

Linkletter Advises

Fight Drugs With 'Backfires'

"Drug abuse is like a great forest fire - but we can build backfires."

The words are those of Art Linkletter, who brought both wit and jokes and a deadly serious message about drug addiction to the Livonia Town Hall last week.

The television star, who has devoted himself to drug abuse study since his daughter died after taking LSD, said addiction has been "not a fad but a terrible plague" but he's beginning to note some encouraging backfires.

SEVERAL are coming in the schools, he told women who filled the Terrace Theater and later attended the celebrity luncheon in the Mayflower Meeting House. There is the practice of "ombudsmanship" now being used in many schools, Linkletter pointed out.

"One teacher who has especially good rapport with the kids gets time to receive a thorough indoctrination in drug use and abuse knowledge," he explained. "Then a kid who needs help can go to that teacher and know what he says is privileged communication; that he won't be busted, and his parents won't be told."

ANOTHER INNOVATION Linkletter hailed is a plan for training high school volunteers to go into junior highs and elementary schools.

"Each of the volunteers has a room and gets to know the

younger kids there," he explained. "They have his telephone number so that they can ask questions any time. This system has several great strengths. It gets to the lower school students facts about drugs at a time when they are likely to hear all kinds of stories."

"It dispels the myth that all high school 'wheels' use drugs and gives status to the 'straight' kid. And it reinforces in those volunteers the resolve not to experiment with drugs."

Linkletter also mentioned as good forces against drug use an organization called "Smart Set," an anti-drug teen club, and Teen Challenge, a religion-based group combating drug use.

"And informational programs in organizations like the Boy and Girl Scouts, YMCA and 4-H clubs also are helping to keep the straight kid straight," he added.

LINKLETTER said that in the "unspeakable agony" of losing his daughter, his family decided "we were stable enough and Christian enough to announce to the nation the reason for her death, because we wanted it known that drug addiction was threatening our finest young people."

He said addiction had been largely a problem of the ghetto until about 1960.

"Two things happened then," Linkletter said. "The acid rock musicians began to

sing the drug song and use its language. "They lived the drug life and our kids had them on a pedestal so drug usage was in."

"And then, about 1965, Dr. Timothy Leary began preaching the use of LSD, and that was the ultimate in irresponsibility."

LINKLETTER said he has studied the drug problem so

much that he's an "expert on experts," and added that evaluation of marijuana has changed considerably in the last seven years.

"It was described as 'slightly hallucinatory' by one top expert in 1964, Linkletter said, and that led to a great push for its legalization."

"But the same expert has studied the question further," he added, "and has come out with a report that 70 per cent

of the kids try marijuana at some time, that of that group 25 per cent become 'weekend smokers,' that of those smokers 25 per cent become 'heads' or regular users, and one to two per cent of the heads go on to heroin."

"I don't tell kids not to smoke," he added. "I just tell them what are the possibilities and let them decide whether they want to play Russian roulette."



ART LINKLETTER with Livonia Town Hall president Barbara Layman (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Farmington Town Hall Hosts Kitty Carlisle

Kitty Carlisle, actress, singer and television panelist, will be speaker for the Farmington Town Hall at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4.

Her talk, the second in the Farmington series, will take place in the Northland Theater, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield.

A celebrity luncheon in Vladimir's restaurant will follow.

Ticket information for the lecture is available by calling the Farmington Community Center. Luncheon tickets should be ordered by sending a check for \$5 to P.O. Box 591, Farmington, by Friday, Oct. 29.

Luncheon tickets will either be returned by mail or held at the door at the Northland Theater.

Miss Carlisle is well known to television viewers as a panelist on "To Tell the Truth."

She was trained at the Royal



KITTY CARLISLE

Academy of Dramatic Arts in London and her career has taken her to opera, films, the Broadway stage and night clubs as well as television.

She was married to the late playwright-director Moss Hart and recently appeared in Detroit in a revival of his comedy "Light Up the Sky."

Freeze Hits Dues Of Girl Scouts

The fingers of the wage-price freeze now are reaching into the coffers of the Girl Scouts of America.

Local Girl Scout councils have learned that they can't put a scheduled national dues increase from \$1 to \$2 into effect until Nov. 13.

The history of the increase, said a spokesman at the office of the Girl Scouts of Metropolitan Detroit, is that it had been authorized at a national level in 1969, and was to go into effect Sept. 1 of this year.

Councils pay their dues at varying times of the year, and some, including Huron Valley, pay in September.

Some girls and adults paid the \$2. Then came a three-page ruling from the Office of Emergency Preparedness in Washington that Girl Scout dues were covered by the wage-price freeze and should not have been raised until the freeze ends Nov. 13.

The ruling said that all who had paid dues at the \$2 figure since Sept. 1 would be entitled to a refund of 20 cents, the amount arrived at by determining that an overpayment had been made on the second dollar for that period of the freeze during which the in-

crease was in effect, Sept. 1 to Nov. 13.

However, said a Huron Valley Girl Scout statement, "all members registering during this period are encouraged to pay \$2 with the understanding that the additional amount is a gift to the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A."

Cage Clinic To Be Free

Girls' basketball players, coaches and officials are invited to attend a free cage clinic which the Tri-County Board of Women's Basketball Officials will present from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, in Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia.

Liz Embree, a top official, will be in charge of the clinic. She will explain the 1972 girls basketball rules, with emphasis on recent changes. She and her aides will also demonstrate procedures and techniques and answer questions.

The tri-county board will also hold clinics for officials in the metropolitan area, beginning Nov. 6.

m. m. memos

Sometimes I find myself thinking of the world as one giant bake sale.

Along with the rummage sale, it has become a way of life for organizations raising money.

I can understand why the system works when I consider that I buy ingredients for one batch of goodies and then pay for another in completed form. But they say charity begins at home, so maybe they mean the oven.

And I can't complain that our contributions tie me to the kitchen - we have four other cooks on duty for most sales.

For a few bake sales, we've even answered rush orders for a quick batch of brownies when stocks dwindled and selling still was brisk.

This fall we've whipped up a few dozen cookies for a school orchestra that wants to travel. On a stickier afternoon, we candied a bunch of apples for the musicians to sell at the homecoming bonfire.

We find everyone gets into the act. When the elementary school put in a call for sale contributions, no one was available to bake but our youngest cook. It was her school, so she was glad to take over, and I guess her cupcakes were sold. We brought home brownies that night.

Several loaves of bread went last weekend to a church youth group raising money to pay for the new tires on its bus. They represented that cook's first try at bread, and I worried a bit. But if they were as good as the bread she baked the next day for home consumption, the purchaser wasn't cheated.

I'm not sure about the business aspects of the whole bake sale picture. But I find they definitely have a place in home economics training.

-Margaret Miller

Y Members To Discuss Suburbia

New ways in which the YWCA can meet the needs of suburbia will be explored at the fall members' meeting of the YWCA of Western Wayne County.

The meeting is set for Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 7:30 to 10 p.m., at Fairlane Mansion, on the Dearborn campus of the University of Michigan.

Guest speaker will be Mary Olivia Ross, president of the Women's Convention Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention; a member of the national board of Church Women United; a member of the women's planning committee of the Japan International Christian University Foundation; and on the chaplain's committee for penal institutions in Michigan.

Women and girls will also be invited to attend "think groups." These groups will discuss "Intentional Involvement of Youth," "Getting the Job Done," "Social Action Is Not A Tea Party," "Is the YW Image in Focus?" and "Are We All Here?"

Registrations are necessary and may be made by contacting the YWCA, 1034 Monroe, Dearborn.

Spotlight on Women



HOSTESSES for an AAUW conference coming Nov. 6 will include (from left) Mrs. Joseph Uhl and Mrs. W. A. Fisher of Plymouth, Mrs. Glen Barnier of Livonia and Mrs. John Culotta of Plymouth. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

AAUW Will Discuss 'Role Of Women In '70s'

"The Changing Role of Women in the '70s" will be the topic of a one-day conference scheduled Saturday, Nov. 6, in the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn.

Sponsor is the Interbranch Council of the American Association of University Women. The council is made up of 18 AAUW branches from southeastern Michigan, including three in this area.

Dr. Patricia Lanier, AAUW national vice president, will be keynote speaker at the noon luncheon, discussing the role of women in the future.

A MORNING PANEL discussion will look at today's women from several points of view.

Dorothy Cottrell, family life director of the Oakland County Legal Aid, will discuss women and their legal status. Economic status will be considered by Pat Burnett, president of the Detroit chapter of the National

Organization of Women (NOW).

Also on the panel will be Mary Jo Smith, therapist for disturbed children, who will look at effective relationships between women, and Margaret and Milton Weiner, will discuss women and their family relationships. Weiner is with the Detroit Board of Education and his wife with Jewish Family Service.

Workshop sessions also will be part of both morning and afternoon programs.

LEOLA CHRISTENSON of the Pontiac AAUW and Mrs. Harold Cass of Wayne are general chairmen for the conference.

Local women helping make arrangements are Mrs. Robert Wicks of Farmington, secretary; Mrs. James Ange of Farmington, publicity; Mrs. Joseph Uhl of Plymouth, hostess chairman, and Mrs. William Gratch of Plymouth, hostess committee member.

The Livonia Branch is in charge of bibliography and program printing.

Mrs. Lynn Culotta of the Plymouth branch is in charge of registration and is accepting reservations up to Oct. 30. Checks for \$5, covering lunch and kits, or \$3, covering kits only, may be mailed to her at 1711 Nantucket, Plymouth, 48170.

Flower Basics

Basic flower arranging will be the topic for the meeting of the Livonia Federated Garden Club at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, in St. Matthew Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia.

Mrs. Charles Schweim, teacher and flower show judge, will be the speaker. Guests are welcome and the charge for the program of basic information is \$1.

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