

Farmington Guest

Kitty's Advice-- 'Use Your Talent'



By MARGARET MILLER

Talent is how you use it, and happiness is a by-product, the chic and charming lady said, and it seemed easy to believe. Especially when Kitty Carlisle, speaker for last week's Farmington Town Hall program, used her own career to show what she meant.

Her strong-willed mother had decreed, she told the ladies, that "I wasn't the prettiest girl in the world, nor the best actress or singer, but maybe if I put all three together I might make a place for myself on the stage."

And that's what happened, she added, because "I never said 'No' to Mother."

SPEAKING in the Northland Theater in Southfield, she recounted highlights that took her to the Broadway stage, Hollywood films and television's "To Tell the Truth," and added that a final fillip was the opportunity to sing in "Die Fledermaus," at the opening of the New Metropolitan Opera house in Lincoln Center.

"And I told my children then," she said, "that if Mama could sing at the Met at her age, then anything is possible."

"It turned out that my mother was right," she added. "I certainly wasn't the prettiest girl in the world nor the best actress or singer, but I proved that with a soupcon of courage and a dash of discipline you can make a

small talent go a long, long way."

Miss Carlisle also told of meeting her husband, the late playwright Moss Hart, first in Hollywood and later at a New York Party given by Lillian Helman.

"I asked him about his recent trip to the South Pacific," she recalled, "and we were married eight months later. That was a match, suitable enough even for mother."

SHE TOLD her theater audience her mother, before her death, had greatly enjoyed watching her as a panelist on "To Tell the Truth."

"We're still making it, though it's not shown in Detroit area," she said. "It's absolutely on the level—the secrecy is complete and we wouldn't have it any other way."

At the celebrity luncheon in Farmington's Holiday Inn, she told of her own college student children, son Chris and daughter Kathy.

Mentioning the major role she has played in their college and career choices, she indicated again a belief that her own mother was right.

"If it sounds as though I have directed my children's activities," she said, "the answer is yes. I don't believe in giving youth too many choices. I don't think they are certain what they want, and I think I know better."

MIS CARLISLE also answered questions on today's theater, keeping young and women's lib.

She said she found "O, Calcutta" made her "ashamed" and found "Jesus Christ Superstar" was "Not my dish." She added:

"There are no plays like we used to have with a beginning, middle and end. I think the best is coming now from England, but I hope that will change soon."

Her personal prescription for staying fit she put this way:

"I eat carefully. I do exercises. I don't drink much. I never take sleeping pills and I do the Sunday New York Times crossword puzzle and usually manage to finish it by the next Saturday afternoon."

On woman's lib, she commented she'd been a worker in that cause all her life.

"I've even come to feel that the militant arm of the movement is not a bad thing," she said. "It's silly and freakish, but the noise these women make is the reason the president has decided he might consider a woman for the Supreme Court."

Liz Carpenter
Next Livonia
Town Hall Star

LIZ CARPENTER

Liz Carpenter will bring Lyndon Johnson's White House to Livonia Wednesday, Nov. 17, when she appears as the second speaker in the Livonia Town Hall series.

The former press secretary and staff director for Lady Bird Johnson will speak at 10:30 a.m. in the Terrace Theater, Plymouth Road between Middle Belt and Merriman.

She also will be guest for a celebrity luncheon in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth, following the theater talk.

Reservations for the luncheon must be made by Friday, Nov. 12, by calling the telephone number on the back of Town Hall season tickets. Miss Carpenter is author of a book, "Ruffles and

Flourishes," describing her time in the Johnson administration. It was published nearly two years ago. Her Town Hall topic will be "The Wit and Wisdom of Washington."

Dance Aids Retarded

The Northwest Communities Association for Retarded Children will hold its annual supper dance from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 8600 Haller, Livonia. Bob Parpart's band will furnish music, and the donation of \$7.50 will cover buffet supper at 7:30 p.m., beer and set-ups.

KITTY CARLISLE chats with Nancie Combs of Livonia, who furnished interlude piano music for the celebrity luncheon that followed her Farmington Town Hall appearance last week. (Evert photo)

For Women

New Job Horizons In View

By BETTY MASSON

Women were urged to look for new horizons—to look beyond the traditional teaching, nursing or clerical careers—into the reality of the opportunities which lie ahead, at a meeting Saturday at Schoolcraft College.

The woman doing the urging was Mrs. Isabelle S. Streid, chief of the division of economic status and opportunities, women's bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Mrs. Streid praised Schoolcraft College for having appointed a Citizen's Advisory Board Committee for the Career Needs of Women at a meeting with the group in the morning.

At noon she was the keynote speaker at a Personal Development Clinic for

Women, sponsored by the West Detroit and Livonia Business and Professional Women's Club's and the College.

But during both meetings, Mrs. Streid expressed shock that there was only one girl in Schoolcraft's drafting department.

DEMAND FOR WORKERS in certain fields, many of them technical, will double by 1980, according to Labor Dept. projections, and Mrs. Streid urged her listeners to be aware of these.

They include workers in early childhood development, remedial education and education for the handicapped, marketing research, employment counseling, occupational therapy, physical therapy, computer programming,

systems analyzing and urban planning.

There will also be an increased need for engineering and science technicians, dental hygienists and assistants, radiological technicians, optometric assistants, inhalation therapists, laboratory technicians, recreation workers, business machines servicemen "an excellent job for a woman" and waste treatment plant operators.

There will also be a greater demand for women at upper-management levels as large companies begin to become more aware of their images in the community. "Women graduates of Harvard with an MBA now find that they have about five jobs waiting for them," said Mrs. Streid.

A mathematician herself, Mrs. Streid said more women economists are needed.

"HERE is a place in which you can help," she told the BPW representatives.

"The bureau cannot go out and talk to groups like this as much as we would like to. You could set up career clinics. Go to the high schools and let the students know what they can do besides the traditional fields of nursing and teaching. You could work with Schoolcraft on this."

She also suggested that the BPW clubs could set up commissions on the status of women at the municipal level, as well as support those at state and national levels. Eighteen municipalities now have them.

"The bureau has been trying to educate employers and union leaders about the laws governing employment of women and their responsibilities. Some companies are beginning to realize that they are going to have to look into their hiring practices. Your groups might consider having conferences with business and union leaders."

An executive order issued under title seven of the Civil Rights Act will make it mandatory for employers with government contracts and sub-contracts to employ a certain percentage of women workers.

The executive order, which will affect universities, came in for discussion at Mrs. Streid's meeting with the advisory committee.

When Mrs. Streid complimented the college for having 12 guidance counselors, it was pointed out to her that only two are women. Going by the proportion of women students (38 per cent), there should be four.

She was also told that for "mid-management level staff" at Schoolcraft, the ratio is about one woman to two men. But "take away the nursing staff" and this ratio goes way up in favor of the men.

Mrs. Streid suggested that the executive order might be helpful in changing this situation.

"Explained Barbara Gell, director of admissions for the college, "This is a very transitional time in the history of the college, and being kind ladies, we haven't pushed the matter. We're being very patient."

"That's right. There's no point in hurting yourself for an ideal," commented Mrs. Streid.

SHE DID SUGGEST that the committee could help by getting women to apply for teaching jobs as they became available.

She was also delighted that the committee and Schoolcraft have been making an effort to help women

prisoners at the Detroit House of Corrections.

"There is no help for young women in trouble today," she said. "You need more women correctional officers and more women in the courts. You have a law enforcement course now. Perhaps it could be expanded into this." She suggested that certain government funds might be available to help.

She suggested that college officials could be effective in reaching high school counselors and make them more aware of what is available for women workers. She also supported the group's recommendation for a women's advisor on campus.

"You have to work twice as hard when you're a woman in order to get anything done," said Mrs. Streid, "and you have to interest the men."

She thought employers, and women, might be interested in the results of a recent survey of 22 aptitude and knowledge areas. The tests showed no difference between men and women in 14. In six women are superior. They are finger dexterity, accounting, verbal fluency, observation, relationship between known and unknown words and abstract visualization. "Men excel at grip and structural visualization. The latter is the ability to rapidly assemble a three-dimensional puzzle," she said.

Between 150 and 200 women attended the day-long seminar at Schoolcraft.



First Child

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Mons of Joy Road, Westland, announce the birth of a son, John Robert. Their first child, he was born Oct. 7 in Botsford Hospital. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Paetow of Brighton and Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Mons of Westland.

WOMEN PROBED the opportunities and the problems facing women workers at a seminar Saturday at Schoolcraft College. Barbara Gell, (left) is director of admissions at the college, and the keynote speaker was, Mrs. Isabelle S. Streid, chief of the division of economic status and opportunities, women's Bureau of the U.S. Labor Department. (Observer photo.)

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