



INTRODUCTION to careers in medical social work is being experienced this summer at Grasslands Hospital, Valhalla, by three college girls. They were guests at a tea given July 18 by the hospital so members of the Service Committee, which sponsors the program, could meet them. Pictured above, with Mrs. Rosemary Skonnord, third from left, head of the hospital's social service department, left to right, are Marianna Stroock of Chappaqua, University of Michigan; Joan Child of Danielson, Conn., Bates College; and Jacqueline Jewell of South Hadley Falls, Mass., St. Joseph's College—Staff Photo by Warren Ingles

### Mental Health Group Aims Told by Mrs. H. Allen Smith

By MADELINE WILSON MOUNT KISCO— Mrs. H. Allen Smith, a board member of the Mental Health Assn. of Westchester, says the goal is for everybody to be so stable and mentally healthy they won't need the association.

H. Allen Smith shakes his head in horror at the thought. "If all the neurotic people got well," he says, "I wouldn't have anybody to write about."

Smith is the author who made things and locations famous. "Low Man On a Totem Pole", "Larks In the Popcorn" and "Life In a Putty Knife Factory", for example. And, come October, there'll be a new one, "The Pig In the Barber Shop", which is about, of all things, Mexico.

Mrs. Smith is H. Allen Smith's beautiful wife who'll never be found in one of his books except as her own charming, mentally healthy self.

About Mrs. Smith This story is about Mrs. Smith. Their eight-room white house and swimming pool tucked on a hillside are familiar sights to all who saw them in Person-to-Person on TV. But seeing them in person is more pleasant. The sweep of view across the valley leads to the hills beyond, each marked by layers of lavender and gray fog. The pleasant terrace is made in viting with yellow-cushioned white metal furniture and sheltering trees. The turquoise swimming pool is glimpsed through a tunnel of lacy green plants.

All this and a fried chicken luncheon served at a table arranged like a front row seat before the magnificent view, plus radishes and scallions harvested an hour before from H. Allen Smith's own handkerchief-size garden.

But we are being swept away with the memory. This story is really about Mrs. Smith.

True Mental Health "Mental health," she says, "involves helping people understand themselves. The movement is more interested in prevention than cure. We are beginning to rely to kindergarten is none too early to start recognizing signs of instability. Westchester is doing some remarkable work through teacher-training clinics."

Tanned and lean, the author who writes the books with the crazy names, returns from the mail box down at the roadside, his squeaky leather sandals announcing his approach. He is wearing off-white linen Bermudas and a dark blue unbuttoned sport shirt.

Once away from his office on the second floor over the garage, he is anything but anti-social.

Hates Hypocrisy "Hypocrisy," he says, "is one thing I hate. People who say one thing and do another. Truth is the important thing. An unhappy world if everybody told the truth? You can just refuse to say anything; that way you could still be truthful."

"For instance, old people who insist the late years are the golden years, that you don't really enjoy life until you are old. They're liars."

"Don't you think that might be self-protection?" Mrs. Smith suggests.

Something prompts him to ex-

### Two From Chappaqua At Williston Academy

Two students from Chappaqua are attending the summer school of Williston Academy in East-hampton, Mass.

Charles M. Mapes Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Mapes of 43 Wildwood Rd., and John T. Curtiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Curtiss of Dodge Farm, are among 102 students attending the seven-week session which has the largest attendance since summer classes were started 16 years ago.

### LAMB NOT THEIR DISH

YONKERS—Maybe neighbors of Mrs. Willard Tether of this city don't mind the "baa, baa, baa" of the line in "The Whiffenpoof Song"—but they do and did object to the same sound coming from a live lamb kept by her on a vacant lot near her home here. So much so, that City Judge Albert L. Fiorillo yesterday ordered the woman to get rid of a lamb she has kept since last March. Neighbors complained of the animal's "constant bleating" and Robert Kovalik of the Yonkers Health Department appeared in Court for them.

SCALLIONS in the garden isn't one of H. Allen Smith's book titles. It's the honest-to-goodness truth about what he raises. Scallions plus radishes, beets and sweet corn planted in succeeding weeks so each can be harvested as needed. That is Mrs. Smith, a member of the Westchester Mental Health Association board, giving a few wifely suggestions about how the tilling should be done—Staff Photo by Ray Hoover

Volunteers Needed Mrs. Smith regrets the current feeling among so many young mothers that rearing children is "such a bore." "It may be dull," she concedes, "but it is an important job. The Mental Health Assn. needs volunteers—but not volunteers who are neglecting their own families and homes in order to help."

"No romance in my books?" he replies to a comment. "My mother once asked a literary critic for an opinion of my books. He told her there wasn't a shred of romance in me." You can tell he is hurt.

"There's romance in me: I'm married and have two children and I love them. There's romance in my books, too."

Yes, you agree, slowly. But those names—larks, totem poles, pigs, barber shops. Somehow, those names side-track the reader from noting the romance.

Already he has his eye on Hawaii for his next book. Say, along next winter when the first snows begin to drift in the driveway. By way of setting the mood for the idea, he seats himself at the electric organ and, by ear (and by heart), he plays "Sweet Leilani" and "Aloha Oe" in a way that would have set the late Queen Liliuokalani, herself, hip swaying. Well, as we said, in the beginning. This story is about Mrs. Smith. But it was fun to get him in it, too.

### MKFD Picnic Slated for August 17

Firemen of the Mount Kisco Fire Department and their families will converge on Leonard Park on Sunday, Aug. 17, for the annual all-day picnic of the four Mount Kisco companies.

Families will bring basket lunches, which will be augmented by soda pop, ice cream and other refreshments when they get to the picnic grounds. Facilities for cook-outs will be available for those who want to roast weiners and hamburgers.

The kiddies will have a card of events with prizes being awarded and the men of the four companies, will play an elimination type of softball for the title of Number One Soft Ball champs of the MKFD.

Bill MacPhee, assisted by William French as co-chairman will get the program in order. If the day should prove rainy, the fun will be postponed to Sunday, Aug. 24, same time, same place and same hi-jinks.

### Two Women Charged In Bid to Push Heroin

Two women were indicted by the grand jury yesterday in the alleged attempt to smuggle 1 1/2 grams of heroin into an inmate of Westfield State Farm prison in a baby powder can. Mrs. Ruby Perlotte, thirty, of Long Island City, was charged with the felony of giving a narcotic drug to another and with the misdemeanors of bringing in the drug and an unauthorized letter to the inmate.

Mrs. Anna Marie Cruz, thirty-two, of the Bronx, mother of five, was charged with the two misdemeanors. They face arraignment in County Court.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Leonard Rubinfeld said Mrs. Cruz' husband, Ishmael, thirty-two, is under arrest.

### PAY UPS REQUESTED

NEW ROCHELLE—Requests for increases in maximum base salaries, amounting to 12 per cent, have been filed with the City Manager here by this city's police and firemen. Base salaries for both departments are now \$5,400. Both services ask that term of service before maxima are reached, be set at three years, instead of five years as now.

### Clergyman's Resignation Is Accepted

At a special congregational meeting held July 13 at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, the congregation, upon recommendation of the Church Council, accepted the resignation of the Rev. Robert E. Heffner which was presented the previous week. A motion was made "to accept with regret" and a rising vote of "sincere appreciation and thanks" was given by an overflow attendance of members. Dr. Alfred Rossow, chairman of the council, presided. The Rev. Heffner will leave the Mount Kisco church on October 1 to accept an associate pastorate at First English Lutheran Church in Lockport.

A graduate of Hartwick College, Oneonta, and Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., the Rev. Heffner came to Resurrection as pastor in May, 1952 from Harrisburg, Pa., where he served as assistant pastor. During his pastorate here the church grew from 110 to 350 members as well as sponsoring the founding of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Yorktown.

The Rev. Heffner is president-elect of the Lions Club, former president of the Northern Westchester Protestant Ministerial Association, pastoral advisor of the recreational division of the Luther League of America and a member of the New York-New England Lutheran Synod committee on youth.

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### NEW ROCHELLE — Hearing a siren, a woman motorist yesterday swerved to get out of the way and almost made it. Lumbering Hook and Ladder No. 3 came along and found a hard choice—either hit the rear of that car or plow headon into an oncoming machine. As the fire engine screeched to a stop it bumped the back of the sedan driven by Mrs. Lily Sternheim, thirty-six, of Scarsdale. Nobody was injured, and the apparatus continued to its destination—fire in an overheated washing machine motor.

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