religion, language, and nationalism in common and eventually hope to form a pan-Arabic union.

"Islam, which is the major religion there, is probably the most influential factor in the Arab's life," Butler said.

The Arab, who believes in the supremacy of Allah and that Mohammed was his prophet, must confess to this each day.

BUTLER TOLD of a friend, Sami Hussein, who was living in the United States and teaching a class in Arabic.

"No matter where he was, even in the middle of class, Sami would take out his prayer blanket, face Mecca, and pray. He, as all believers of Islam, had to pray five times daily."

The devout Arab must also refrain from eating or drinking from sun-up to sundown during the period of Ramadan, this month-long season falls in the ninth and holiest month of the year.

"The Arab must make a year-

hands cut off. Those who commit murder are put to death in front of their people to serve as an example.

"Although this seems like a rather harsh measure to us, it works," Butler said. "There were only 44 people in jail in the entire country."

POLYGAMY is also allowed within the Islam religion—so long as a man has no more than four wives and treats all equally.

"However, most Arabs only have one wife. It's just as expensive to have a wife in Arabia as it is in the United States," Butler quipped.

Divorce is much easier to obtain in the Arab nations. All a man must do is repeat the phrase "I divorce you" three times and the divorce is completed.

AT THE QUESTION and answer session following the meeting in the Mayflower Meeting House, Butler was asked how the Arab justified his strong nationalism and religion.

"The Arab's history of domination sometimes tends to overcome his basic teaching of the brotherhood of man," Butler explained.

In answer to queries about the Arabs' war with Israel, Butler said, "It is tragic, since both peoples are derived from Abraham. I only hope that the day will come when both states will be able to live peacefully together."

With Symphony Sunday Plymouth Soloist Riddell Is Competent Musician

Roma Riddell has received what she considers the ultimate compliment from Plymouth Symphony Conductor Wayne Dunlap.

He calls her "more than just a singer — she's a musician."

"That's the nicest thing a person could say," beamed Mrs. Riddell, who will be soloist today (Sunday) at 4 p.m. in the Plymouth Symphony's special free concert of the season in the high school.

"I've always had a more in-

tellectual interest in music," said Mrs. Riddell, a vigorous exponent of contemporary music, "because I never felt I had a great voice. We'll never make New York."

NEW YORK or not, Mrs. Riddell has been a leading soprano in Toronto and Montreal, Marjorie and a family of four children have trimmed her professional wings, but once a year she likes to get back to her native St. John's, Newfoundland, for a musical.

"When I was growing up there, they didn't have these things. Now they can do absolutely spectacular productions. They have a new art scene."

The Riddells live in Grosse Pointe, and her doctor husband used to practice in downtown Detroit until he found a need in Livonia. "Then when that hospital was built — the growing population — those babies! But we had already found a home in Grosse Pointe, so we've stayed there."

HER WORK these days is mostly in the metropolitan area and she's frank to say she considers the Plymouth Symphony one of the best community orchestras around.

"Wayne Dunlap does such research, and plans his pro-

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Klapp of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Becky Faith to Donald Robert Ottewill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ottewill of Wayne. The bride-elect is a graduate of Bentley High School and is employed by Macabees Mutual Life Insurance Co. Her fiancé graduated from Wayne Memorial High and is employed at Garwood Industries. A March wedding is planned.

Rites In Mason Unite Students

The Mason Methodist Church in Mason was scene of the Saturday, Nov. 16, wedding of Marilyn Spink and Gary Lee Smith.

The Rev. Keith L. Hayes officiated for the single-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Spink, of Mason, formerly of Farmington. Major and Mrs. Robert L. Smith, of Farmington, are parents of the bridegroom. The bride's father, former principal of East Junior High School in Farmington, gave her in marriage.



MRS. GARY LEE SMITH (Marilyn Spink)

"TAFFETA AND LACE" fashioned the bride's gown. The full skirt had a lace overskirt, and the bodice had a lace-trimmed neckline and long sleeves of lace. A taffeta bow held the bride's shoulder veil, and she carried a cascade of white Stephanotis and carnations.

Nancy Nagy, of Farmington, wore a lilac gown in empress style and carried pink asters and carnations for her duties as maid of honor.

Gowned in pink were bridesmaids Mrs. Dawn Salo, of Marquette, and Connie Jacobs, of Mason, and junior bridesmaid Debra Smith, sister of the bridegroom.

FLOWER GIRL Jane Spink, the bride's sister, carried lilac asters and carnations.

Michael Smith was best man for his brother, Bill Salo and Ned Toman were groomsmen, and John Ports and Carl Boyd seated the guests.

RECEPTIONS in the church hall and the home of the bride's parents followed the ceremony.

The new Mr. Smith attended Farmington High School and graduated from Mason High School in 1967. She now attends St. Luke's Hospital of Nursing in Marquette. Her husband, a graduate of Farmington High, is a student at Northern Michigan University, where he is a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

The couple plans to live in the married housing facilities on the Northern Michigan campus.

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Wedding pictures are printed for \$2.50 (one-column) or \$5 (two-column). Information should include the names of the bride and groom and their parents, the date, time and place of the wedding, and names of attendants. Brief descriptions of the gowns may be included if desired. In general, only pictures of the bride alone will be printed. Forms for wedding information are available at all Observer offices.

No charge is made for printing engagement and wedding announcements without pictures.

All charges are payable at the time the picture is submitted, and they will be published in the order received and paid. Checks should be made payable to The Observer and pictures may be mailed to 271 S. Main, Plymouth, 48170, or taken to any office of this newspaper.

OBITUARIES

MARY DOHERTY, Services for Mrs. Doherty, 74, of 1523 Elm Street, will be held at the Schaefer Funeral Home with a Requiem Mass at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Mrs. Doherty died Nov. 19 in her home following a long illness. She was survived by her husband, Richard of Plymouth; one son, Mr. Vernon of Plymouth; one daughter, Mrs. Veronica of Quincy, Mass.; three brothers, Mr. James of Quincy, Mass.; Mr. John of Lynn, Mass. and Thomas of Reading, Mass.; plus four grand-children.

Mrs. Doherty was born Nov. 21, 1893 in Boston, Mass. and came to Plymouth in 1902. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and the Rosary Society.

KENNETH L. ROOD, Services for Mr. Rood, 55, of Grosse Pointe, will be held Nov. 24 in Quebec. He was a former resident of Plymouth.

Mr. Rood died Nov. 4 of a heart attack following a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Christine, his mother, Mrs. Nina Rood of Wayne; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Margaret of Plymouth; one son, James of Livonia; and three grand-children.

Mr. Rood was born Oct. 7, 1913. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks Club. He also retired from Ford Motor Co. after more than 20 years of service Nov. 1.

JAMES ELMER MITCHELL, Funeral services for Mr. Mitchell, 50, of 1196 Lamar, Farmington, will be held in the Hines-Sunquist Funeral Home, with Rev. Mr. Thomas P. Beahan of Our Lady of Sorrows Church officiating.

He was buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Pallbearers were 14 Senior Class members of Our Lady of Sorrows High School.

Mr. Mitchell died suddenly Nov. 13 in Balford General Hospital.

He was a 30-year employee of Ford Motor Co., Highland Park Plant, and a member of Highland Park Golfers Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mary, his daughter and three sons, James K., Kenneth David, and Thomas Paul, all living at home.

KAZANKE, P. DURIVAGE, Mrs. Duran, 66-year-old daughter of Mrs. Duran, 1827 Blackhawk, Livonia, died Nov. 19 in an auto accident. She was a student at the University of Michigan. She was born March 18, 1902.

Services were held at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Livonia, with Rev. Harry W. Taylor officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Survivors are her husband, John, and her three children, Mrs. Mary Duran, Mrs. Mary Duran, and Mrs. Mary Duran.

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