

At Sheraton-Southfield

DAR leader was keynoter

By SUSAN ROGERS

"Society looks toward you for strength and hope," Mrs. George Baylies, president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution told 230 women in the flag-adorned room.

The DAR, a women's organization which promotes the preservation of early American ideals, heard Mrs. Baylies at a dinner banquet during its 72nd state conference in Southfield last week.

Discussing the role of religion in America, education and national defense, she told of the past and of the present, and turned members' eyes toward the future.

"Our ancestors came here 350 years ago to find new opportunities," said the regal looking woman dressed in peach with royal blue sash and glittering pins. She is the leader of some 200,000 DAR members in the U.S.

"Our ancestors had the will to free themselves, and their new-found loy-

alty made them strong. The freedom they strove for is being challenged today from all sides," she said.

She pointed to atheism and renowned atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, "trying to take God out of everything" and stressed the need for a renewal of faith in God.

AMERICA'S national defense is of great concern to the DAR, said Mrs. Baylies. She said the country needs citizens who would be trained to defend the country in a time of national crisis.

"National defense is our nation's life insurance policy," she said. "The disarmament of the U.S. for world peace is an empty dream."

Education is another weighty concern of the DAR. Although Mrs. Baylies said education should begin in the home, she added that the schools must also play a major role.

Discipline should be stressed more in the schools today, she said. Foreign-

born teachers should, "pledge allegiance to the U.S. government or not be allowed to teach," she added.

"Youth should be taught to uphold the tradition inspired by our country's heroes and heroines," Mrs. Baylies said. "I have faith in our youth and feel that we can build their strength by teaching them reverence for the law of the land."

She said young people today have turned to "false idols" because their leaders have failed them. "But they can turn to the DAR for help," she added.

The DAR offers more than 1,000 college scholarships and has special programs to help minority women further their education.

"We train thousands to be good citizens," she said. "We try to carry the message of patriotism into the homes."

THE DAR looks with conviction to the future.

"We are proud of our past," said Mrs. Baylies. "We must compete with ourselves and not be satisfied with past successes. For the future we need mutual cooperation and should know what our membership really means to us."

She said the DAR has a far-reaching

scope, with members in all walks of life—teachers, lawyers, bank presidents and PTA members. "Our members give all to society," she added.

Mrs. Baylies ended her speech quoting some lines from the plaque in one of the organization's three buildings in Washington, D.C.

"We stand for the perpetuation of American ideals of religion, service of God and of country."

Area members of the DAR attending the event were impressed by the speech.

"I thought she was marvelous," said Mary Helen Fasting of Livonia, an alternate delegate with the John Sackett DAR chapter in Redford Township. "She hit every aspect of the DAR."

Louise Siegmund of Livonia, John Sackett regent, agreed. "The speech was most inspiring," she said. "It was very emotional and positive and I enjoyed the whole thing very much."

Gladys Suttin of Plymouth, also of the Sackett chapter, said the message was "patriotic and definitely DAR."

"It made you want to stand up and fight off anybody threatening our country," said JoAnne Pickins of Plymouth and John Sackett.

Elizabeth Dettler of Livonia said the speech was "excellent, concise and relevant."



Mrs. George Upham Baylies, president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, made her official visit during the recent state conference and was the keynote speaker.

Oak Park Symphony opens 14th season

A Sunday afternoon concert at 3 p.m. on Oct. 15 will mark the opening of the Oak Park Symphony Orchestra's 14th season. The concert is slated for Oak Park High School.

Morris Hochberg will conduct and the featured artist will be Edward Kingins, leading tenor with the Michigan Opera Theatre.

Guest soloist at the Symphony's Summer Concert in the Park, Kingins was received enthusiastically. He will sing arias from Don Giovanni, Tosca, Eugene Onegin and Louisa Miller, as

well as selections from Handel's Oratorios.

The orchestra will play Haydn's London Symphony and Dvorak's Symphony No. 4.

Tickets will be \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for students and seniors. They will be available at the door, at the Oak Park Community Center and at Harrison Viols in Berkeley.

Members of the audience at this concert will be invited to submit their requests for music to be played at an all-request concert on March 6, 1979.

MS group sets Oct. 10 meet

Abilities Unlimited, a Multiple Sclerosis group which raises funds for research, will meet at 8 p.m. on Oct. 10 at the Southfield Civic Center.

Subject of the meeting will be an informal round-table discussion of Multiple Sclerosis, a disease which cripples and kills young adults. Wheelchair ramps are available.



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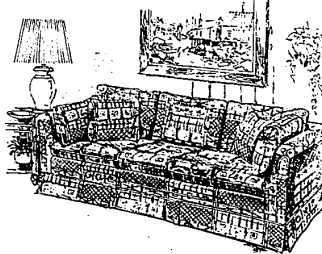
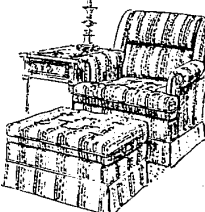
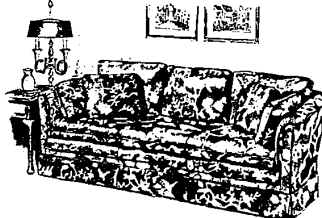
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