



DRYING DISHES is worthwhile if you can steal a quick kiss from your bride of 60 years. The couple are Mr. and Mrs. David L. Allen, longtime Livonians. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

## Allens Of Livonia Linkletter Mark 60 Years Opens Livonia Town Hall

By MARGARET MILLER  
Women's Editor

After 60 years of married life, Mrs. David L. Allen's advice to newlyweds is "give and take, and talk everything over."

Her husband offers no such suggestions. "I quit giving advice years ago," he says. And his wife smiles in agreement. "That's right," she says, "it doesn't do much good."

The Allens themselves have no need of advice. Whatever the formula for happy marriage, they appear to have found it.

LIVONIA RESIDENTS for two-thirds of their married life, they now enjoy sharing the housework in their home at 19356 Louise and attending meetings of the Livonia Senior Citizens.

They reared seven children here and now can count 34 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "That's about half-and-half," Mr. Allen said. David and Anna Allen were

united in marriage in Butte, Mont., on Oct. 9, 1911, and the anniversary was celebrated Saturday with an open house in the couple's home.

Among the 150 or so guests on hand were all the sons and daughters - all but one of the families live in this area - and many friends from the days when Allen managed a grocery and hardware store.

Their children are Kenneth and Vincent Allen, twins; Mrs. Ruth Wedge; Lee Allen; and Mrs. Mildred Phillips, all of Livonia; Mrs. Ardis Guleft of Midland and John Stewart Allen of Farmington.

THE STORE at the corner of Eight Mile and Middle Belt was opened after the family had lived for a time in Detroit and Royal Oak, and Allen had put in years with a lumber company.

It originally was a food market, and Allen added hardware after supermarkets became commonplace. It burned down on New Year's Eve, 1959.

"I retired then," Allen said. "I wasn't exactly a chicken."

During World War II, there was a second Allen store and several family members cooperated to run it.

ALLEN, NOW NEARLY 89, gives his wife an occasional hand with a dish towel despite failing sight and hearing.

Anna Allen, who learned to drive when she was 57 and has driven cross country a couple of times and to Florida, still does her own cleaning and cooking and drives often to senior citizens' meetings.

"She can work circles around me," says her daughter, Ruth.

Mrs. Allen also maintains a tradition of having the whole family over on Christmas Eve. Last year there were 72 of all ages filling the house.

"I like to keep my family together," Anna Allen said. Five years ago, when they'd been wed a mere 55 years, the Allens won a trophy for being the longest-married couple attending a Roma Hall gathering of senior citizens from all over the metropolitan area.

Now, at the 60-year mark, they find home and family trophy enough. "We've made it quite a while," Mrs. Allen says.

Television star Art Linkletter will make his first appearance in this area when he leads off the Livonia Town Hall lecture series Wednesday, Oct. 20.

He will speak at 10:30 a.m. in the Terrace Theater, Plymouth between Middle Belt and Merriman. Later he will be guest for a celebrity luncheon in the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth.

"Our Town Hall series is a sell-out this year," said Mrs. Barbara Layman, president.

Season ticket holders, she added, may make luncheon reservations by sending checks to the address listed on the back of the lecture series ticket.

Reservations must be made by Friday, Oct. 15, and should include the telephone number of the sender.

The series being launched by Linkletter also will include three other guests speakers - former White House secretary Liz Carpenter on Nov. 17,

syndicated columnist Roscoe Drummond on Jan. 19, and Russian-born Nila Magidoff on March 15.

Linkletter, a veteran master of ceremonies for long-running radio and television shows, will relate some of his experiences in the entertainment business.

He also is expected to tell about the writing of some of his best selling books like "Kids Say the Darndest Things."



ART LINKLETTER

## Bussing Called 'Outrageous'

By BETTY MASSON

"It's our duty to build good schools in the neighborhood...bussing is outrageous," TV star Virginia Graham told some 400 women at a celebrity luncheon following the first meeting of the Farmington Town Hall Tuesday.

"Good schools are the problem, not bussing," she said in answer to queries from the audience. "What do you do if you have a child who gets sick at school and you have to go 20 or 30 miles to go and get him?" she asked.

"People naturally segregate themselves," she claimed, and suggested that bussing would make some students "dissatisfied with their own neighborhoods."

"No ma'am, I don't buy it," she concluded to enthusiastic applause.

ALSO GREETED enthusiastically was her remark that if she answered all the questions which she received from the audience, she would "have to come back next year."

On another controversial topic of the moment, legalizing abortion, she said, "I think a person should be allowed a choice."

Miss Graham, who recently moved from New York to Hollywood, also insisted that "There is only one thing that can bring back good movies...you," and bared her feelings on the sex lives of many film stars.

"They lied on everything except sex," she said, "and when we see the movies and read the books, we are en-

couraging them and they are laughing at us. We are nourishing the kind of immorality that is born and bred in Hollywood...they say I'm not a swinger. No, I'm not, but why brag about breaking sexual rules?"

On the other hand, she cautioned her listeners not to believe everything they read in the columns and fan magazines. Of Lucille Ball, she said, "She's got two marvelous children, in spite of what you read about Desi Jr. and Patty Duke."

FURTHER COMMENTS on rumors out of Hollywood included: "Art Linkletter couldn't talk to his own child, he was too busy."

About Andy Williams and Ethel Kennedy, "She's a devout Roman Catholic and he's divorced...but they love each other."

"David Frost is madly in love with Diahann Carroll." And "I have no idea who Johnny Carson is dating."

SHE ADVISED parents concerned about an unprepossessing teenage idol "of dubious sex," to "say he's terrific and that will kill him." Of some of the guests she said, "By letting them talk, I want to show you how asinine they are."

Much of her talk focused on her own experiences and what she has learned from them.

From her Jewish father, she learned Christianity," she said.

From her illness with cancer, she learned to put

herself in God's hands, to pray: "If it had to happen to me, God give me the strength to bear it."

And from her cure after being given only three to six months to live, she concluded: "In some way I was supposed to live, maybe because I am able to articulate the fears and joys most people have."

AT AN EARLY AGE, she also learned that "you are either a sinker or a swimmer." And from a neighbor who was an invalid, she learned to hate the "ignorance of what we perpetuate."

Through this she became interested in fighting birth defects and diseases. "If we had a NASA for all diseases, can you imagine what strides we could make?" she asked.

MISS GRAHAM has been president of the American Cancer Society and is a founder of the campaign to raise funds for research to help find an answer to cerebral palsy.

In a mixture of the serious and the comic, Miss Graham also said she learned at an

early age that she was "getting nowhere being a brunt." Over her mother's objections she became a blond, because "I believe in whatever it is that makes you happy and makes people around you happy."

Miss Graham promised her audience that she would talk about her trip to Farmington on TV. But since her shows are taped in advance, they'll have to wait three to four weeks to hear Miss Graham's impressions of the suburbs.



VIRGINIA GRAHAM, Farmington Town Hall's first speaker of the season, received a scarf commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Sororist Club. The presentation was made by Frances Moore of Livonia, director of District III. The Sororist Club of Farmington sponsors the Town Hall series. (Evert photo)

## 20 Scholarships To Go m.m.memos To Women Students

Up to 20 merit scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 will be awarded this year to women who wish to continue their education at the University of Michigan.

The scholarships are being awarded by the Center for Continuing Education of Women.

APPLICATIONS for the 1972-73 CEW Scholarships are now available at the center, 330 Thompson, Ann Arbor. Completed applications should be submitted by Jan. 17, and winners will be announced in April. Size of the grant is determined according to individual need after the winners are selected.

Recipients may be full or part-time students at any U-M campus. They will be chosen

on the basis of such criteria as strength of motivation, academic record and promise, creative and scholarly contributions, goals and commitment.

Women who are continuing for marriage and family or work, and these responsibilities may compel them to continue a degree program at less than a full-time schedule. The CEW Merit Scholarships offer encouragement to these women.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS were inaugurated in 1970 when six outstanding women were honored. Generous contributions

from friends of the center enabled it to present nine scholarships and 10 awards for honorable mention in 1971.

These scholars are now progressing toward graduate and under-graduate degrees in such varied fields as architecture, medicine, economics, anthropology, law, education, journalism, art history and public health.

The center offers individual guidance to help work out immediate and long-range education plans for women throughout the year. It maintains a small financial assistance fund, has a specialized library of reference and loan materials and plans programs on topics of current interest to women.

All interested women are invited to visit the center.

This is the season of the open door policy in our house.

It's characterized by periodic shouts from me to "please shut the door - the furnace is going."

And then I hear the latch and the wintry blast subsides - until the next person arrives.

Open door policy has trouble getting under way in the spring. As the first nice days arrive, and it seems a lovely opportunity get some fresh air into the winter-weary house, I go around opening doors.

Others come in and carefully close the doors behind them.

The days get warmer, and gradually the habit is established and the doors are left open.

Then comes that first shivery day in the fall and, giving in to the inevitable, I turn up the thermostat and start the furnace on its winter tour of duty.

And it really has to work hard, because every time someone enters the doors stands wide open.

"I'm really trying to remember," one the girls said, "Maybe I'll manage it by December or January."

- Margaret Miller

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