

Children Play Important Role in Success Won by Mrs. Nolan as Author

Son Is Keen Critic of Mother's Literary Efforts; Helps Her Put New Interest in Plots.

This is the last of a series, telling stories of Indianapolis women, who have accomplished something in life by their own initiative and ambition.

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AN intense devotion to her own family is accountable for Mrs. Jeannette Covert Nolan's career as an author. While she gave up a college education to become a newspaper reporter, she didn't entertain any ambitious dreams of writing books. At 17 she found the days too full of real life drama to be rhapsodizing the books she'd write some day.

It was the balanced and stabilized outlook of a normal, happily married woman that contributed most to her facility in writing her books. She can see that now. She realizes the part which her three children and husband played in her arrival at the point of view predominant in her stories.

As Mrs. Nolan acclimated herself to Indianapolis, her home since she came here in June as wife of the United States district attorney, Val Nolan, she waited for publication of her first adult novel, "Second Best." Mr. Nolan, modest of his own rise from city attorney at Evansville, points to Mrs. Nolan for any family claim for fame.

"Second Best," published Aug. 9 by Robert McBride & Co., follows "Barry Barton's Mystery," her first juvenile mystery novel, and numerous short stories in children's magazines.

"It all began when my children were ill and needed entertainment," reflected Mrs. Nolan. "I'd read enough children's stories to know that most of them were written from the adult point of view. I thought, 'Why not write the stories they'd like? I thought.

Being isolated for five months in Florida among strangers, I needed entertainment as much as my children. So I set to work."

Mrs. Nolan wasn't grieved over her children's lack of interest in the moralizing, prosaic stories, "good for children." She knew from her sister's experience as a librarian that 100 to 1 juvenile requests were for mystery stories.

She'd watched her children at play. She observed their delight in an intrigue, their interest in solving problems. The boy who maneuvered the make-believe armies into successful plots, she observed, was the hero of the neighborhood.

After she wrote the group of short stories, she thought, "If they interest my children, why wouldn't they appeal to others?" That is what magazine editors thought. The stories would hold the attention of child readers, they decided, and asked for additional tales of the same sort.

Child Furnishes Clew

Writing "Barry Barton's Mystery" came when she was confined for several weeks with Val Jr., a pneumonia victim. As he recuperated, he needed diversion.

Mrs. Nolan began the mystery and read it to him chapter by chapter. One day, noting a less intense interest, she inquired the lack of the story. Young Val suggested a struggle, by which, properly interpolated into the story, Mrs. Nolan discovered that suspense was heightened and consequently the reader's interest increased.

In the dedication of the mystery, published in July, 1932; Mrs. Nolan pays tribute to her children's help with "To Val, Allen, and Kathleen, cordial and helpful critics, I dedicate this book, with my love."

She always reads her stories to them, and they criticize them with their youthful candor and unprejudiced points of view.

Respects Children's Judgment

Mrs. Nolan respects their judgment, particularly that of 12-year-old Val Jr., who reads constantly. He's developed a keen perception of the elements that go into an interest-arousing situation.

All the family is interested in the growth of the various characters. The heroes and heroines become real and vital, as the family contemplates what their actions will be "tomorrow." Even little Kathleen has her share in the career of her mother.

"My mother's secretary," she piped up, as she eyed her mother in wide-eyed admiration.

"And she does a good job of it, too," replied mother. "My desk always is in the best of order."

Mrs. Nolan's reaction to acceptance of her first adult novel was one of fright. "What did I write?" she asked herself. "Will I be ashamed of it?" And then she wondered how it ever happened, for she'd really written it because she rebelled at being labeled a child's story writer.

Just About Ordinary Folks

"It's just a story of ordinary people without any erotic complexities," she explained. "There are no villains in it, no seductions, no illicit love affairs, and no exploitation of sex. It's only the ordinary story of a woman accepting the compromises which life presents her. She always must be satisfied with 'Second Best.'

Next year her second juvenile book, "Young Douglas," will be published by the same company. It is the story of Mary, Queen of Scots, her imprisonment in the Castle of Lochleven in Scotland in 1567, and her rescue by young Douglas.

The idea came to her from a brief mention of Mary Stuart's imprisonment in Dumas' celebrated "Crimes," which is based almost entirely on the life of Mary, Queen of Scots.

Daily Recipe

CHEESE BISCUITS

2 cups sifted cake flour
2 teaspoons combination baking powder
1-2 teaspoons salt
2 tablespoons butter or other shortening
1 cup grated cheese
2-3 cup milk

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cut in shortening and cheese. Add milk all at once and stir carefully until all flour is dampened. Then stir vigorously until mixture forms a soft dough and follows spoon around the bowl.

Turn out immediately on slightly floured board and knead 30 seconds. Roll $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick and cut with 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch floured biscuit cutter. Bake on ungreased baking sheet in hot oven (450 degrees F.) 12 to 15 minutes. Makes 2 dozen small biscuits.

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Writes First Adult Novel



Mrs. Jeannette Covert Nolan

Manners and Morals

BY JANE JORDAN

Bring your problems to Jane Jordan, who will help you understand them better. Write your letter today.

Dear Jane Jordan: My daughter is not bristling with sophistication or weighted withisms. She's spontaneous and natural, and her characters react normally to the simple, unaffected situations of the average life.

Her experiences as a reporter and as "Betty Brown" of an Evansville newspaper gave her a breadth of vision and an understanding of human frailties and virtues. But most important of all, she's enjoyed the rich and full life of a sympathetic wife and mother.

Her writing reflects the proportion and balance with which she's managed her own life. She's not just another emancipated wife, with a career as a goal. She's an alert, genuine woman, with simple, human stories to tell.

NOT OLD-FASHIONED.

Answer—I wouldn't call chastity a woman's only virtue, but I do think you may be right about the real object of Joe's love.

Dear Jane Jordan—I read the letter "Helpless," and surely feel sorry for him. If you have his address, would you send it to me? I believe I have a way I can help him.

MRS. E. S.

He has written her, assuring her that she is in his mind and that she is his "darling wife," and that the opinion of the world does not matter. My daughter happens to be a very loyal, faithful kind of person. How can we keep them apart? A WORRIED MOTHER.

Answer: It would be wise for you to make no attempt to keep your daughter from the man she thinks she loves. Circumstances will do that for you. It

hardly is likely that she will take to hitch-hiking to be with him, and it is highly improbable that he will settle down to be with him.

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A program and luncheon will follow the meeting.

Many Indianapolis persons attended the marriage ceremony at 10 Wednesday morning at the Danville Christian church, when Miss Wynne Welborn became the bride of Harlan V. Hadley of New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brewer Hadley of Danville.

Mr. Hadley is a graduate of Butler university where he was a member of the Sigma Delta Chi and Phi Delta Theta fraternities. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Welborn of Terrell, Tex.

Wales Smith, graduate theological student at Yale university, read the service in the presence of the immediate families and friends.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Floyd Skinner of Omaha, Neb., as matron of honor, and Miss Veva Hadley of Danville, only bridesmaid. Joseph W. Ferree of Danville, was Mr. Hadley's best man. Ushers were Hubert Fleece of Danville, Stephen Hadley of Indianapolis, Janis Francis of Jeffersonville, and Perry Te-Walt of Vincennes and New York.

The couple left on a wedding trip and will be at home after Sept. 20 in Brooklyn Heights, N. Y.

EVENTS CLUB HOLDS ANNIVERSARY FETE

Tenth anniversary of the Current Events club was celebrated this afternoon with a party at the home of the president, Mrs. C. M. Raber. Guests included Mrs. W. H. Link, honorary president and active member, who organized the club in September, 1923.

Year books were presented to members, and a cake with ten candles centered the serving table. Fall flowers were used to decorate the house.

Museum Board to Meet

Herman C. Wolff will preside at the luncheon meeting of the board of trustees of the Children's Museum Friday in the Glenn Martin

Miss Miner to Be Wed at Church

J. Ambrose Dunkel to Read Ceremony in Flowery Setting.

Her mother's wedding dress and veil of ivory satin will compose the ensemble for Miss Priscilla Miner when she becomes the bride of Malcolm Hoagland Tinker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Rayner Tinker of Pittsburgh, at 8 tonight.

The Rev. J. Ambrose Dunkel will read the ceremony at the Tabernacle Presbyterian church in a setting of white flowers lighted by cathedral candles. Paul Mathews, organist, will play traditional hymns.

Miss Courtenay Whitaker, only attendant, will appear in a gown of peach velvet fashioned on fitted lines, and will carry an arm bouquet of Talisman roses and delphiniums.

Brother Is Best Man

The bride, who will enter with her father, Joseph Allison Miner, will wear a gown fashioned on fitted lines with a broad train and long, shirred sleeves. The gown has a V-neck in front and back. Her bridal bouquet will be orchids and gardenias.

Miss Marie Howard

Miss Marie Howard is assisting in making preparations for the opening of the new clubhouse of the Woman's Athletic Club. A three-day open house will be held, beginning Sept. 15.

MAPS OPENING



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Miss Marie Howard

Miss Catherine Finneran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Finneran, became the bride of Trueman T. Rembusch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Rembusch of Shelbyville, in a service this morning at St. Patrick church.

The Rev. Thomas J. Finneran, cousin of the bride, read the nuptial rites. Miss Mary Senney sang bridal airs, and Thomas Poggiani played the violin.

The bride wore a gown of cream satin on princess lines, with pearl trim. She carried a colonial bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley and roses.

Out-of-town guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Tinker Jr. of Wheeling, W. Va.; Misses Dorothy and Marjorie Tinker, sisters of the bridegroom, both of Pittsburgh; H. Cole of Chicago, grandfather of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tassel and daughter Lucille of Louisville; William Aiken and Miss Charlotte Semple, both of Sharon, Pa.

Honeymoon in Bermuda

After the reception, the couple will leave for Bermuda. The home address is for 910 Arlington apartments, Pittsburgh, after Nov. 1. The bride will travel in a black satin ensemble with matching accessories.

Attending the bride was Miss Betty Hale, maid of honor. She was a fitted gown of fall green velvet with matching hat and slippers. Her flowers were a colonial bouquet of roses. Miss Eileen Fletcher in blue velvet, and Miss Geraldine Welsh in orange velvet, were bridesmaids. Both carried colonial bouquets of roses matching their gowns.

Mrs. Finneran appeared in a gown of fall blue with blue accessories, and Mrs. Rembusch wore a black and white ensemble. Both had corsages of rosebuds.

Joseph Finneran, brother of the bride, was best man. Howard Murphy and George Murphy were ushers.

A wedding breakfast at the Marrott followed. Blue, green and peach appointments were used. A tiered wedding cake, topped with a basket of flowers, centered the dining table.

The couple left on a wedding trip to Washington. They will be at home after Sept. 21 in Shelbyville.

CHURCH GROUP TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Officers of the Woman's Association of the Irvington Methodist church will be installed at the first monthly meeting of the year at 11 Thursday in the church.

Those to be installed are Mrs. Roy H. Graves, re-elected president; Mrs. Carl Walker, vice-president; Mrs. C. H. Castor, secretary; Mrs. Gert Iverson, treasurer; Mrs. Mick Pickett, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Arthur Long, president, church service department; Mrs. Thomas Shiner, president, community service department; Mrs. S. C. Ging, president, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Mrs. Charles Hitchcock, president, Woman's Home Missionary Society.

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