

3 Town Halls Bring Celebrities To Area

If you want to know how stars make it big in television, what it's like to live in the White House or travel in Russia, or how to decorate a room, Observerland's three Town Hall series should be your meat during the 1971-72 season.

Twelve speakers will make appearances in the area, beginning with Virginia Graham, Bishop Fulton Sheen and Art Linkletter in October and winding up with Joan Fontaine in April.

Livonia, Farmington and Livonia groups sponsor the series of four lectures each.

ALL CARRY a price tag of \$10 for the series, and all talks are followed by celebrity luncheons during which the visiting lecturers meet Town Hall members more informally and answer questions.

The Livonia Town Hall is offering this season television personality Art Linkletter on Wednesday, Oct. 20; former press secretary Liz Carpenter on Nov. 17; columnist Roscoe Drummond on Jan. 19, and traveler Nila Magidoff on March 15.

All talks are scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings in the Terrace Theater, 30400 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Celebrity luncheons are held in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth.

Season tickets may be reserved by writing Livonia Town Hall, 15980 Gary, Livonia, 48154.

Proceeds from the Livonia Town Hall ticket sales support the American Field Service program for exchange students in Livonia.

LINKLETTER will tell of highlights of his career he began as a radio announcer in 1933. In addition to the fame he has garnered as a television star, he is well known as a humor writer.

"The Wit and Wisdom of Washington" will be the title of the talk by Mrs. Carpenter, former press secretary for Mrs. Lyndon Johnson.

Drummond, a conservative commentator who writes from Washington for the Los Angeles Times syndicate, will ask in his lecture "Is Our Democracy in Peril?"

Mrs. Magidoff is the wife of NBC correspondent Robert Magidoff and is making a return visit to the Livonia Town Hall. She will report on a recent visit to her native Russia, titling her talk "Driving Through Russia a la Hertz."

THE FARMINGTON TOWN HALL SERIES, sponsored by the Soroptimist Club of Farmington and offered in the Northland theater in Southfield, will bring to the area television's Virginia Graham and Kitty Carlisle, interior decorator Carlton Verney and actress Joan Fontaine.

Miss Graham will speak on Tuesday, Oct. 5; Miss Carlisle on Thursday, Nov. 4; Varney on Tuesday, March 15 and Miss Fontaine on Thursday, April 20.

Celebrity luncheons will move this year to Vladimir's Restaurant on Grand River near Middle Belt.

MISS GRAHAM, who emceed the morning show "Girl Talk," is expected to cover a wide range of subjects from fashion to LSD. Miss Carlisle will tell of her stage and film career as well as her work on TV and her recent travels with the revival of "Light Up

The Sky," a play by her late husband, playwright-director Moss Hart.

Varney will include a decorating workshop with his lecture, and Miss Fontaine will tell of her interests in golf, flying, fishing, painting and cooking as well as giving reporting highlights of her career.

Season tickets for the Farmington Town Hall are available by writing Soroptimist Club of Farmington, Box 504, Farmington, 48024.

THE NORTHVILLE TOWN HALL series schedules lectures at 11 a.m. on four Thursdays - Oct. 14, Nov. 11, March 9 and April 20. The place is the auditorium of Northville High School, Base Line west of Sheldon.

Luncheons will be held in the Pavilion room of Lofy's Restaurant in Plymouth.



BISHOP SHEEN



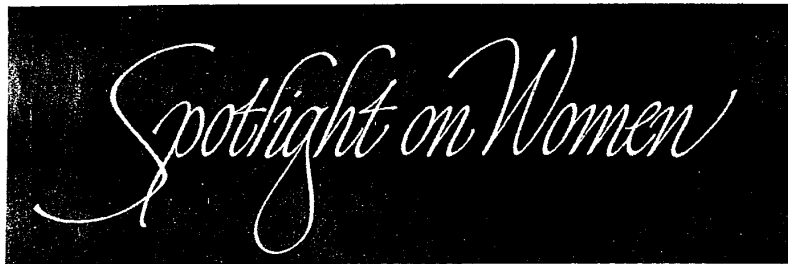
ART LINKLETTER



LIZ CARPENTER



VIRGINIA GRAHAM



SCC Gets Day Care Center

By KATHY MORAN

Mothers struggling to attend Schoolcraft College and take care of preschool children will soon have some extra help.

An experimental day care center will be set up in the fall for the children of Schoolcraft students in Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 36075 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. It will be open between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Parents will be charged a \$5 registration fee and 50 cents an hour per child for use of the center. Persons can register for the center during the college's registration.

MANNED by a full time teacher, Lorraine Lofton, the center will offer educational and recreational activities for the children between two and five years of age.

Miss Lofton said the activities will depend on "what age group we have at what times."

Right now organizers are concentrating on getting donations of toys, books, chairs and any other items the children might use, she said.

Members of the Sigma Beta Sorority on campus and the advisory committee for Women's Programs are busy helping make articles such as bean bags and musical instruments before the center opens.

THE BOARD of trustees appropriated \$500 at its meeting last week. The board also agreed to underwrite any losses incurred up to \$1,000. The Student Senate appropriated \$1,200 for the center.

Applications will be accepted by the university's financial aid department after Sept. 1.

MISS DeSOTT was well-known among fellow workers as a strong advocate of high education for women.

One young woman in her department told of her advice to return to school, complete with a promise that her job would be waiting when she graduated. Another mentioned that the girls in her department went to her frequently with personal problems because "she was very easy to communicate with."

The first weekend after announcement of the scholarship fund by Spicer, a member of the Tripp and Tripp law firm, the bank employee contributions totaled \$600.

She was a very effective women's lib advocate in a docile way," Spicer said. "Just a very fine human being."

Contributions to the scholarship fund, which are tax deductible, may be mailed to Spicer at Tripp and Tripp Attorneys and Counselors or to Mrs. Margaret Holzhauer, trust department, National Bank of Detroit.

Though the board just acted on the center this last week, it has been in the planning since the beginning of the year.

Mrs. Lois Wade, who has been active in forming the center, said students on campus were polled to see if there was enough interest to start a center.

After they found a hearty interest, organizers scouted around for a place to accommodate the children that would be in keeping with state laws.

"IF WE ARE successful, we hope in the future to have a place on the campus," she said.

It would take extensive remodeling to suit a current room to the youngsters but eventually, they hope to have a campus facility of some sort.

Also in the future, the college may be able to use a campus child care facility for a child care curriculum. The office of instruction is currently investigating this possibility.

Scholarship Honors Westland Woman

The memory of a well-loved Westland businesswoman will be perpetuated in a new scholarship just for single working women who want to continue their education in evening school.

During her 18 years with the National Bank of Detroit, she was always ready to help and advise the young women in her office and others.

The late Evalena DeSott, who lived in the Holiday Park townhouses in Westland until her death from a cerebral hemorrhage May-25, would have been well-pleased with the scholarship.

MISS DeSOTT was 57 and senior tax analyst at the bank when she died. The scholarship fund in her name was established by Detroit attorney S. Gary Spicer, who vividly remembers working with her at the bank "while I was going to law school."



EVALENA DeSOTT

m. m. memos

I decided to use "sign psychology" on some of the vexing spots at home.

I started with trying to prevent collapse of a couple of wooden radiator frames in our living room. They really aren't built to be chairs, so I put on each a sign that says "Do Not Sit."

It's worked pretty well. Now they rarely get occupied, except by the cat, who can't read but she's not heavy enough to do any damage anyway.

Flushed by that success, I turned my attention to a bathroom basin ledge that habitually was jammed with toothpaste tubes, combs, pop bottles and all manner of makeup.

I cut the letters "NO PARKING" out of contact paper and pasted them in the center.

That worked, too. I even had a clear spot to put my watch while showering. (That's standing, not parking, I pointed out.)

But Miss 15 wasn't giving up without a laugh. A few days after the sign was posted - I mean posted - I found the ledge neatly arranged as a parking lot, complete with sucker sticks used as curbs for tiny toy cars. No cars, of course, where it said "No Parking."

OK, kids, I give up. BUT PUT YOUR JUNK WHERE IT BELONGS ANYWAY!

-Margaret Miller

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