

The idea behind the League of Nations was merely to substitute orderly peace-time thinking for the disorderly thinking during times of war. That idea always will be applied.

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### Hazel Street Job Gets City's OK

Improvement of Hazel street, from Adams to Elm, except for a few lots in the older subdivision at the west end, was ordered by the City Commission, Monday night, following the first hearing. An assessment roll will be prepared and those affected will have a chance to object to their assessments if they care to.

Arthur J. Tuggey, real estate man, spoke on behalf of the project, declaring that the FHA is withholding \$25,000 in mortgage approvals pending definite word on improvement of the street. Other buildings is contemplated, he declared.

The street will be graded, re-graveled and topped with an oil-sprayed aggregate, the starting date is indefinite.

Part of this street, at the west end, is already partly improved and residents there are against being included in the project.

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PART TWO

## "Tea for Three"

An Educator, Who Is the Mother of Five Children, Tells Her Story

By NELLIE HURLEY MINIFIE

DR. KATHARINE BRADFORD GREENE, who heads the Sherwood School out in Bloomfield Hills, is one of those strong, forceful women who always know what to do with their lives. She's dynamic, a veritable whirlwind of industry, extremely capable and possess a dry, laconic wit that is definitely refreshing.

Basically and with a great amount of charm she talked for this week telling me graciously and simply of a singularly unusual childhood and background. Several times she stopped suddenly in the middle of a sentence, laughed

and there were actually prodded, pointed lists of spelling words. She was, she told me, perfectly fixated when she discovered that she was studying spelling books. Unusually particular she thought that teachers thought up their own words to spell on cards.

"My teaching is still potent," Dr. Greene told me with a laugh, "but I'm rather proud of my spelling." When Dr. Greene finished her seventh grade work the family sent her to a boarding school which her mother had her work in the deficiency. Shortly after she returned to school each day the pages in a library where she borrowed two books to read that night and returned them the following morning. This was a routine daily occurrence.

300 Lines of Verse  
Of her work at North High School in Columbus, Dr. Greene said that she had a very hard time to bear there she was out of school from the first of November until the first of December. The explanation of factors, one of the most important ones being the death of her father, Dr. Greene went through two to three hundred lines of verse a day there until she was to graduate with her class.

The biggest advantage to this school last year in high school was that Dr. Greene missed Shakespeare courses. As a result, she said, when she saw Walter Hamilton in "Hamlet" it was completely new experience. She recalled, entranced, having no idea of the action of the play, only knowing it was a tragedy. The scene was that of "To be or not to be" and the other Shakespearean classics.

Barbara  
When she was about six, Dr. Greene's father, Dr. Frank Pierpont Graves, made the decision to return to teaching rather than remain in administrative work and the family went east to Chicago where he could do more grade work.

In the meantime Mrs. Graves had taught her young daughter to read and by the time she finally arrived in Chicago young Katharine had finished the second grade at the Dewey School there.

John Dewey, Dr. Greene explained, had formed one of the original progressive schools to give children as full a life as possible. Here the emphasis was on using what was in a child's easy life as it was for academic work. For example, the children figured how many bulbs could comfortably go into a triangular garden plot; they kept records of blossoms and figured percentages; they made curtains for the class room. Results, Dr. Greene says, were good but very satisfying to the children.

When the Graves family moved to Washington in 1918, the daughter, the daughter of the house entered a standard school for the first time. She had little difficulty in making the academic adjustment except for handwriting and spelling. At this time she was 11 years old and in the seventh grade—she discovered for the first time

## Visits with Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills Women

Greene promptly entered Vassar college and after what she described as a "year of sheer delirium" she was back at school. In her class were the American poet Edna St. Vincent Millay and Mrs. Catherine T. Vivian of Birmingham.

From this point on her career branched in various directions. She went to Columbia University in New York City where she worked with Dr. Edward Lee Thorndike, the founder of psychology of education. She also, she told me, worked with William H. Kilpatrick, who has done so much to make progressive education more than just an emotional slogan among established practices.

And then came her first job on the faculty of the University of Delaware. She felt that important, Dr. Greene remembers, for there she was working even though some of the students in her classes. The feeling of importance quickly vanished when she was asked to investigate during that first semester. She never, Dr. Greene recalled, was asked to investigate anything else during that first semester. The following year she was state psychologist in Minnesota and during the summer of her work there she traveled from the Iron Mountain Range down to the Iowa border. Later she worked at the University of Iowa and then returned to New York City where she was with the Bureau of Educational Experiments, where she worked with Llewellyn Sprague Mitchell, the originator of realistic play for children's stories of every-day happenings.

Fifteen years ago she became a psychologist at the State University of Michigan where she worked with Llewellyn Sprague Mitchell, the originator of realistic play for children's stories of every-day happenings.

She came to Bloomfield Hills last fall through the Bureau of Educational Experiments, where she worked with Llewellyn Sprague Mitchell, the originator of realistic play for children's stories of every-day happenings.

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