

## 'First NRA Lady' Leads Active Life

Mrs. Donald Richberg Puts Husband, Daughter and Home First.

By NEA Service  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—In her own words, Mrs. Donald R. Richberg is "the busiest woman in Washington, without doing anything." She explains, with an infectious smile, that she is so keen about her husband, daughter, and home that she is "entirely satisfied to enjoy a vegetable life."

Besides playing chauffeur for the whole family, selecting her own lettuce and green peas and such at the market, and occasionally preparing them herself, this charming, vivacious, and most attractive wife of the national recovery administrator who is often called the "assistant president" digs and plants her own garden, is a regular attendant at a gym class, swims, plays golf, and sews most of 8-year-old Elaine's dresses. When there's nothing else to do she "knits and knits."

Mrs. Richberg, then Florence Weed, was born in Lansing, Mich., and spent a happy childhood with five brothers and sisters. Her father, Herbert Mores Weed, descended of English stock. Her mother's family was Dutch.

That line of northern ancestors may account for Florence Weed Richberg's lovely gold-blond hair, blue eyes, and shining even teeth, but it couldn't account for her delicious sense of humor.

### Trial Horse for Speeches

Mrs. Richberg went to college (Florence to Olivet), but insists there is nothing unusual about her. "I'm so normal," she says, "that my husband tries out all his speeches on me. He knows that if I can understand them, almost any one can."

She also keeps a clipping book of newspaper stories about him. As they don't subscribe to a clipping service, she must depend for out-of-town material on what her friends send to her, and is much amused when they fail to include the antagonistic pieces. She thinks they ought to know her better than that.

Both the Richbergs share an active interest in sports. They met on a Chicago golf course and have been playing together ever since, though Mrs. Richberg insists that the only reason her husband plays with her is because she's available.

### Daughter Most Important

To her father and mother, cunning, blond Elaine, who is "the wonderland hair ribbon," is "the most important thing in the world." On coming to Washington, the three Richbergs first took over the Bob La Follette house for three months, thinking their stay here would be only temporary. Two months later, on another house found them more firmly settled here than ever.

Now they are living in the suburbs, with a saucy black Scottie pup named Blackie, cat at the story-book corner of Chadway road and the line. The driveway winds up a little knoll to a lovely stone colonial house with white shutters, which, though rented furnished, has already taken on many of the gracious qualities of its mistress.

The garden worries Mrs. Richberg, though. "The garden of our house in Chicago was the thing I really hated to leave," she explains. "I don't know what I'm going to do with this one. It's only a rock garden, and all in the shade."

### Likes People But Not Crowds

A gracious, charming hostess with a gift for making her guests comfortable and happy, she "likes people, but not crowds," and loves entertaining friends. But she is very thankful that her husband's office is too new to have gathered to itself a long round of formal social responsibilities.

She thinks the informal Washington habit, picked up from the President, of calling every one by his first name, is grand.

Last year, when we knew almost no one who called me anything but "Mrs. Richberg," was pretty deadly." But now that several Chicago friends have come to Washington, and they have made many new ones to whom she is Florence, "mostly because they call my husband Don," she wouldn't mind settling down in Washington for the rest of her life.

### Officers Re-Elected

All officers of the Seventh Ward Woman's Democratic Club were re-elected at the regular meeting Monday at the home of Mrs. George Connolly, 21 W. 20th-st. They include Mrs. Badger Williamson, president; Mrs. Agnes Coleman Keene, secretary; Mrs. Mary Yergen, vice president; Mrs. Brooke Clawson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John W. Cain, treasurer; and Mrs. John Donnelly, program chairman.

## She Knows How to Cook



Mrs. Florence Richberg likes such homely dishes as baked sparrows ... and knows how to make a good job of preparing them.

## Contract Bridge

### Today's Contract Problem

North is playing the contract at five diamonds. West has bid clubs. What should East's opening lead be? Can five diamonds be made against a club opening?

♠ 7 3	♠ 10 8 6 5
♥ 7 2	♥ K Q J 3
♦ 8 6 3	♦ 9 7 5
♣ A K 10 7	♣ 9 6
5	

Solution in next issue. 9

### Solution to Previous Contract Problem

BY W. E. MCKENNEY

Secretary American Bridge League

A NEW name was enrolled among nationally famous women bridge players, in the recent national championship tournament of the American Bridge League—that of Mrs. Albert Rockwell. She and

her partner, Mrs. Gail Hamilton, both of Warren, Pa., teamed up with Mrs. A. C. Hoffmeier and Mrs. Anne Rosenfeld, Cleveland, and won the national women's team-of-four championship.

This event added two new names to the masters list. Mrs. Rockwell's and Mrs. Hamilton's, as they won two points each for their victory and each had previously a point to her credit, as they were runners-up in the 1934 Pennsylvania state championship event.

Mrs. Rockwell also had the honor of being elected vice president of the Women's auxiliary of the American Bridge League.

I asked Mrs. Rockwell: "What is a woman's favorite play?" and her quick, tactful comeback was, "Why, the squeeze play, naturally."

HERE's a snappy play made by Mrs. Rockwell during the tournament.

When the jack of diamonds was opened, she won it in dummy with the queen and immediately cashed four rounds of trumps. West discarded two spades and a diamond and dummy let go a club.

Mrs. Rockwell, at this point, made a very cute play—she led a small club away from her ace, which West won with the ten spot. If, at this time, West had returned a club, the contract would have been held to five odd.

But, when West returned the ten of diamonds, Mrs. Rockwell won with the ace, cashed the king of spades, and then led the four of trump.

West was forced to discard a club. It was immaterial what East discarded. Now Mrs. Rockwell played the six of diamonds and West was squeezed.

To discard a spade would leave two good spades in dummy, while the discard of a club would establish all Mrs. Rockwell's club tricks, thereby giving her six odd and top score on the board.

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BRIDGE AID

Miss Mary Jane Laatz

Pledges of Delta Gamma sorority will entertain with a bridge party at 2 Saturday at Sears-Robuck auditorium. Miss Mary Jane Laatz is chairman of tickets, with Miss Margaret Rohr, general chairman, and Miss Mary Sluskey, chairman of the candy committee.

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## Parties for Bride-to-Be Announced

Eunice Mae Howell to Wed Feb. 10 in Church Rite.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Eunice Mae Howell and G. William Raffensperger at 2:30 Sunday, Feb. 10, in Broadway M. E. Church. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the home of the parents of the bridegroom-to-be, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram J. Raffensperger.

Mrs. D. W. Mussman of near Southport will entertain Tuesday, Jan. 22, with a miscellaneous shower for her niece, Miss Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Howell.

On Friday, Jan. 25, Mrs. M. M. Conn will be hostess for a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Howell.

Miss Virginia Holt, who will be a bridesmaid in the wedding, will entertain with a kitchen shower on Jan. 31, and Miss Waneta Graves, another bridesmaid, will be hostess at a crystal shower on Feb. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell will give the bridal dinner on Feb. 9.

## CLUB CELEBRATES NINTH BIRTHDAY

In celebration of its ninth anniversary, Multum in Parvo Literary Club held a program yesterday at the home of Mrs. Carl H. Irgans, honoring the founder, Mrs. Emil H. Soufflot.

Mrs. Adolf Wagner, who opened the meeting, introduced the officers and Mrs. Irgans presented Mrs. Soufflot. The birthday cake was mounted on a platter of plumosa ferns and roses.

Roses were given as favors. Mrs. Ernest W. Fullenwider arranged the afternoon program, at which Mrs. Charles M. Martin was guest artist. Mrs. Martin sang French songs, accompanied by Mrs. Clifford Dunphy. Mrs. Horace G. Cassidy talked on the War Department, and Mrs. Frank E. Weimer led the discussion.

Other musical numbers were "The Little Old Garden" and "Just for Today," sung by Mrs. Basil E. Vaughn; saxophone numbers played by James Stone, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Orval E. Stone, and songs, "For a Dream's Sake" and "The Piper of Love," sung by Mrs. Daniel E. Gruber, accompanied by Mrs. C. H. Eberhard.

Mrs. Austin J. Kessler conducted a candle lighting service and gave a history of the club.

CLUB FEDERATION

CHORUS ORGANIZED

Following organization of the Seventh District Federation of Clubs chorus Monday at the Severin.

Mrs. R. H. Cradick was elected president. Mrs. M. D. Didway, music chairman of the district, organized the chorus to be composed of thirty voices, directed by E. L. Emery.

Other officers are Mrs. Edna Sharp, vice president; Mrs. W. D. Keenan, secretary, and Mrs. Everett Ryan, treasurer. Mrs. Didway will be assisted by Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Chi Beta Kappa Sorority will meet at 8 tonight with Miss Ruth Williams, 473 N. Walcott-st. Mrs. Cecil Standford will assist the hostess.

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## 'LOVABLE'

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### CHAPTER FORTY-SEVEN

THERE had been consternation among the tenants at Peter's Florida grove when Ann arrived from the nearest railroad station—alone.

"When's Mr. Peter comin'?" Lena asked.

"Not for some time," Ann told her. "I haven't been well and only came here to rest for a few weeks. After a while, when I'm stronger, I'm going—" her voice faltered, "going away."

"Something's wrong," Lena said dubiously to Sam. "It don't seem natural, her traipsin' way down here