

Hospital Dedication Stars Grown-Up Eloise

Hospital Recreation Specialist Exams Set by Civil Service

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Sixty-seven years ago, the Postmaster General of the United States put his stamp of approval on a little girl's name and a new post office, Eloise, Michigan, was established on the grounds of the Wayne County House and Wayne County Asylum.

Eventually, all of the institutions on the site were given the first name of Eloise Dickerson, four-year-old daughter of Freeman B. Dickerson, a former postmaster of the city of Detroit.

President of the Board of County Superintendents of the Poor, Dickerson was anxious to have a post office on the site. The board had submitted name after name to the federal postal office in the summer of 1894. Finally, the board, "without the suggestion or desire of Dickerson," chose Eloise.

ALTHOUGH the facility's name was changed to Wayne County General Hospital and Infirmary in 1945, the post office still bears its original name.

On Monday, next week, Eloise herself—who grew up, married and, as Mrs. Harlow N. Davock, lived in Birmingham for many years—will be present at the dedication of a new 511-bed medical facility on the grounds.

Also present, in "office of honor" in the lobby of the new hospital, will be the newly refurbished portrait of four-year-old Eloise and her dog. The painting hung in the library of the old hospital for many years and was then returned to the family.

WEEKS AGO it was brought down from its attic storage place to the home of Mrs. Davock's nephew, Alfred M. Davock, at 348 Aspen, Birmingham. The painting will be on permanent loan to the new hospital.

The Alfred Davocks will be present at the dedication, too, as will Mrs. Davock's son, Harlow P. Davock, who will fly from Florida with his mother for the event. The senior Davocks moved to Birmingham in the late 1920's. His uncle was service manager for Packard Motor for many years.

Alfred said, and then operated a building business here. Active in civic community affairs, he was for years on the local planning commission.

After selling this home, the couple gravitated between Fort Lauderdale—a city Davock helped develop—and their home at Torch Lake, a city Davock helped develop.

On her trips between her two residences, she often stops in Birmingham to visit her many friends and those of her late mother, Mrs. Mary Dickerson, who also lived here. Each and every friend remembers Mrs. Davock as a "cultured, thoughtful, delightful person."

There's Mrs. C. M. Carlson, still living in a home built by Harlow Davock. She was secretary to the couple for many years and still assists Mrs. Davock in that capacity.

"I never knew anyone who continually kept people in her thoughts as she does. Her remembrance list is terrific—she keeps in touch even with the children of old friends," says Mrs. Carlson.

"They were truly cultured people," agrees Muriel Brasie, girls' counselor at Barnum Junior High School. Her mother and Mrs. Dickerson were friends for many years.

"They were the most democratic people—in the true sense of the word," adds Miss Brasie.

Both women agree that the Davocks were "outdoor enthusiasts."

Mrs. Davock had a great interest in birdlife, was a great reader, and was secretary to the organization, white-haired woman whose father's friends—so many years ago—submitted her name to a federal post office official.

Like her friends today, the postmaster general was charmed by Eloise, too.



Two portraits—one person: On the left little Eloise Dickerson and her dog; on the right, Mrs. Harlow N. Davock, former resident of Birmingham. Mrs. Davock will be guest-of-honor Monday at the dedication of Wayne County General Hospital's new building at Eloise. The site on which the facility is located was named Eloise, when she was four years old in 1894.

Hospital's new building at Eloise. The site on which the facility is located was named Eloise, when she was four years old in 1894.

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Members will discuss the Constitutional Convention, as it heads into its final states, and make plans for effective action in the months ahead.

Daniel Chapin, chairman of the group, noted that George Romney, state-wide chairman of Citizens for Michigan, will have declared his intentions regarding the gubernatorial race and presumably his status with Citizens for Michigan by the date of the meeting.

Have You Met...
Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Jones who moved in October from Rochester, N. Y. to 4932 Cathedral Drive? They have three children—Christopher, 3; Holley, 2; and David, two weeks. Jones is in manufacturing development at the General Motors Technical Center.

Pvt. William Appel In Basic Training

Fort Knox, Ky.—Pvt. William C. Appel, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thernard C. Appel, 1314 Bates Birmingham, is currently undergoing basic training with the Third Training Regiment (BCT), here at the United States Army Training Center, Armor (USATCA).

During this eight-week course, Pvt. Appel will be trained. Upon completion of the eight weeks course ending March 22, he will receive an additional eight weeks advanced individual training. The regiment is commanded by Colonel A. L. Huxins.

Pvt. Appel is assigned to "C" company, 7th Battalion, here at the Third Regiment.

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