



Mr. Riggs Takes Leave of Absence

Mr. Lawrence H. Riggs, head of the music theory department at Ward-Belmont since 1929, is taking a leave of absence to be with his mother in Pierre, South Dakota.

Following the death of Dean Alan Irwin last winter, Mr. Riggs served as head of the conservatory. For two years he was president of the Faculty Club.

Mr. Riggs received his B.A. degree from Beloit College where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Later he studied music theory, piano, and organ as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University and did further graduate work at Chicago Musical College, Northwestern University School of Music, and the American Institute of Normal Methods.

Before coming to Ward-Belmont Mr. Riggs was professor of music at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Alumna Holds Important Office

Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington, the former Mary Elizabeth Pruett, '16, and wife of the Hawaiian delegate to Congress, became president of the National Federation of Women's Republican Clubs two years ago.

Since 1943, when Mr. Farrington was sent to Congress, Mrs. Farrington has been especially active in the League of Republican Women of the District of Columbia,

having served as president and program chairman.

Mrs. Farrington, who was born in Tokyo of American missionary parents, became interested in world affairs at an early age. This interest was enlivened as a student at Ward-Belmont and the University of Wisconsin and later as a Washington correspondent for several Wisconsin, Michigan, and Iowa newspapers.

Interest in public affairs was further developed through marriage to Mr. Farrington, a Washington newspaper correspondent who later returned to Hawaii to become publisher of the *Honolulu Star Bulletin*. Mr. Farrington was a member of the Hawaiian Senate for eight years before his election to Congress. His father, Wallace R. Farrington, served as Governor of Hawaii in the early twenties by appointment of Presidents Harding and Coolidge.

A former president of the Junior League of Honolulu and the Honolulu Hospital Social Service Association, Mrs. Farrington has been active in civic, social service, art, and Americanization work during her twenty-five years' residence in Hawaii. She was a leader in the rehabilitation program for several months following the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrington have two children, a 25 year-old daughter, Beverly, and a 14 year-old son, John.

Alumna Becomes Admissions Counselor

Mrs. Clarence Bridgen, the former Jacquelyn Koon, who was graduated from Ward-Belmont in 1947, was named Admissions Counselor for Ward-Belmont in the greater Chicago area in a recent announcement by Mr. Charles Barlow, Dean of Admissions.

Part of Mrs. Bridgen's work includes representing Ward-Belmont at College Day meetings in various high schools in and around Chicago. One of the schools she visited recently is the Maine Township High School in Park Ridge, Illinois, where Miss Carolyn Henderson, a member of the college graduating class of 1948, is teaching.

While a student at Ward-Belmont, Mrs. Bridgen was president of the senior class,

a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Hood and Gown, the Student Council, the French Club, the *Hyphen* staff, and president of Fidelity Hall. At commencement she received the Johnson Scholarship Award which was given to the student showing the greatest accomplishment in two years. After graduation from Ward-Belmont, she received a B.S. degree from Northwestern University.

Mrs. Bridgen, who can be reached at 7237 Lehmer Street, Forest Park, Illinois, is interested in contacting alumnae in the Chicago area.

Alumna Receives Honorary Degree



Mrs. John B. Jacobs, the former Margaret Moore, '21, was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of letters from Arkansas College, Batesville, in recognition of her ability as a writer and of her service to the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Moore, who makes her home in Clarendon, Arkansas, has written several articles for religious publications as well as "American Home," "Better Homes and Gardens," "Country Gentleman," "Good Housekeeping," "Arts and Decorations," and the garden page of the "New York Times."

She is a member of the National Society of Arts and Letters and a former president

of the Arkansas Branch of the National League of American Penwomen.

Former Representative Dies in Texas

Miss Carrie D. Moseley, a former field representative of Ward-Belmont, passed away November 19 in a Ft. Worth hospital following a heart attack.

A graduate of the Old Daughters College of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, Miss Moseley also attended the University of Chicago. She was associated with Ward-Belmont for twenty-five years before serving as a representative of the National Bureau of Schools in New York.

Alumna Originates Veterans' Project

Mrs. Everett Fontaine of Barrington, Illinois, the former Elizabeth Leitzbach, '15, has authored innumerable articles for newspapers and magazines. During the last three years her daily column, "Folks at Home," has appeared in seventeen papers, including some in Canada and Trinidad.

As founder of the first Writers' Conference in the Chicago area ten years ago, Mrs. Fontaine has watched it become a part of the Midwestern Writers' Conference.

Another project which she originated is the Hospitalized Veterans' Writing Project. Although her plan of encouraging hospitalized veterans to "write for fun" was not conceived until five years ago, the project has reached a national scale. More than 100 professional writers contribute their time to reading manuscripts, writing to the veterans, and giving them advice. Each year awards are given in 15 different categories in the field of writing. Well known authors and publishers serve as judges for the contest.

According to Mrs. Fontaine the project needs, in addition to clerical help, publishers and a market for the veterans advertising copy in order to give the boys with such fine aptitude a chance to market their talents.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fontaine are listed in "Who's Who in Chicago and Illinois," giving them the distinction of being one

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