

Mother

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 age upset when their parents leave, and keep them entertained, which frees us to take care of children and other care which must be given."
 Miss Murphy prepares a list for the two visiting mothers, giving names of children who are well enough to ride the hobby horse, a source of delight to which the young patients look forward every evening.
 The life-size pony sports a black leather saddle with silver studs, six foot leathers which give a realistic ride to would-be cowboys and cowgirls, and even hold on its stirrups.

BEFORE Mrs. Thomson brought Story Book Mothers into existence, the black pony, a hospital possession, remained stored in its cage metal crate in the basement. Nurses had no time to get it out for the children, even though they would have liked to.

While one volunteer supervises the rocking horse detail, a second visits the children who are too ill to leave their rooms. For them she has toys, a friendly word, and stories to read.

"We soon discovered that babying or loving young children who were upset because their parents had left them for the night didn't work," said Mrs. Thomson.

"WHILE THEY were quiet by a show of affection, they only get upset again when we tried to leave them. Now we work to divert their minds from their troubles by entertaining them."

Proof that young minds are diverted is evidenced by watching Mrs. Thomson as she placates a 10-month-old boy who is screaming because his parents have just walked out the door.

Daniel Smith, of Rochester, forgives his post-operative pain and the absence of his parents as he watches Mrs. Thomson open a series of plastic barrels in search of the kistyle in the smallest barrel.

ON MRS. THOMSON'S list of volunteers who have agreed to spend an hour with the sick youngsters every two weeks are Mrs. Edward Marston, Mrs. Frederick Smart, Mrs. Paul McFerrer, Mrs. Richard Millman, Mrs. William Decker, and Mrs. Thomas Urrugaitz.

Other Story Book Mothers are Mrs. Andrew Neigler, Mrs. Ted Torgarten, Mrs. Howard Minor, Mrs. Donald Nairy, Mrs. J. O. Nordlie, Mrs. Konrad Kohl, Mrs. Robert Dan Uyl, Mrs. Albert Schumm, Mrs. James Fenn, Mrs. R. Hayes, Mrs. George Cormie, and Mrs. Sam Highberger.

The alternates have agreed to fill in whenever one of the regulars is unable to be on duty. Others plan to join the group, Mrs. Thomson reports, when they have their first meeting, scheduled for the first of the year.

"WHEN I was doing nothing but caring for my own home and children, I felt a little selfish," said Mrs. Thomson. "That's why I wanted to do something to help others, and thanks to the Story Book Mothers, I feel much better."

Yale Yule Dance Committee Named For Ticket Sales

The ninth annual Yale Christmas dance is scheduled for Dec. 17 at the Country club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe.

Each year a larger number of Birmingham and Bloomfield area residents attend. For their convenience tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Charles T. Maloney of East Square Lake road, Bloomfield township, Mrs. John W. Edson of Graceland road, Mrs. William S. Gilchrist, III, of Greenwood, Police Warrant and the Village Store in Birmingham.

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