

Spending 60 Days On Air Force Duty

SELFREDGE FIELD—2nd Lt. Robert E. Powers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Powers, 307 Chestnut Street, Birmingham, recently reported here for duty with the 22nd Air Force Reserve Training Center.

An alumnus of Birmingham high school, he received his com-

mission through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at University of Michigan, where he graduated this year with a bachelor of business administration degree.

Lt. Powers is presently serving a 90-day tour of duty in conjunction with the air force policy of giving ROTC students 60 to 90-day periods of active duty on regular air force installations in order to familiarize themselves with standard operating procedures.

Conservation Training Camp Experience Proves Helpful To Adams' School Teacher

Miss Eleanor Carmody, second grade teacher at Adams school, returned last week from a school for teachers at the State Conservation Training camp at Higgins lake.

Over 100 teachers from all over Michigan attended the two five-day training periods which included lectures and field trips. Some of the places visited were the Hartwig Pine area, old fields and fish experiment station.

"This has been a very interesting and informative experience," Miss Carmody told members of the Birmingham branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association, sponsors of her trip.

"The philosophy of conservation, the wise use of all natural resources, was very evident. I have certainly become aware of the important part the public school must play in this conservation program," Miss Carmody said.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS, the Birmingham club has sponsored one teacher each year at the Higgins lake school.

The Adams' school teacher has been pursuing a conservation study program of her own.

"Second graders have a wonderful curiosity about their surroundings," she said, "I find that

every bit of knowledge I gain is useful in providing a true picture for them."

Even though her classes do not study conservation as such, Miss Carmody claimed her training can be used in "a hundred different ways" related to specific classroom programs.

Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of Birmingham schools, felt that the opportunity provided Miss Carmody was "a very rich and worthwhile experience."

"EVERY TEACHER should have experiences of this kind if their teaching is to be meaningful and significant to the child," he said.

"Through the classroom, experiences are brought to the child that aid him in maturing and in developing proper attitudes toward local, state and national problems," Ireland explained.

"Conservation is an extremely important contemporary problem and in this great state of Michigan the opportunities to appreciate the values of conservation are unlimited," he said.

"I am sure Miss Carmody will reflect enthusiasm and a deeper understanding of this problem as a result of this experience and will return to Birmingham as a stronger and more valuable member of the teaching staff," Ireland concluded.

Mrs. Clarence W. Avery, mother of Mrs. Harvey B. Avery, 524 Mohegan, is a board member of the National Federation of State Garden Clubs and one of the founders of the scholarship school for teachers.

MRS. AVERY has been active in the Higgins lake program since its inception in 1947.

She describes the training camp in this manner:

"It is situated on the north shore of Higgins lake in a delightful northwoods setting. The rustic buildings, owned by the state conservation department, include three dormitories, a classroom building and a dining hall.

"The camp is run like most summer camps with rising bells and a full daily program. The teachers, feeling a strange at first, quickly slip into a congenial but hurried routine of hearty meals and long hikes and field trips, interspersed with classroom lectures.

"Speakers come from the state conservation department, Michigan State College and other state schools and colleges.

"EACH YEAR the number of scholarships increases—some clubs giving three or four. And each year the program becomes more

extensive and more vital. One \$25 scholarship pays all the expenses for a teacher's five-day stay at the school."

Mrs. Avery said that the scholarship school for teachers is "undoubtedly one of the most worthwhile activities of the state garden clubs."

"I am grateful that Miss Carmody has gained so much from her experience at the school to pass on to Birmingham children," Mrs. Avery said.

By ALICE E. MORGAN

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

WHY NOT WOMEN? Being a type who women know when she is well off, I'm going to ask it—Why not more women in these fields?

They have proven themselves capable in many fields where men were once thought to be supreme. They have entered the field of law, medicine, engineering and others. They have overcome the handicap of being women in these fields and have been successful.

Let me be the first to admit there have been failures among them, but we have failures among the men. The outstanding persons will always hold the field. Others will just play their part, doing their best from day to day. Others will fail.

Failure in fields supposedly out of their class does not mean all women are doomed to failure in that line.

SEVERAL STATES have had successful women governors. Others have had women state legislators and go on to the nation's capital, and become outstandingly successful.

Many areas seek to have women occupy positions on their boards of education. They feel that women have a greater understanding of the human side of the problem than men sometimes do, and will offer a better balance when these problems arise.

They believe that a woman, who has children of her own, is closer to them than the man of the house and knows their side of the educational picture better. They feel, too, that she will more readily grasp what other mothers want for their children.

WHERE MEN can a woman serve better, in trying times like these, than in the state and national government?

True enough, the women who hold these offices cannot be just "any man."

They should be women of unusual intelligence, unusual depth of character, unusual physical stamina. They should be women who are not only strong of heart and mind at one and the same time, they should be women who have the initiative and the ability of assuming great responsibility and handling it.

Women who have been, at some time, homemakers, faced with an international crisis, can see at once the impact it can have on their nation as a whole or their homes as individual units of that nation.

NOW, AS WE seemingly face World War III, women who walk of life are saying to themselves, "Why didn't they finish it five years ago? We wouldn't be starting another one so soon if they had."

Others are going back further—back to World War I, and asking the same thing: These women did not like sitting at home, wondering about their menfolk. They did not like the fear that took hold of them every time they saw a Western Union boy riding down their street.

They do not like the thought, now, of sending their younger sons out to face what their older brothers were sent to face only a few years ago.

They are not thinking with sentiment only. They are facing a cold fact, that a job left undone must be finished sooner or later.

THESE WOMEN, faced with the gigantic task of running their state or national government would use this same cold logic as they use in asking the question they ask today.

Looking about, you can see hundreds of homes where you know full well the women have the responsibility of handling the money of the family. Some, of course, are not successful. Others are.

Look at your state and national government and see if you think women are any more the business financiers than the men have been.

You will run into a great many people who will look horrified if you suggest a woman for a high political office. It should not be so. A woman of equal intelligence and integrity should be just as capable in any office as a man is.

DO NOT CONDEMN men who have been carrying the burden for so long, but do not overlook the fact that today women have been taught things other than the art of weaving, churning, sewing and making tallow candles!

Let us pray that those women who have the necessary character to handle these jobs will have the necessary conviction to go out and get them.

City of Birmingham, Michigan

RENT CONTROL

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building at 8 p.m. Monday, July 24, 1950, for the purpose of considering a petition and objections thereto, for the termination within the City of Birmingham, of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947 as amended, of the United States of America, at which time any person having information bearing on the rental housing accommodations within the city will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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IRENE E. HANLEY
City Clerk

July 13, 1950

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