

PART ONE

Village Variety

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There are many mothers now whose homes are empty of noisy boys, scattered clothes, jangling telephones, blating horns, and varied loquaces. Mrs. Suzanne Craig, 308 North Woodward avenue, is typical of these mothers. She can't be convinced that she should be written up any more than other mothers who have even more sons in the service than she has. She doesn't like publicity and neither do her four sons. So this story is written over the demurrer of Mrs. Craig and family.

Mrs. Craig came here from Canada and has been a resident of Birmingham for nearly 28 years. Her husband died 18 years ago and since then she has brought up her four sons and one daughter, now scattered over the States.

Energetic

She is an energetic little woman with lively eyes and a gay chuckle, continually popping up to gather pictures and letters from her boys,

for a transfer to the aviation division at San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. Craig says she has time now to do the things she would like to do although she enjoyed cooking for her boys and taking care of the house. She is very much interested in the Red Cross work and was an instructor in dress designing and sewing for the Community College courses sponsored by Wayne University.

She spends a good deal of her time now writing letters to her sons, their friends in the service, and other soldier boys. She is also a charter member of the MOMS Club. This weekend, Pvt. Duke Gainer, a friend of Bernard, is coming from Ft. Wayne, Ind., to visit Mrs. Craig before he is sent on active duty; and her son, Raymond is expected home for a short furlough any day now.

A Letter a Day

"I'm proud that all my boys joined up, and I think it will be a good experience for all of them," Mrs. Craig exclaims. "They are happy in their branches of service and a letter arrives from at least one of them every day," she adds.

Mrs. Craig gets lonely sometimes, as everyone else does these days, but she knows she is not alone. It suddenly occurred to her one day as she was reading a folder on the new training center where Raymond is stationed. It listed the

Ann Ballentine Has Birthday Party

On the occasion of her 16th birthday, Ann Ballentine was honored at a tea for many of her friends by her mother, Mrs. David R. Ballentine, of Poppleton avenue. The table was set with yellow candles set in crystal glass candleholders, and centered by a bowl of narcissus and daffodils.

Presiding at the tea table were two of Ann's Kingwood schoolmates, Mary McKinstry and Mary Schloesser, also Katherine Kemp, Jer-Lou Smith, Nancy Neumann, and Patricia De Vait.

MRS. ROBERT T. BURGESS, of Forest street, honored MRS. NAINE PATON, of Santa Rosa, Calif., last Thursday evening at a tea. The Ladies' Missionary Society of Cavalry Baptist Church presented the honoree with a gift. Mrs. Paton will leave shortly to join her husband in Jacksonville, Fla., where he is stationed with the Coast Guard.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

MR. and MRS. EDWARD C. BLEICH, of Millbrook road, Franklin, left Wednesday to spend several weeks in New Orleans.

Last Sunday, MR. and MRS. ARTHUR FARRELL, of Northlawn road, took advantage of the snow and invited several of their neighbors over to ski and toboggan in their back yard. Those who joined in the fun were Mr. and Mrs. Austin Grant and their daughter, Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turley, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce McQuillin, and Margaret Morant.

STEVE GIFFELS entertained several friends at a dinner party in his home on Waddington road to celebrate his 14th birthday.

MARY BROCK OATMAN will spend the weekend at Cornell University for the Beta Theta Pi fraternity home party and the poem during Victory Week at the college.

MRS. WALTER F. HERDRICH and son, Wiley, of Baldwin avenue, left for Sarasota, Fla., last week to spend the next two months.

MRS. ROBERT A. MCKEE, of Beechwood drive, entertained the singing group of the Reformed Lutheran Church yesterday afternoon.

PATRICIA TEED, a student at Hillsdale College, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Teed, of Hillside street, over the weekend.

MRS. NELSON VANCE RUSSELL, professor of history at Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., spent last weekend with her father, Harry M. Russell, of Boston road.

MRS. HARRY D. VAUGHN, of Shirley drive, is expected home from Miami Beach, Fla., the end of this week.

MRS. FRITZ K. KLEENE, of Cranbrook road, and MRS. WILSON E. SNYDER, of Kenwood court, will be co-hostesses at a dinner given in the Snyder home for several couples before the Winter Club dance to be held at the Broadfield country club. Serving as guests will be Mrs. E. M. CHAMBERLIN, of Covington road, who will entertain before the dance at a cocktail party.

GRETCHEN FA RQUHAR, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Parquhar, of Lake Park drive, was honored at a party Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. A. FA RQUHAR, of Lake Park drive. The occasion was Gretchen's 12th birthday.

MRS. RUTH HOLBROOK, of New York City, noted author and illustrator of children's books, was the guest last weekend of MRS. L. A. FA RQUHAR, of Lake Park drive.

MR. and MRS. H. M. KORDENBROCK, of Lakeside drive, entertained Mr. F. E. MCINTYRE and his son, ALBERT, from Massachusetts, and Mr. Kordenbrock's father, J. E. KORDENBROCK, of Toronto.

Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Kordenbrock will give a party for her daughter, SYLVIA who will be 5 years old, and Saturday their son RONALD, will entertain a group of friends preceeding the Ice Carnival.

MRS. FRED GRAY, of Pleasant home, is leaving shortly to join her husband in Evansville, Ind. Mrs. M. R. WEBSTER, of Pleasant, joined Mrs. Gray at a tea Tuesday, Jan. 19.

MR. and MRS. E. C. BROWN, of Floyd avenue, entertained a few friends for a supper party Saturday night. Mr. Brown is in England this week for nursesmen convention being held there.

JEANNE L'HOMMEDET, an ensign in the WAVES, left a week ago to take up her new duties at Newport, R. I. She was home for a short leave before going on active duty.

MR. and MRS. FRED J. DOUGLASS, of 424 Peachfield road, are leaving today for their winter home at Orlando, Fla., where they will reside until the middle of May.

BEVERLY FEHL celebrated her 13th birthday at a supper party for ten friends in her home on Lauderdale drive Saturday evening.

DOROTHY DALEE is home from her teaching tasks in Grand Rapids, awaiting her orders to report for training in the WAVES.

Women in Service

Receive Applications For Nurses' Aides

Applications for Nurses' Aides are still being taken at the Naval Reserve Headquarters, 12 Seneca street, every Wednesday and Friday from 2 to 4 and every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9. These who would like to make appointments for interviews may call Mrs. Donald Bay at 2551 on Mondays and Fridays from 10:30 to 2 o'clock.

Nurses' Aides receive their training at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital where they receive 45 hours of class work under a graduate nurse, 45 hours in a ward in selected hospitals under nursing supervision, and 24 hours of first aid instruction. Each aide volunteers at least 150 hours a year in the hospital in which she received her training.

Mrs. Louis K. Daniels, R. N., will be the instructor for the new course and will be assisted by several graduate nurses.

GRAY LADIES CLASS

Monday, a new Gray Ladies class opened at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Those who would still like to join, may attend the next class today at 12:30.

START FIRST AID CLASS

Another standard Red Cross class in first aid will be offered in Birmingham, beginning a Wednesday evening, Feb. 3, at the Adams School. Anyone interested may attend the meeting starting at 1:30 p. m. with Mrs. Martin L. Bazel the instructor.

NEED 25,000 VOLUNTEERS

Plans for the immediate expansion of the Women's Reserve by at least 50 per cent have resulted in stepping up of monthly recruiting quotas throughout the country. Capt. G. D. Welles, of the in-charge of the Detroit Office of Naval Officer Procurement said today.

At least 25,000 volunteers are needed by the WAVES and SPARS this year, according to the Navy Department.

Among the various specialist ratings for which women may train are aviation machinist's mates, aviation metallists, acropographers, mates, stencillers, pharmacist's mates, yeomen, electrician's mates, parachute riggers, photographers, and radiomen.

A recent modification of educational requirements for women now makes it possible for those with only two years of high school to enlist. Women at least 20 years of age and under 30 are eligible for ratings. For prospective officers, the age limits are from 20 to 42 years inclusive. The educational requirement is, in general, a college degree or two years of college plus excellent business experience.

GOES INTO WAVES

Rosalyn M. Deane of Birmingham, left for Cedar Falls, Ia., last week to start her four week's training course in the WAVES. She writes that she is getting plenty of good food and outdoor walking. She also said that she has spent a good deal of time in the huge swimming pool.

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