

## Vietnam Veteran Nurse Heads State Recruiting

Newly assigned as the Army Nurse Counselor for the U.S. Army recruiting activities in Michigan's lower peninsula is Captain Elizabeth K. Bjorkman, who arrived from Vietnam recently.

Capt. Bjorkman replaces Major Ethel LaRock, who will depart soon for Vietnam.

The new nurse counselor will be responsible for the recruiting of young men and women into the Army Nurse programs.

Capt. Bjorkman, 25, comes from Burlingame, Calif., and graduated Marquette University, Milwaukee.

The Army Nurse Corps



Capt. Elizabeth Bjorkman

Program in Michigan is administered from the Main Station, Army Recruiting Main Station, 18820 James Couzens Highway, Detroit, where Capt. Bjorkman will be headquartered.

The Corps, soon to celebrate its 66th anniversary, is an all officer corps made up entirely of registered professional nurses.

Established in 1901, the Army Nurse Corps has served valiantly in two world wars, the Korean War and in Vietnam.

Today, there are approximately 4,350 nurses serving on active duty of which about 950 are men. Since 1955, qualified male nurses have been appointed as officers in the Army Nurse Corps. In addition there are presently 60 warrant officer nurses serving on active duty.

Army nurses are stationed around the globe, serving in Japan, Korea, Germany, Italy, Turkey, Vietnam, Alaska and Hawaii.

Young men and women wishing more information should contact the Army Recruiting Station, Wayne Post Office at Wayne, 722-3388.

## Garden City School Board Honors Dedicated PTA Leader

An attractive Garden City mother who has given several thousand hours of her time to helping meet the educational needs of the school children of her community was honored recently by the Garden City Board of Education.

She is Mrs. Helen Nevill, a Parent-Teacher Association leader since 1958 and currently the director of District 2 of the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Mrs. Nevill was appointed to a three-year term as district director, the first local PTA leader to hold this office. The district covers the 42 Wayne County school districts outside of Detroit.

In adopting a resolution honoring Mrs. Nevill, the board stated it "wished to extend to Mrs. Nevill the gratitude of the community for her many years of service to the boys and girls of Garden City as a PTA leader."

The resolution further stated: "The time and work involved in organizing and co-ordinating the interests and efforts of four active citizens is very great, and to rise as an exceptional leader of the most active citizens requires greater time, dedication, energy and bring honor to the community."

Last month at the annual PTA Founders Day Dinner Mrs. Nevill was presented with a Distinguished Service Award by the Garden City PTA Council.

Mrs. Nevill moved to Garden City in 1958 with her husband, Walter, and their two children, Bill, now 16,

## Conversation Aids Child's Development

Talking with children provides an opportunity to help them learn values and practice essential skills.

It also helps guide their development, says Mrs. Marguerite L. Duvall, extension specialist in family life of The Pennsylvania State University.

You demonstrate respect for others when you listen until the speaker has finished. So when a child interrupts, your simple comment, "Wait until Sally finishes," clarifies an important rule of conversation. And you inform him that he has the right to speak, in his turn, when you ask him, "Now, Jack, what did you want to say?"

Consistency in these practices teaches the child that he can wait to express his views. Mrs. Duvall points out. Once having the attention he wants, and assured of an audience until he finishes, he is able to speak without hurrying.

He is practicing the essential skill of communicating his ideas to others. In time he becomes aware of cues from his listeners indicating whether they understand.

A child who talks too long, preventing others from sharing ideas, can learn from being told, "You must finish now, so Jack can tell us what he thinks."

In the seemingly simple act of talking, parents help children learn respect for each other and gain it for themselves. Children also learn limits on individual rights, social skills, and the skill to speak and to listen.

Mrs. Duvall adds,

"DANGER" signs prominently

on Suzanne, 13.

Bill is in the 11th grade at West High School and Suzanne is an eighth grade student at Radcliff Junior High.

Mrs. Nevill's first active role in PTA work began as a room mother 12 years ago in Redford Township.

She said the family moved here, she became active in Farmington Elementary School where she was elected pre-school chairman and room representative.

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Besides her PTA work, at which she estimates she spends about three hours a day, raising a family and being a housewife, Mrs. Nevill also has found time to serve on two lay finance committees an now is a member of the Lay Committee on Family Life and Education.

"I couldn't do it without an understanding husband," she said.

Not only is her husband understanding, but he too has become a PTA leader and has succeeded his wife as PTA Council president.

As Council president she worked closely with the District director, helping to or-

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She is proud of the fact that every public school in Garden City has a PTA, a rather unusual distinction for the community.

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