

'Are You Listening'

Series aids family communication

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BIRMINGHAM—"Are You Listening?" has become a familiar phrase in the Birmingham School District as the title of a parent education project.

The six-week series of discussion sessions with professional leaders will be offered for the third season starting Tuesday, Jan. 23, at Seaholm High School.

Purpose of the series for parents is to develop and improve communication between family members. Each discussion leader will deal with the subject of communication skills from different aspects.

Pre-registration for the series is advised. Interested persons may call Mrs. John Simpson, 350 Shirley, Birmingham. Registrations also will be taken at the opening session starting at 7:30 p.m. in Ross Wagner Auditorium at Seaholm.

A maximum of 150 persons can be

accommodated in the series. First preference will be given to residents of the Birmingham School District but the series will be open to other interested persons until the 150 registration is met.

FOLLOWING THE initial session, subsequent weekly meetings will be held during the weeks of Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 3.

Meetings will be held in homes and selected meeting places with days and times determined by the individual leaders.

Five of the 10 professional discussion leaders have participated in the "Are You Listening?" series previously and five are new this year.

New leaders are Clair Voeberg, social worker with private practice; Diane Vincent, social worker and Hotline director; Nadine Bell, coordinator of counseling, Common Ground; Dr. Peter Orlando, social worker and marriage counselor; and Dr. R. M.

Combes, instructor in child psychology and private practitioner.

Leaders from previous years are Sara Byer, social worker with private practice; Lawrence McMillen, psychiatric social worker with Pontiac; and Helene Mills, Seaholm High School teacher of Marriage and the Family and Child Development courses.

OTHER REPEATERS are Muriel Steele, supervisor of Family and Children's Services of Oakland, marriage counselor, private practice, and the Rev. Edward Rice, missionary to youth and community at Christ Church Cranbrook and coordinator of alternatives program at Common Ground.

At the initial meeting participants will go into discussion groups with the leader of their choice following a brief introductory session. Groups are limited to 10 to 15 persons.

Sponsoring agencies for the "Are You Listening?" series are Birmingham Youth Assistance, Common Ground, Family and Children's Services of Oakland and the Birmingham Public Schools.

Financial support for the programs to date has been received from the

Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSA) of Seaholm High School and Quanton Elementary School, the Groves Boosters, the Junior League and the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham.

SEVERAL OTHER PTSA's, Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO), churches and other agencies have been approached for additional funding.

The steering committee which has planned the discussion series includes Alice McCarthy, Louise Simpson, Mary Moore and Optia Sokolowski. Professional consultants are Leo Szalma of Birmingham Youth Assistance, Chip Drotos of Family and Children's Services of Oakland and Marilyn Schain, assistant to the principal at Seaholm High School.

The steering committee is preparing a resource manual which will be distributed to all participants in the program. It contains a listing of approximately 25 community resources to which families can turn for help.

The listings include general service agencies, crisis intervention centers, drop-in and rag facilities, family counseling services and others.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Bloomfield Hills' reputation as a ski area will get a lift this February when Cranbrook Educational Community opens its 300 acres to cross country skiers.

Skiing Cranbrook is just one of nine opportunities offered through Cranbrook P.M., an adult education program sponsored by Cranbrook School Mothers' Club for the benefit of the school's scholarship fund.

Other Cranbrook P.M. courses beginning in February include a class that will teach consumers how to make their own toothpaste, shampoo and household cleaners, a tour of two contemporary architects' homes, and a Soviet Union specialist's views on American foreign policy.

Taught at Cranbrook School by faculty members and other community people who donate their time and talent, Cranbrook P.M. courses were conceived a year ago as a vehicle for bringing Cranbrook and the local community together.

"**CROSS COUNTRY** Skiing" begins with "off-snow" instruction by an instructor from Baupp Campfitters, Royal Oak, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 10. Ski sessions follow in two series: from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 12 and 19 or 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 16 and 23. Only members of the course are entitled to ski on the Cranbrook grounds.

Fee for the course is priced individually and by family plan. Special rates for rental equipment from Baupp Campfitters also will be available.

In "Chemistry for Consumers," Cranbrook School science teacher Jules Poirier will explain the basic chemical principles of what we use in our kitchens and homes, and participants will learn how to make their own household products. Course meets from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 12, 19, 26 and March 5.

Two Cranbrook-affiliated architects, Glen Paulsen and Carl Luckenbach, will open their homes to participants in "Spring Tour of Contemporary Architects' Homes." Interior designer Joan Lyman will explain how architects have solved problem situations in their homes.

THE LIMITED enrollment class will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, and 27. Checks for the course are due by April 30.

Dr. Fred E. Dolms, Wayne State University geography department chairman and specialist on the Soviet Union, will investigate American foreign policy in "What in the World is Going On?" focusing on Russia, China and Japan, the Middle East and the Third World. Course meets from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 12, 19, 26 and March 5.

"Parallels in the Arts," taught by Cranbrook School English teacher Templem Licklider, is an investigation into parallel methods of generating artistic effects in poetry, music and the visual arts, 8 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 13, 20, 27 and March 6.

"Enjoy Photography," led by Jack Kautsch, will include a discussion of light, composition and exposure to help participants recapture their feelings on film, 8 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 13, 20, 27 and March 6.

"**A VISIT TO** Cranbrook House" will be a tour of the former home of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Booth, 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17. The house designed by Albert Kahn is usually closed to the public.

"Needlepoint Potpourri" is a seminar by Mary Kay Davis and Helen Guarnattiel, needlepoint teachers at the Henry Ford Museum and Robert Kidd Associates. They authored "Needlepoint from America's Great Quilt Designs." The course runs from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 18 and 25.

"Yoga," taught by Freda Mills, expert on hatha yoga, is the yoga of physical well-being, 8 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 11, 18, 25 and March 6.

For further information or to register call Cranbrook School. Student discounts are available on most courses.

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