

## Ghesquiere-Bacon Vows Are Spoken

Beverly Joanne Bacon and Daniel Compe officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bacon of Farmington, Mr. and Mrs. Rene Ghesquiere of Detroit are participants in a recent double wedding ceremony in St. Matthew Church, Detroit, with the Rev.

ents of the bridegroom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an A-line floor-length gown of white silk organza with a front panel of chantilly lace embroidered with seed pearls. A seed pearl and crystal crown held her elbow-length veil and she carried a cascade bouquet of white roses, white mums and ivy.

THE BRIDAL ATTENDANTS wore A-line silk falles gowns with dark green bodices and light green skirts. Their headpieces were two - tone green roses with veiling, and they carried mums in two shades of green.

Joyce Petris of Farmington

### '70s Touch

Punchos and shawls will make the scene in plentiful ways come spring. The same for belts and bows and gold buttons.

was maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Betty Bacon, sister of the bride, Penny Powers of Singapore, China, and Maria Riccoboni of New York.

RICHARD YOEMANS assisted his brother-in-law as best man. Groomsmen were Robert Aleksey, Joseph DeLuca and Paul Frietas.

Mrs. Bacon's A-line gown was powder blue with lace trim, and the bridegroom's mother wore aqua silk.

The reception for 225 guests was held in Vladimir's restaurant, Detroit. The newlyweds left for a two-month stay in Newark, Del.

The new Mrs. Ghesquiere graduated from North Farmington High School in 1965 and from Michigan State University in 1969. She has been teaching in Danville, Ill. Her husband, a Wayne State University graduate, is working on his doctorate at the University of Illinois.



By MARGARET MILLER  
Women's Editor

Mary Ann Vance could hardly be said to be familiar with hospitals or the volunteers who perform many of their vital services.

But she's taking on a big new job that could make a mighty big difference in the future of an institution that has been much in headlines in recent months.

Miss Vance, 18200 Whittier, Livonia, will fill the newly-created post of director of volunteer services for the receiving branch of Detroit General Hospital.

Her appointment was announced yesterday by Alfred Plotkin, administrator of the hospital, and it came less than three weeks after she left the position of national field advisor to the Camp Fire Girls.

The common denominator of the two positions is knowledge of recruiting and administration.

HER NEW JOB was de-

## Women on the Go Livonian Takes Big Job In Detroit Hospital

scribed by one city official as one expected to play a major role in getting the hospital back on its feet.

Said Miss Vance: "My work is just part of a whole new program to create a new image for the hospital."

"And I think volunteers can make a tremendous difference in the life of the hospital."

"More volunteers can make an economic difference, of course. But even more, they can build good public relations for the hospital."

"Every satisfied volunteer—each one who has a good experience with Detroit General—will become a good will ambassador."

RIGHT NOW there are a number of women in the Observer area affiliated with groups that have hospital connections, but few who do any actual work in the downtown institution.

In fact, the total number of active volunteers is only about 50, Miss Vance said, adding that she hopes to increase that number a lot.

"The hospital's Service League hit its membership peak just before the 1967 riots, and it's fallen off since then," Miss Vance said.

"One thing I want to do is convince more people that it's safe to go there—and I definitely believe it is."

THE FIRST order of business for Mary Ann Vance at Detroit General is just a general getting acquainted.

"I have volumes to read and a great deal to learn, and I think a lot of the learning will just come from experience here," she said. "I believe one reason I was picked was that I had the experience in volunteer training and recruiting but the objective viewpoint that comes from no previous connection with the hospital."

One thing Miss Vance wanted made clear is that the Service League—known as the ladies in pink—will stay as it has been, with helpfully augmented numbers.

"But we also want to involve more service groups, like the Red Cross and other church and service organizations. The community must be involved in the functioning of the hospital."

"It isn't enough to simply do a hospital with volunteers. They must be brought together with the hospital staff and administration in a coordinated effort to insure the greatest possible benefits to the patients."

IN THE HOSPITAL organization, Miss Vance has been given department head status. "They wanted me to have the authority to organize and take appropriate action," she said, "and that's something volunteers working alone haven't always been able to accomplish."

Outside the hospital, the new volunteer service director's current project is helping with arrangements for the Dec. 13 Christmas party to be sponsored by her Helman Park Civic Association.

The members are collecting gifts for patients at the Caro State Home, and Miss Vance has been personally responsible for "recruiting" 16 gifts.

IN A WAY, Miss Vance's neighbors in Livonia have been responsible for her being in her present post.

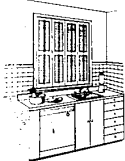
She moved to Whittier Avenue six years ago and says without hesitation that "I live in the best neighborhood in the world—the people there have been just wonderful to me."

So when the Camp Fire Girls reorganized their offices and moved the new regional office to Omaha, Miss Vance decided she just wasn't interested in making the move. Discussions on the hospital job followed.

She holds a master's degree in education and recreation leadership from Wayne State University and is a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the American Camping Association.

Miss Vance would be delighted to hear from Observerland women who would like to have a part in the volunteer operation at Detroit General Hospital. A call to 961-7392, extension 534, will get them through to a busy lady with a big job.

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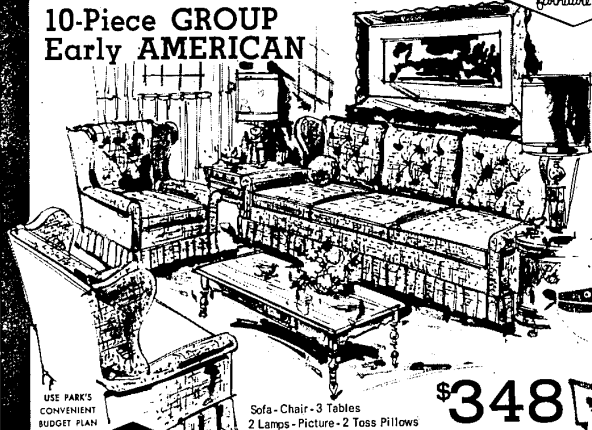
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