

# Potpourri

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Special Writer



Thank goodness Mrs. Lawrence Falvey likes to get people together and start them talking about interesting ideas. If she didn't have such a worthwhile hobby, I might never have been invited to the Falvey house on Kimberly Drive in Birmingham last week.

Mrs. Falvey got a living-room-full together to hear a Dr. Chmaj of the faculty of the University Center for Adult Education, discussing "The Mind of the South."

DR. BETTY CHMAJ turned out to be young, blond and attractive. She was fun. And she was a scholar. She spoke for two hours on Southern life, legend, literature and politics.

There was hardly a stir at Falveys' while Betty Chmaj covered one stimulating idea after another. She did it in a manner as pleasing and beguiling as one of those typical Southern belles she talked about.

The personable Professor James Downer of the University of Michigan English Department introduced her. Betty Chmaj, he explained, was the first U of M student to earn a PhD under the university's American Studies program. The program, in professional language, is interdisciplinary, involving American literature, history, political science and the arts.

DETROITER Chmaj teaches courses called "Portrait of the American" and "The Mind of the South" at UCAE the cooperative adult education project of U of M, Wayne State University and Eastern Michigan University.

A one-year-old and a two-year-old take more of her time. The rest is devoted to writing a book on the arts in America. Her article on Southern politics was published in last November's Atlantic magazine.

While Betty Chmaj talked last Wednesday evening, Professor Downer brought out and puffed absently through six pipes, one by one. Among the delighted captives of the Chmaj charm that night were Mrs. Walter N. Jackson, Mrs. Robert Usellis, Mrs. W. W. Chao and Mrs. John W. Jickling.

## SOME CHMAJ-ISMS they heard:

"Racism does not attract industry to the South. Little Rock has been trying to overcome its image for five years because it wants new industries. Already, the pressures are beginning to tell."

"The Supreme Court decision has brought sharper resistance and token integration to the South. The Negro has lost caste because of it."

"Between 15 and 20 per cent of the Negro race is pure Negro."

"I rate William Faulkner the best single novelist in the 20th Century."

"Edmund Wilson calls Negro writer James Baldwin the greatest living American author."

"One of the great experiences of literature is to go through the Benjy section of 'The Sound and the Fury' . . . read the rest of the book . . . then go back and discover that the whole story was there in the Benjy section all the time and you didn't see it."

"The Negro entertainers who used to portray the stereotyped Amos and Andy sort of role, the simple, bug-eyed caricature, are now frowned upon by their people . . . the old stereotype is passing."

"Contrast today's Charlie Parker and the rebellion of bebop against the Negro as the innocent Louis Armstrong type of jazz musician."

SHAKESPEARE will have a slight Swedish accent this week end when Ollie Seden plays Demetrius in "Midsummer Night's Dream." Ollie is the foreign exchange

student from Sweden currently attending Seaholm High School.

Members of Proscenium, the school drama group, will let their actions tell the Shakespearean comedy story this week end, under the coaching of Director Dick Bagg. You can see Bottom and Titania and all the funny little characters on the Little Theatre stage at the school at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Its Proscenium's big production of the year.

YOU CAN see and hear Peter, Paul (Noel Stookey) and Mary at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Masonic Auditorium. Potpourri pipelers say there's going to be a party for Noel in his home town of Birmingham after the show.

YOU NEED only drop in at Alban's Country Cousin to see paintings by the Danish artist Henrik Stromberg, subject of last week's Potpourri. Homer Finch of Oakleigh Drive in Bloomfield Township reports seeing several of the Stromberg works hung at Alban's near Oxford.

A Scotchman himself, Homer Finch says he thinks the Stromberg paintings are so beautiful that "even an Englishman would like them!"

## 4 Area Residents In U of D Play

Area residents are helping to make the upcoming University of Detroit Repertory Theatre production of "Don Carlos" by Friedrich Schiller, a success.

Katherine Mulvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mulvey of 1311 Cedar, will play the part of Elizabeth of Valois. Employed as a teacher by the Detroit Board of Education, Miss Mulvey is a 1962 graduate of Mercy College and a member of the U. of D. Players Association.

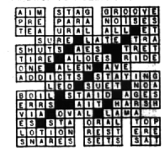
Cast as the Duke of Ferria is John C. Talpos, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Talpos, Sr. of 31719 Auburn. A freshman in the U. of D. College of Arts and Sciences, Talpos is a 1962 graduate of the U. of D. High School.

PAUL O. McGaffey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McGaffey of 233 Baines, is stage manager for the production. A member-at-large of the U. of D. Players, student dramatic organizer, he is a 1958 graduate of Assumption High School in Windsor.

Assistant student producer and on the properties crew is Mary Ann Cameron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Cameron of 27774 E. California Drive, Lathrup Village. A sophomore in the U. of D. College of Arts and Sciences, she is a 1961 graduate of St. Mary's Academy.

Schiller's "Don Carlos," one of the great tragedies of German Romanticism, will open at the U. of D. repertory theatre on Mar. 22.

## Answer To Puzzle No. 745



## Couple

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and nightclubs and can be seen at a nominal fee or at no cost.

WE DECIDED to rent a car and explore points of interest on our own, so a Renault sedan was our property for three days.

We discovered the wet, windward side of the island, the beautiful homes of Kaha, breathtaking views on high spots in and out of the city, the bustling military installations of Pearl Harbor and vicinity, and some beautiful secluded coves and beaches.

Hanaua Bay by Koko crater merited a return trip. The quiet blue green water carves a pool into the volcanic shore that is breathtaking to view and is relaxing for swimming and sunning.

THE OTHER high points of our travels around Oahu have been the Bishop Museum with its many interesting displays and well-explained exhibits on the history and migration of the Polynesian peoples, along with an impromptu trip to a monkey pod factory.

Monkey pod is a tree native to the South Pacific which is used by the Hawaiians for carving many interesting items such as bowls, trays, etc.

At this particular small factory, I doubt that they were used to visitors; however, we spent an enjoyable two hours in being shown the step by step process in creating a work of art. . . .

## MSUO Gets Donation for Pilot Project

The Kellogg Foundation has awarded a three-year grant of \$80,000 to MSU Oakland for a pilot project in building lifelong educational programs for its graduates.

The novel project is intended as a trail blazer that may help point the way for development of similar "aimed university" programs in other institutions.

In applying for the grant, Dr. Lowell Eklund, director of the Continuing Education Division, said that expanding knowledge has made lifelong education so necessary that universities must lose no more time in providing it on a planned and systematic basis.

OAKLAND'S Continuing Education Division plans to work closely with both the alumnus and his employer in developing an individual program designed to improve

his professional competencies, and to continue developing him culturally.

The grant money will be used to make a start with one professional counselor and assistants qualified to work with business administration and engineering graduates.

The long-range plan envisions working to the university staff professional counselors qualified to work in all of the other areas covered by Oakland's curriculum.

Dr. Eklund said that, "since Oakland will not graduate its first class until April, this new liberal arts institution has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to start with members of its first class, and to begin working with them while they are still undergraduates."

A Michigan State University chemist introduced the sugar beet to Michigan.

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## Gets Deep Freeze

Michael J. Fitzgerald, sonarman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Fitzgerald of 18255 Birdwood, Birmingham, is serving aboard the radar picket ship USS Durant, which is participating in

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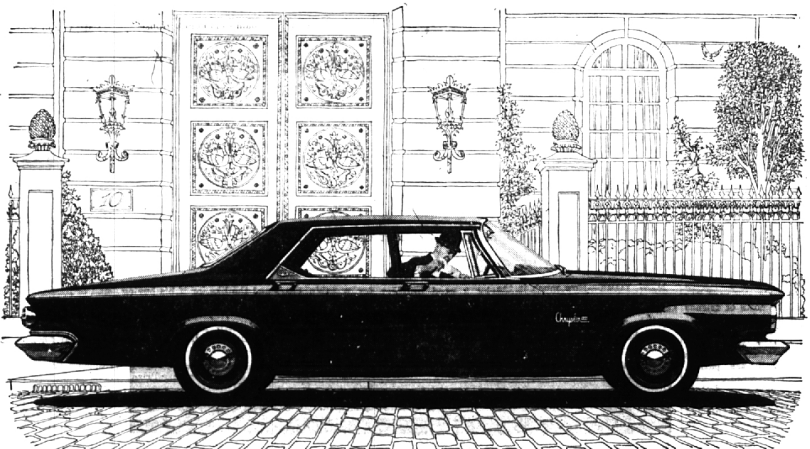
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