

Local Answers on Marriage on CBS-TV

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Staff Writer

The cameras ground away one Thursday night a few weeks ago, and the faces, voices and thought-filled questions of 15 Birmingham area couples were captured on film and tape.

The questions—an attempt to solve many of the problems of married life—were asked, discussed and answered in a bright, dispassionate and unprejudiced manner at Wayne State university's McGregor Conference center.

THE FACES, questions and answers will be channeled into tens of thousands of homes as part of CBS TV's "Woman" series, Nov. 9, 11 a.m. to noon.

The presentation, "The Marriage that Failed," will feature efforts made in the Detroit area at the solution of marital difficulties. Producer Jim Fleming picked Detroit "because the community has done so much work on marital problems from civic, community and research viewpoints. The steps taken in Toledo, will also be aired."

"These two midwestern cities are positively working to help solve marital problems and lower the divorce rate, which even encourages it by divorce mill procedures," a CBS spokesman said.

THE CBS UNIT, while in Detroit, got wind of the efforts along this line of the Family service, a unit of the Cooperative Extension service of Michigan State university, Okla.

The Family service, under the direction of the Rev. Donald P. Schroeder, family life director of Detroit Council of Churches, pioneered the "Building a Happier Marriage" meeting—a series of discussion-conferences by family life experts with married couples. The first was held in Birmingham two years ago; last year one was held in Pontiac. This year one of the four-lesson series is being held in Rochester.

FLEMING, also of the public affairs department of CBS News, Associate Professor Richard F. Stemanowski, Director of D'Caprio, Editorial Associate Madeline Karr and Assistant to the producer, Ann Delaney spent nearly a month touring Detroit and its activities in the area of marital problems.

Filming began Sept. 28. The last "take" was made Oct. 2. The cast of the real-life show will include presiding Wayne County Circuit Judge Frank Fitzgerald, Wayne county Marriage Counselor Dr. Katherine Greene and Assistant Attorney general of Michigan Mrs. Maxine Virtue.

OTHERS WILL be Dr. William W. Wattenberg, professor of educational psychology, Wayne State university, and Dr. E. Lowell Kelly, chairman of the Department of Psychology, University of Michigan.

maturity, lack of common values and inability to communicate.

Dr. Robert O. Blood, Jr., University of Michigan sociology professor, gave suggestions as to what can be done in the home to solve these problems.

"THE BEST course is, talking things over between marriage partners," Dr. Blood said. "They must be selective and bring nothing petty to the discussion. Sharing each other's grievances eases out tension," he said.

Questions ran from the very practical—"What can a couple do when the last child has left home and they are all alone for the first time in years?"—to the highly academic—"is marriage a maturing process?"

How prevent personality flaws and tensions of the parents from being imparted to the children; how cope with jealousy, real or

imagined; were a few of the problems met that evening.

"THE MARRIAGE that Failed" will not center on the marriages that end in divorce, but on the larger number that fail without a separation.

The film story will also present real people who got professional help and managed to save their marriages. They will explain their own problems telling how they worked out their difficulties.

County Extension agent Mrs. Mary A. Hardy, and Family Life chairman Mrs. Walter J. McCas-

ter, Jr., 6910 W. Dartmoor, West Bloomfield township, who have helped vital parts in the happier marriage conferences worked with CBS in putting the story on film.

The conference enlisted the aid of discussion group leaders. Among them: Henry Schneiderweid, 17335 San Quentin, Lathrup Vil-

lage, head of the University of Detroit's department of Speech; Owen Morgan, 27900 Orchard Lake road, Farmington township, of Merrill-Palmer's family life department; Mrs. Lennah Backus, extension specialist in parent education, of MSU; Chenoweth Watson, of the Detroit Council of Churches; and Robert Langer, assistant director of the Pontiac U.F.



"For the most part, cute dishes are seldom seen in the kitchen!"



In front of the camera, but behind the scenes of "The Marriage that Failed" are (from left) the Rev. Donald P. Schroeder, Detroit Council of churches' Director of Family Life activities, Mrs. Mary A. Hardy of the Oakland county Extension services, and Mrs. Walter J. McCarthy, Jr., Extension services Family Life chairman.

LEGAL NOTICES

Clarence Bismann, Atty., 207 Wabash Bldg., Birmingham, Michigan.

STATE OF MICHIGAN - The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 29th day of September, A. D. 1959.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of MARK

H. BEARSS, Deceased.

Elna S. Bearss having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to Elna S. Bearss and Leland Bearss, the executors named in said will, to some other suitable person and for the determination of the legal heirs of said deceased.

It is Ordered, That the 2nd day of

November, A. D. 1959 at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing and petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that prominent cause a copy of this notice to be served personally on by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

NO. 41

LAKESIDE RESURFACING

MIDLAND TO QUARTON

Notice is hereby given that the special assessment roll heretofore filed for the Assessment for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction of an improvement to be hereinafter known as:

LAKESIDE RESURFACING

MIDLAND TO QUARTON

consisting of construction of an asphalt concrete surface of minimum thickness of one and one-quarter inches (1 1/4") on the existing concrete pavement as the initial step toward providing a permanently improved pavement on Lakeside from Midland to Quarton, is now on file in my office for public inspection.

Notice is also hereby given that the Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building in said City on Monday, the 18th day of October, 1959, at 8:00 o'clock p.m. to review said assessments at which time and place opportunity will be given to all persons interested to be heard.

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk.

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