

'First Person Singular'

Kitty Spoke To Settle A Bet

BY GLENNA MERILLAT

"You were perfectly delighted -- you're a yam-yum ..." 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 Cas or 'Mossie,' was an avid listener.

"He collected anything and everything -- people, furniture, art, books and even houses. He on -- said that the only things he ever regretted in life were the ones he didn't buy."

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Editor Hoenshell In Hospital

Donald J. Hoenshell, editor of The Observer Newspapers, is resting comfortably at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor 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, 45, 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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