

It actually isn't necessary, when praying, always to kneel, sit or stand, or bow down, so low in humility of spirit is the important condition. God has a universal "listening ear"; He always hears the silent or spoken thoughts of the earnest, sincere, reverent, repentant human being. Sincere prayer tunes one to the Inner Voice that helps and guides.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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Glittering Theatre Preview Draws Local Couples



Theatre Goers

Attending the grand opening preview at the new Fisher Theatre were Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Perron of Falmouth Drive, Bloomfield Hills. "The Gay Life" opened here for a three-week pre-Broadway run. The show is produced by Kermit Bloomgarden, who also produced "The Music Man."



Attired in Chiffon

Arriving at the Fisher Theatre are Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Audette of Harsdale Road, Bloomfield Hills. Daughter of Edward F. Fisher, Mrs. Audette was attired in melon chiffon featuring a jewelry necklace studded with rhinestones.



With Producer

Mrs. James K. Campbell of Hiddenbrook Lane, Birmingham, with her father, Edward F. Fisher (left), one of the original Fisher brothers, and Kermit Bloomgarden, producer of "The Gay Life," which opened the new Fisher Theatre.



Fishers Arrive

Wine-colored satin appliqued was the choice of Mrs. Everett E. Fisher of Timble Farm, Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Her stole was of autumn haze hank. The Fisher family, numbering more than 100 in four generations, reserved the entire orchestra section for themselves and their guests.

Teacher Gets Scholarship For Drama

The Will-O-Way Apprentice Theatre in Bloomfield Hills has announced that Cathy Campbell of 421 Madison, Birmingham, Mich., is the winner of the Alexandra Grange Scholarship. Miss Campbell is a fourth grade teacher at the Pambrake Elementary School in Birmingham. She will be a member of the Master Class at Will-O-Way which will prepare scenes for the critical analysis of Vincent Price, star of stage and screen.

Alexandra Grange Hepburn established the scholarship in 1959 for the purpose of furthering unusual talent, especially in Shakespeare, in persons who could not otherwise continue professional training in theatre.

MRS. HEPBURN earned a Senior Certificate at Will-O-Way in 1958, appearing in many professional plays. She was well known in Detroit as a psychiatric Social Worker for the Veterans Administration, Northville State Hospital, and the Youth Service Bureau.

Mrs. Hepburn is now at Bryn (See SCHOLARSHIP, 4-C)



Among the 2000

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn A. Townsend of Orchard Bend Road, Birmingham, were among the 2000 guests attending the preview opening of the Fisher Theatre. Mr. Townsend is president of Chrysler. The spacious main lobby and foyer areas reveal an exciting decor of bronze, imported and domestic marbles.

Plum Hollow's First Lady Entertains

Plum Hollow's first lady Mrs. George R. Smith will present a luncheon and fall fashion show today to honor past presidents' wives. They are Mesdames J. C. Molner, W. S. Pragg, G. H. Otto, H. E. Oldham, G. K. Johnson, J. A. O'Brien, E. W. Hope, R. M. McCabe, S. L. Ferguson, J. C. Helfrich.

OTHERS ARE Mesdames E. L. Russell, C. H. Miller, L. H. Bouquin, D. J. Griffith, E. D. Kirby, Taylor Shaw, H. O. Ingham and C. V. McCord.

On the committee with Mrs. Smith are Mesdames C. B. Turner, W. G. Shaw, W. H. Wolfe, W. S. Pragg and W. J. Fortin. Fashions will be by Valerie DeGalan.

Costume Party Set

Oakland Hills Country Club will be the scene Oct. 20 for a BOPOF Halloween costume party. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Serving on the committee are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sanden, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dashi Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. John Ahern.

Ruth Shain Class Starts 42nd Year

Ruth Shain Class in International Affairs will take up its work again for the 42nd year. Guests will gather Oct. 31 at the Birmingham Community House.

The class will meet every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. until April 10, 1962. The group will meet to exchange information, hear talks and generally to inform themselves more fully about the world scene.

EMPHASIS is usually given to different approaches each year. International psychology, international politics and frequently class reports are given by members. Also featured are speakers who have

returned from long travels. Slides are used when the class during the 41 years of existence.

This year, Ruth Shain expects to open with observations on her trip to Europe, British Isles, Eire, Berlin West Germany, Italy and France. This trip was Mrs. Shain's 10th time to Europe.

APPROXIMATELY 800 women have been in the class during the 41 years of existence.

After dinner guests were entertained by Isadore Berger who is an attorney in Southfield. He showed slides of his trip around the world.

QUOTA CLUB members are now busy working on a dinner to be given Oct. 24 in celebration of United Nations Week. Featured will be a speaker from Civil Defense of Oakland County and guest fense of Oakland County and guest will be an exchange student from Southfield High School.

All club women of the area are invited to attend this dinner. Reservation chairman is Margaret Claxby, 22115 Fairway Drive, Southfield.

Date Slated For Garden Club Luncheon

A luncheon at Bloomfield Hills Country Club Tuesday is an added event on the fall calendar of the Bloomfield Hills Garden Club of WNFCA.

Gay Yankee will present an illustrated lecture, "Candles for Gracious Living". Co-chairmen Mrs. John B. Hammond and Mrs. Edward S. Wellock are being assisted by hostesses Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mrs. Louis Colombo Jr., Mrs. Joseph Hinzman, Mrs. Dean Draper, Mrs. M. R. Liles and Mrs. Marcus Cunningham.

Suburban Scene

By Shirley Adams
Society Editor

'John T. Brennan Night'

John T. Brennan night, honoring Birmingham Country Club's Manager as President of the Club Managers Association of America for 1961 was held on September 16, 1961 at Birmingham Country Club. The dinner dance with special entertainment and Les Shaw's orchestra made the party one to be long remembered.

The Board of Directors of Birmingham Country Club arranged the evening program as a surprise for John. He knew we were honoring him but not how. A white orchid was delivered to Helen Brennan early, together with a boutonniere for John.

Officers of the Detroit Chapter of the CMAA were guests as a surprise to John. The climax came when some 250 club members and their wives gathered in the ballroom which was set up in theatre style with stage, spotlight and all the trimmings.

THE CHAIRMAN of the club entertainment committee, James Boyle, introduced the "piece de resistance" amid much fanfare. "Ralph Edwards" Paulin came on with a leather bound book entitled "This Is Your Life" . . . as he cruised up and down the aisle quizzing various people until he found the person whose name was on the book. Three people were startled (and worried) when "Ralph Edwards" indicated they might be the guest of honor.

John was finally selected and brought on the stage. What followed was a hilariously funny takeoff on the famous TV program. The fictitious sponsor was "Bevlon the All-Smear Lipstick". The three commercials extolled the virtues of the lipstick that comes alive and creeps when properly applied. A live model (Betty Lou Show) was there to demonstrate.

John's life was started like most famous people's—by being born at an early age. The first surprise guest was his sister "Ima" (Barbara Fitter) who told about the little monster with whom she had spent the worst seven years of her life baby-sitting until he ran away from home.

THEN JOHN'S "Uncle Fud" (Charles Ruptic) explained how John graduated from the eighth grade at the age of 29. There also was the young man from Joliet, Ill. (where John had his first job) "Roscoe (Room Service) Schwartz" (John Panelli) to whom John taught all he knew about hotel and club auditing. He was John's protege who was sure to go far. The house came down when he came in dressed in a

(See SUB SCENE, 3-C)

Dorothy Roosevelt Halsted Finds Bingham Home Comfortable

A former White House celebrity has made her home in Bingham Farms. Anna Roosevelt Halsted, F. D. R.'s only daughter, and her husband, Dr. James Halsted, recently acquired a quaint Cape Cod house and three acres of land on Bingham Lane.

Shortly after joining the community in June, Dr. Halsted took over as head of the department of medicine at Metropolitan Hospital and Anna recently took up public relation and promotion duties for the Hospital.

THE COUPLE moved here from Lexington, Ky., where Dr. Halsted spent nine months as assistant dean and head of post-graduate education at the new University of Kentucky medical school.

Anna lived in the White House both early and late in her father's tenure. In his last months, Anna was perhaps the President's closest . . . and most outspoken . . . confidante. Several times he would say, "You'll have to see Anna about that."

HEARD MANY times at Metropolitan is "See Anna about that." Her telephone calls constantly and between calls, she talks with great en-



DR. AND MRS. JAMES HALSTED

thusiasm about the Hospital. Eleanor and Curtis, elder children by her first marriage to broker Curtis Dall, were the famous children in the White House, with the nicknames of Sisseton and Buzzie (because the Roosevelt boys' called Anna Sis).

"They weren't protected the way Caroline and young John are. No Secret Service men except for a time when there'd been a rash of kidnappings.

"TO TEACH them they were ordinary children, I wrote two children's books about a rabbit and two children. They were 'transient residents' in a big house—not very subtle, I guess. Then I'd point out that many children had lived in the White House before, and would in the future. I'd show them all the big capital buildings and grandpa's office, to 'place them' in history."

Ellie, 35, now Mrs. Van Seagraves, wife of a newspaperman in Rochester, N. Y., has three children and is working toward a master's degree in library science.

CURTIS, 27, and also married, is getting his master's degree in education administration. (See HALSTED, 4-C)