

# Meredith Willsons, Madam Chennault at Northville Town Hall

Without his 78 trombones, P&A Theater on Main Street, Meredith Willson, who wrote "The Music Man," "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" and "Here's ment spiced with gentle humor, Love," and his wife will kick-rehearsing comment and good of the 1965-66 season Oct. 21 must. Their program is called at the Northville high school "A Night with the Meredith auditorium. This will be the Willsons." Willson entered show only time the series will be business as a teenager. At 14, scheduled at NRS. All other he left his hometown of Mason speakers will be heard at the City, Iowa, and set off for New

York City. He continued his flute studies there and at 17 studied for John Philip Sousa, who signed him up for a nationwide tour with famous bands. At 21, Willson was seated in the New York Philharmonic, playing for five years under the baton of Toscanini and other notables. Later he was general manager for NBC in San Francisco and headed the Armed Forces Radio Service during World War II. His popular songs have been on the top-40 lists and he was the first composer to have two songs placed simultaneously on "Your Hit Parade."

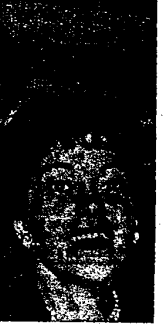
Willson has his serious side, too. Among his compositions for orchestra are the "San Francisco Symphony, Missions of California," "The Music Man," and "C.C. McIntyre Suite." His other talent is writing books. So far he has written an autobiographical best-seller "And There I Stood with My Piccolo," and a novel "Who Did What to Redtail."

**ABOUT THE TICKETS**  
Town Hall is sponsored by Our Lady's League of Our Lady of Victory church in Northville. Proceeds are contributed to charity in Farmington, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth. Donations are authorized by the board of awards, an advisory group consisting of representatives from each community. Season tickets cost \$10.00 and checks may be mailed to PO Box 83, Northville.

**ANNA CHENNAULT**  
A voice heard weekly in Free China, Red China and Southeast Asia over the Voice of America will be heard here Nov. 18. Anna Chennault widow of General Claire L. Chennault of the famous Flying Tigers, will relate her first-hand knowledge of the Far East. Her latest book, "The Flying Tigers," is being published by the National Geographic Society. She is a Washington news commentator, is national field director and a member of the board of

directors of Young Americans for Freedom, the largest conservative youth organization in the U.S. While working in upstate New York as news director of a radio station — his first job out of college — Lewis compiled in 1957 a study showing the number and nature of books authored by Communist Party members which were present in public school libraries. Two years later he was hired by the house committee on Un-American activities as a research director. He was the youngest person to hold the title. Lewis accompanied the committee on all its hearings including the now famous ones in San Francisco in 1960 when student riots and demonstrations occurred.

**STATUS SEEKER AUTHOR**  
James Packard, a social critic whose books have provoked discussion in millions of homes across the U.S., will appear next March 17. He is the only author in recent years to have three books in a row to reach the top in the non-fiction field. He has penned "The Pyramid Climbers," "The Status Seeker," "The Hidden Persuaders," and "The Waste Makers," assailing the nation's social and economic underground. Before he turned to



Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Willson

## To Women It May Concern

By LOUISE KUDER

Out of New York, N. Y., comes a report of another round in the battle of blondes vs. brunettes. "The dark-haired American woman today is less passionate and far more calculating and cold-blooded than her fair-haired counterpart" so says the article.

Sounds like another scare for the blondes, who supposedly have more fun, are preferred by gentlemen, BUT, the article quotes, statistics—that say the dark-haired girls are healthier, smarter, better drivers, more successful in business, have better figures and more children, less suicidal, more reliable, live longer, and 100% of the men in America marry them.

All of these virtues, says the article, there's still one warning word for those who marry brunettes—and from a criminologist—look out for a dark-haired gal if you cross her. A blonde may win her slack if she catches you cheating her—but the brunette will probably all your throat. As a footnote they say the dark-haired ladies are truly the more serious, deeper thinkers, more profound . . .

Now there were two ladies in the vicinity this past week that belie the above. Both were blondes, both well-known, both serious—and most profound.

One was Martha Rountree, political writer in Washington, commentator and TV star. She was a guest of the Northville Town Hall.

The other was Virginia Smith, chairman, American Farm Bureau Women's Committee, also no stranger in Washington. She was the key-note speaker at the County Farm Bureau Luncheon and meeting in Plymouth.

Miss Rountree talked most critically of the "great society" depicting it as developers of mediocrity. She said there was not one department or development in Washington under the present administration she was happy about.

The only exception to this was the department of J. Edgar Hoover. She was most emphatic about the only route to change the present give-away system was to elect new Congressmen of stature and vision.

Her comments were interesting, though discouraging. She was not all negative, however. She has a plan. It is called Leadership, U. S. A. It is described as an organized plan to spread the news about the real facts in government.

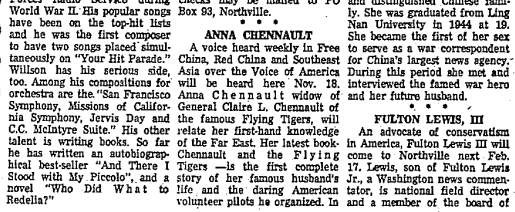
The plan is to set up discussion and information groups across the nation with information being fed to them by Miss Rountree and her staff of trained news people.

Members of the organization will receive complete information about legislative and government action, both presently and in effect with complete details of preliminary action, voting records of members of Congress and other data.

She said the need was great to stir people into action in areas that are alarming. She felt if people were informed with facts they would act accordingly. "We will absolutely not bow to any school of thought, code or political persuasion. We will not tell people what to think, we'll only give them all, not part of the facts," explained Miss Rountree. Legal details are presently being worked out. The cost of the program per year will be \$20 per member.

The other blonde, Virginia D. Smith, was perhaps the most personally gracious lady I have ever heard speak. Gentle, though she was, she also spoke with great purpose and some what critically of the direction our nation is presently taking—more relative to the farm program. She spoke of the tremendous waste of food, of the smothering controls on agriculture and what it means to this country. She stressed the importance of encouraging youth to use ability—how the women of the Michigan Farm Bureau have come up with a six-count pilot program and are going to tell the story of agriculture with accuracy to people all over the nation. There is so much misunderstanding about the American farmer. Once these facts are exposed, there again, it is hoped the message will get through to the people and thus to the Congress of the United States.

Two blondes with a purpose—and both working toward changing the destiny of the United States of America.



WITH THE FINAL guest for the Livonia, Mrs. William Slattery, President of Northville Town Hall Series (above) are members from Plymouth and Livonia, Martha Rountree who is introduced by Virginia Smith, Chairman of the County Farm Bureau Luncheon at Meadowbrook. (R-r) Mrs. Gene Rovin, and Mrs. Gene Parks from



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## 120 Women Watch Plymouth Vivian Installation

Corsages, cocktails and a beef buffet preceded the candle-lit installation ceremony of the Plymouth Vivian Club, April 8 at the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780.

One hundred and twenty ladies were present for the ceremony following the lecture at the County Farm Bureau Luncheon at Meadowbrook. (R-r) Mrs. Gene Rovin, and Mrs. Gene Parks from

Merle Atchison and Marion Orieth officiated over the installation of the following officers: Mrs. Virginia Smith, president; Mrs. Mary Richard, vice president; Mrs. Betty Culler, recording secretary; Mrs. Ann Clinch, treasurer; Donna Jean O'Conner, chaplain; Lois Lane, sergeant-at-arms; Ruth Marsh; member-at-large Corrine Clark, Florine Carr, Virginia Fann (all past presidents).



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## Rubies To Waldmans For 40th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Waldman of Oak Park had a surprise party on their 40th wedding anniversary. When they arrived at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Waldman on Maplewood, Livonia, the other evening they thought they were dining out. Instead the Lester Waldmans had joined with the Daniel Waldmans of Doreen, Farmington, for a gala celebration.

Forty guests had been invited for cocktails and buffet. The 40th anniversary is a ruby anniversary, so as one of her many gifts, Mrs. Waldman received a ruby pin, and Mr. Waldman was gifted in turn with a ruby stickpin.

Their happiest gift, however, was the news that their two daughters, Libby and Lois Waldman, had flown in from Washington, D.C., for the occasion.

## "Spring Tonic" Card Party Set

The calendar says "It's Spring Again" and it's just three weeks until the annual card party "Spring Tonic." It will be April 27 at 8 p.m. in the social hall of Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

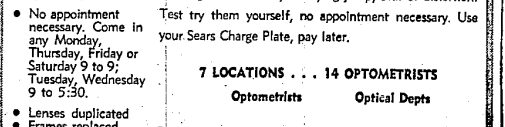
The Women of Kendallwood Farms will, as in previous years, donate the entire proceeds from this affair, to the Plymouth State Home and Training School.

This year the goal is \$567, as this is the amount that is needed to purchase braces for two little girls 11 and 12 years of age. Braces for these innocents will mean the difference of sitting and just watching or mobility and participation.

Refreshments, door prizes, table prizes and an evening of card playing are all included. For information or tickets call Mrs. Lillian Arelson, 474-2432; Mrs. Ruth Thomas, 476-1532; or Mrs. Elaine Dempster, 476-3327.

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**Vows Repeated by Mulchi-Abbamonte**

Escorted down the aisle on the arm of her father, Mary Lou Mulchi became the bride of Raymond Douglas Abbamonte Feb. 13 in a 7 p.m. wedding in Livonia Baptist Church. Pastor William D. Martin performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Mulchi, Auburnville, Livonia and the groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abbamonte, Wormer Avenue, Detroit.

Lillian Christenson and Brenda Martin were attendants, dressed in red velvet and peau de soie.

Sister of the bride, Christine Pondell, served as matron of honor. Also attending the couple was Lynn Gibbons, serving as flower girl, escorted by Tim Woodcock as ring bearer.

James Abbamonte was his brother's best man, with Tom Zupus and Ron Wrobel as ushers.

Immediately following the ceremony the bridal party greeted guests in the church parlor and later at an open house at the home of the groom's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Woodcock, of Garden City.

The newlyweds are presently at home on Lenore Street in Detroit following a ski trip to Boyne Mountain.