

## To Women It May Concern

By MYRA COX

Charming is the best word to describe Bennett Cerf. It was my privilege to introduce him to the Livonia Town Hall as their first speaker of the series. I regret not having had an opportunity to become acquainted beforehand. He put both myself and Livonia Town Hall Series Chairman Dottie Blacklock at our complete ease.

Having rehearsed my little piece of introduction in the shower in the morning, before and after breakfast, driving over to the Terrace Theatre in the bright and beautiful morning, there didn't seem to be a problem. EXCEPT before the mike and all the lovely ladies, my mind went blank. But fortunately I did remember his name and my own and my favorite authoress, Ayn Rand, whose book he published as President of Random House.

What a delight he was on his behind-the-scenes comments of the TV show "What's My Line"—one of the oldest in TV history—and only one of two not taped. (He hates "canned laughter.") His witty comments on current events, books, plays, and celebrities were all in good humor and in the best of taste. His real secret is he likes people.

Despite the fact his family and business associates discourage his lecture work, two weeks out of every year he likes to take off by himself and prowl our United States talking to people. He said it is stimulating to him.

What a twist—he is stimulated by us. Incredible. This love of people, coupled with a philosophy adopted from his long-time hero, Will Rogers, endeared him to me. This philosophy he embraces has three points and he says he tries to live by it.

Work hard and have humor in your life.

Think Big.

Have a Dream.

At luncheon I asked him what Ayn Rand was really like and did he believe in her philosophy so daringly told in "Atlas Shrugged." He said she was a brilliant woman—unafraid and with a message to give to the world. And then he added, with his usual twinkle in his eye and fascinating N.Y. accent, "but at parties we always argue and she corners me literally and says Bennett, how now let us check your premises—and this really scares me. You see, I'm not sure what my premise really is."

This was the week that was—in the area of stimulating people. Two friends of mine, Barbara Loren and Loretta Weller, knowing my interest in Objectivism, planned a surprise trip to hear Ayn Rand's disciple, Nathaniel Branden, here from New York.

Actually, Nathaniel Branden was here to begin a 20-series lecture with Miss Rand as guest of one of them. The others will be on tape, and run by Clark Berson, of Detroit.

What a thought-provoking man, Mr. Branden. He went right back to Plato the mystic as opposed to Aristotle the realist, which, of course, Rand's philosophy is based on.

Completely enthralled during the lecture by Branden, part of the time, I must confess to being offended. New concepts are hard to digest (particularly when one approaches the well-known bit of which they have not quite gone over).

Although there isn't much encouragement around my house to continue the lectures—would it were possible. Other lectures are on the following subjects:

What is reason?—the nature of the subconscious—the nature of emotions.

Logic—the validity of the senses.

God—Is the concept of God actually meaningful? (This is the area I cannot agree with Objectivism. I asked Nathaniel Branden if one had to be an atheist to embrace this philosophy and in a sentence he said "yes, unless of course you are a hypocrite and that's your problem.") Very small "ah" from me.

Free will as the choice to think or not to think.

The basic principles of efficient thinking.

Self-esteem. Anxiety and neurosis.

Independent mind vs. "socialized mind."

Ethics—man's need of a moral code.

The principles of a rational ethics.

Egoism vs. altruism—the evil of the concept of self-sacrifice.

The principles of proper political system. Individual rights—freedom vs. compulsion.

The economics of a free society.

The economics of collectivism.

The nature of evil. Why evil is impotent.

The psychology of sex.

The nature and purpose of art (Miss Rand's lecture).

The esthetics of the visual arts.

The neurosis of the intellectual.

Why many human beings repress and drive underground, not the worst within them, but the best.

Anyone care to go 20?



HONORING their Sixth District Vice President Audrey King (left) were 45 members and alumni of Redford Jaycee Auxiliary at a dinner meeting Oct. 12 at Kenwood Lounge. Dearborn Jaycee Auxiliary President, Barbara Eubank, was also a guest. Mrs. King talked to the group on "What Kind of Member Are You?" New Auxiliary members introduced were Janet Mitchell, Janet Foster, Judy Nester and Naomi Devett. Joyce Mattison was chairman of the dinner meeting. With Mrs. King above is Redford Jaycee President, Dottie Wilking.

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THE DAY finally arrived for the launching of Livonia Town Hall Series. Livonia women and their guests from other communities came through with flying colors to support the American Field Service via Livonia Town Hall. Over 750 attended the Terrace Theatre

to hear author-TV personality Bennett Cerf last Thursday morning. Luncheon followed at Western Golf and Country Club. (L-R): Chairman Dottie Blacklock, Treasurer Bess King, Bennett Cerf, Bentley AFS President Jean Nielson, Franklin AFS President Janet Campbell.



MRS. PAUL ZUCKERMAN, of Franklin (left), is among area persons working on the women's committee for the "Knight of Charity" award dinner Tuesday, Nov. 17, at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, which will benefit Maryglade College at Memphis, Mich. With her are Maryglade President Rev. Fr. Nicholas Mastriani and Mrs. Ernest A. Jones, of Bloomfield Hills. The annual \$100-a-plate inter-faith dinner will honor Adolph and Irving Goldberg, owners and managers of Community Theatres; Thomas H. Keating, former director and group vice president in charge of passenger air division, General Motors; and Ralph T. McElvenny, president of Michigan Consolidated Gas Company. All have distinguished themselves in humanitarian fields and philanthropic work.

## Buxom Belle Chapters Get Together

Farmington Chapter of the Buxom Belle Club were hosts to the Redford Chapter, The Figurines, and the Livonia Chapter, The Merri-Bowl Trimmers at their regular meeting on Oct. 15.

Guests of honor were Belle of the Year Mac Minor from the P.D.G. Chapter, and Bantam Queen Cecilia Cavender of the V.I.P. Chapter.

The Court of Honor for the Belle of the year were Betty Vans of the M.E.T. Chapter and Eleanor Bachelder of the P.D.G.'s.

Vi Polen, the club counselor, was also present. Movies of the annual party were shown and refreshments (?) were served.

## Banks End Term With Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Banks, retiring Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Kindness Chapter No. 593, O.E.S., entertained the 1963-1964 officers at a buffet dinner, on Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Lola Valley Masonic Temple.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hartley; Mrs. Dorothy Pethers; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lucia; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haslam; Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Pettit; Mr. and Mrs. William Dust; Mrs. Virginia Gibson; Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Cole; Mr. and Mrs. James Quinn; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perry; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clucas; Mr. and Mrs. Temple Wiles; Mrs. Helen Gascon; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ford; Mr. and Mrs. R. Sedore; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnett; Mrs. Jean Smith; Mr. and Mrs. George Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lowery; Mrs. Ella Meeker; and Mr. Walter Hirtzel.

The hosts were assisted by Mrs. Estelle Vaughan and Halobing Glis, Judy Malina, Isabelle Banks and Cheryl Howell.

## U-M Coffee Scheduled Oct. 2

Mr. and Mrs. William Van Hous of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesley of Livonia will attend a coffee hour on the University of Michigan's Dearborn campus Sunday, October 25.

The coffee hour is sponsored by the Faculty and Faculty Women's Club on the campus. It is a part of the orientation program for new students.

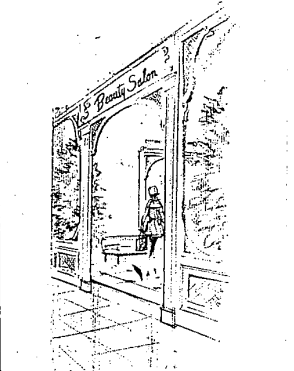
The Van Houses' reside at 42070 Lindsay Drive, while the Wesley's live at 11071 Clements Circle W.

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## Judoli-Lashbrook Exchange Rings-Vows

Carol Lashbrook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lashbrook, of Farmington, exchanged marriage vows and rings Saturday, Sept. 26, with James Fudoli of Lincoln Park, at a candlelight ceremony at Calvary Lutheran Church in Lincoln Park.

The bride wore a white chantilly lace, bouffant wedding dress. Crystal and pearl embroidered threads were at the neckline, sleeves and hem of the long sheath dress. A long

## Madonna College Student Nurse Is Reservist In WACS

Joan Herr, Madonna College student nurse, enlisted and was accepted as a reservist in the Women's Army Corps. She will continue her nursing education at Madonna during which she is to receive financial assistance from the Department of the Army.

After graduation and successful completion of the state board examinations, Joan will attend the Army Nurse Corps orientation course at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where she will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Corps.

The groom's mother wore an off-white crepe and a similar corsage.

## Leaders Meet In Conference

Grace Richardson, of Heather Hills will be the delegate to the Michigan Conference of Women Leaders. This all day meeting on October 22nd will feature luncheon and an open workshop discussion.

The purpose of this particular meeting is not to recruit women but to train them to become leaders in the state.

The speakers roster features an imposing list. Mrs. John T. Herring, president of the American Red Cross will present the speakers of the day who will speak on the subject of "How are capable people persuaded to accept responsibilities?"

Guest speakers are Mrs. Frederick R. Cody, Frederick S. Laise, Vice President of the American National Red Cross, and Mrs. Helen Hatcher, wife of the president of the University of Michigan.

Following the speakers program there will be a workshop and open discussion period. The principal subject will be "Ways and means to further women in these changing times and complexities."

## Kappa Delta 67 Yrs. Old

The 67th anniversary of the founding of Kappa Delta, a national panhellenic sorority, will be observed October 23 at the Wayne State University Alumni House at 8 p.m.

Members of the northwest suburban Kappa Delta Alumnae group planning to attend are: Mrs. Donald Greenburg; Mrs. Thomas Hofman; Mrs. Robert Williams; Mrs. Paul Welles; Mrs. Ted Morford; and Mrs. John Dawe.

Kappa Delta was founded at Longwood College, Farmville, Va. on October 25, 1897. It was the first national panhellenic conference sorority to select the care and aid of crippled children as its national philanthropy. The sorority helps support six beds at the Crippled Children's Hospital in Richmond, Virginia.

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