

Town Hall Finale Features A. Cooke



ALSTAIR COOKE

Correspondent Alstair Cooke will be featured speaker in the final lecture of the first Farmington Town Hall season. He will speak at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 10, in the Northland Theater. A celebrity luncheon will follow in Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club, 30500 13 Mile, Farmington, and tickets may be ordered by sending checks to P.O. Box 503, Farmington.

Cooke's topic will be "What Has the United Nations Done?"

He will be introduced by Delos Hamlin, Farmington civic leader and chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors.

The Farmington Town Hall is sponsored by the Soroptimist Club of Farmington, and proceeds are being given to the fund for the Farmington YMCA. Tickets now are on sale for next year's Town Hall series.

figures and explanations of the intricate workings of the international organization.

A native of Manchester, England, he also is chief U.S. correspondent for the Manchester Guardian.

HE FIRST came to this country in 1932 for graduate study at Harvard and Yale Universities and became an American citizen in 1941. He is the author of several books, including "One Man's America" and "A Generation on Trial."

Marriage Matters Father Must Keep Role As Family Head

(With this issue, The Observer begins a new series on marriage and some of its problems. The writer is Dr. Alfred J. Prince, associate professor of sociology at Eastern Washington State College and director of the school's undergraduate social work program. He is an experienced family and marriage counselor and has done extensive research into family problems.)

By DR. ALFRED J. PRINCE

What is happening to the American family? Is he losing his traditional position of dominance in the home? Are we undermining the male role in the modern household?

In earlier times, the dominance of the father in the home was considered both natural and necessary. His was the burden of responsibility in matters economic and familial. Authority was vested in him as the male head of the family.

Today, with the move toward sex equality and democratization in family life, the former conventional lines of authority in the home have been greatly altered. The role of the father, in particular, has been noticeably undermined. Devoid of much of his former status, dethroned from his former position of authority in the home, the modern father is all too often looked upon as "just another fellow around the house."

"BY UNDERMINING the authority of the man in the family," writes one family specialist, "we are not only damaging him, but hurting everyone else as well. The wife cannot function in her feminine role if her husband's masculine role is taken from him. The family group cannot function as a family if its natural head is dethroned."

The modern father, if he is to contribute his share to family life, must be able to take a position of leadership in the home. He ought to have major responsibility in economic and family matters. He should be able to make some major family decisions that go unchallenged.

Much of our present-day trouble lies perhaps in our confusion about the meaning of such terms as "sex equality" and "democratization in the family life." Are not men and women best seen in a complementary relationship in which men have the dominant role but in which they share equally the advantages resulting from the exercise of their specific roles?

THE IMPORTANCE of the father in the home does not rest upon the belief that men and women are out to play the same role, but rather upon the recognition that their roles are different, complementary and equally necessary.

Franciscan Club Plans Luncheon

The Franciscan Mother's Club will hold a luncheon and card party at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24 by calling Mrs. Francis May 1, at Duns Scotus College, 20000 Nissu Mills, Southfield. Reservations must be made by April 24 by calling Mrs. Francis Harrington, 356-2975.

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Farmington AAUW Hears Mrs. Hulsing

The Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women met in the M Building of Orchard Ridge Community College on Wednesday, April 17, at 8 p.m.

Speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Esther Hulsing, of Plymouth, who will speak on education legislation. The public may attend this meeting and to hear Mrs. Hulsing, who is the education area chairman for the Michigan Division of AAUW.

A special invitation is extended to interested college graduates in the Farmington area to attend the next meeting in this active AAUW group. Further information on membership may be had by calling the membership chairman, Mrs. A.J. Rooble at 476-0059.

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