

Potpourri

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After talking to the stimulating and articulate writer Betty Friedan, I feel like a frustrated window washer at the Empire State Building. I don't know where to start. When Betty Friedan talks, she pops the cork on a bottle full of ideas that come pouring out faster than champagne bubbles.

She's a girl after the Potpourri heart, this Betty Friedan.

Many of her well-thought-out ideas are explained in her best-seller, "The Feminine Mystique," published by W. W. Norton.

Mrs. Friedan, mother of three children and wife of a New York advertising man, comes right out and says it: Housework is boring drudgery. She loathes phony attempts to glamorize housework, to make it a "challenge," to tell bright, educated young women that they can find satisfaction in a lifetime career as housewife and mother.

Mrs. Friedan had just read such a statement by a women's college president. The educator claimed that if the American woman put the same effort into home managing and child rearing that she would put into writing a term paper, she would never be bored with homemaking.

"This is exactly what they have been telling girls for 20 years," Betty Friedan told me excitedly. "They say make a career of being a housewife."

"The fact is, there are millions of bright women who have tried just that. They have baked their own bread and gone in for gourmet cooking. They have taken adult education courses in rug hooking and still they are bored with housework. They have so studied the child care books that their kids are all like cats pulled out of the ground."

"Housework," she said breathlessly, "is one of the preliminary chores of life. Motherhood is a basic condition of life. But motherhood and housework are not work in the sense of a profession."

"I think that young mothers raising little children are better off to know that they are not going to be a full-time housewife and mother forever. They should plan and work ahead in terms of developing their abilities and their own futures."

"If a young housewife does that, then she cannot glorify every little act of housework as if it were a term paper."

"For an educator to use the term paper analogy is to lead the girls up the garden path. A girl doesn't need a college education to be a good wife and mother. If she does act as if she's writing a term paper every time she diapers the baby and makes a big project out of this child care, she's not only going to louse up her kids but herself as well."

"We should start being honest with ourselves and stop trying to sell younger women a bill of goods about home-making being a career," says Betty Friedan.

And Potpourri couldn't agree with her more.

This whole subject of what women can and should do with their lives is going to be covered in an all-day exploration at Oakland University from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22.

The topic is "Woman's Place in This Perplexing Century." Among the noted speakers and panelists will be Dr. Frederick Wyatt of the University of Michigan Psychology Clinic, and some of the nation's leading educators, psychiatrists and sociologists. There will be women who manage a career and a family, plus employers and family counselors.

"Setting it up has been like writing a book," said writer Priscilla (Mrs. Walter) Jackson, who is conference director for Oakland University's Division of Continuing Education.

"You pick each speaker to illustrate a point that should be brought out," says Priscilla, of 927 Madison, Birmingham.

You can sign up by phoning Oakland University and asking for extension 2149. Reservations should be in by Friday.

IF YOU know who the players are when you see St. Dunstan's Guild present "The Devil's Advocate" on June 7, 8, 14 and 15, you will note a fine example of theatrical family togetherness.

The girl who plays Rosetta is really Natalie Adams. She's the daughter of one of the leads, Charlotte (Mrs. H.

Waldemar) Adams, and Mr. Adams, who's also in the show.

S. Gordon Saunders and his son, Steve, make a well-coordinated pair of troupers in "The Devil's Advocate." According to the ole pipeline, it is charming to see the two men work and enjoy little theater together.

The Franklin Butlers' son, Bruce, will be the sole member of his family on stage, though the Butlers are an active pair of St. Dunstaners.

Yamasaki Speaks At Detroit Meeting

Mitsuru Yamasaki, Birmingham architect, was the principal guest speaker Wednesday at a meeting hosted by the University of Detroit student chapter of American Institute of Architects.

The session was a joint meeting of student AIA chapters and Alumni speaker Wednesday at a meeting from the University of Michigan and Lawrence Institute of Technology, together with members of the Detroit Chapter, AIA.

2 Women Help Plan Arts Camp Program

Mrs. Frederick A. Erb, 1415 Suffolk, Birmingham, and Mrs. Albert H. Giuliani, 4901 Ardmore, Bloomfield Hills have been named local representatives on the committee planning for the 1968 session of the Detroit area unit of the National Science and Arts Camps (SAAC).

SAAC is a nation-wide, non-profit organization which utilizes the summer vacation period, and after school hours throughout the year, to challenge bright youngsters with a broad program of many cultural disciplines, bringing them into contact with exceptional teachers, and other professionals.

The project does not duplicate the regular school curriculum nor existing summer school programs.

It is concerned with youngsters who are likely to direct and lead society in years to come, in the development of their character, values and ideals as well as their abilities. The Carnegie Corporation of New York has awarded grants with which to expand its

operations throughout the country. SAAC unit in the Detroit area is SAAC, which has home offices James Greiner of the South East in New York City, operates both Ford School System in 1968; SAAC summer day camps and summer residence camps. A SAAC residence camp is located in the Park-shires, near Tanglewood, in Michigan. The unit in the Detroit area will and enrolls youngsters aged 10 to operate in the Clinton Junior High School, Oak Park School District covered to children in grades 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through 7. The director of each day camp is an educator recommended to SAAC by local school superintendents. Director of the



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