

First Person Singular

Kitty Spoke To Settle A Bet

BY GLENN MERRILLAT

"You were perfectly delightful -- you're a young'un ..." wrote a member of the audience.

And so she was, Kitty Carlisle, captured hearts of the season's first Northville Town Hall audience Thursday in the Northville High School auditorium.

As she talked without notes or lectern and sang unaccompanied, she transported her listeners to the old metropolitan opera house in New York, to an audience with the Queen of England, and to the sound stages of Hollywood.

"MANY HAVE asked me how and why I began speaking," she said. "I must tell you that my husband, who I'll refer to as 'Cass' or 'Mossie,' was an avid director.

"He collected anything and everything -- people, furniture, art, gags and even houses. He

asked that the only things he ever wanted to see were the ones he didn't buy."

It was while Miss Carlisle was with her husband on a shopping trip that a lady approached her and asked, "Aren't you Miss Carlisle? My friend made a bet with me that I wouldn't say hello to you."

"FIRST PERSON Singular" has been Miss Carlisle's topic as she talks to women. She and Cole Porter were in Hollywood to persuade her to come to New York and appear in their new musical, she became so excited that she began to run.

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"Well, hello, how you've won your bet," replied Miss Carlisle.

But there was more to the woman had also been dared to ask the celebrity if she would speak before a group of women at Bryn Mawr College. Later, when Miss Carlisle asked her husband what in the world she could find to do that would interest anyone, Miss Hart made one of his very observations:

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Editor Hoenshell In Hospital

Donald J. Hoenshell, editor of The Observer Newspapers, is resting comfortably at St. Joseph's Hospital in Dearborn where he is undergoing treatment for a heart attack suffered Wednesday morning.

Medical sources at the hospital said that Hoenshell is making progress and is doing

as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Visits and telephone calls, however, are being restricted for the time being.

Hoenshell, 46, was appointed editor of The Observer Newspapers in February, 1968. He had previously been editor of The Livonia Observer, director of the State Legislative Ser-

vice Bureau in Lansing, chief of the City-County Bureau and on the Lansing Bureau for the Detroit News, and other positions in the newspaper business.

Hoenshell suffered the attack at his residence in Plymouth and was driven to St. Joseph Hospital for treatment early Wednesday morning.

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