

# Cosmopolitan Chief Bullish On U. S. Writing

By ADELAIDE KERR  
Frances Whiting, who edits one of America's most famous general magazines, should be the writer's delight.

Point one: The first woman editor of Cosmopolitan knows what she wants.

Point two: She is willing to help the fellow who is trying to produce it.

Point three: She foresees a whopping future for American writing.

"I'm very bullish about American writing after this war," she told me. "We are finding, both in reports coming back from the front, and in the things soldiers write, they are getting back to first principles of writing. There isn't time to do more than tell what happened to John Jones as vividly, simply and honestly as possible."

"On that basis you can build a real literature. In the past we have been terribly respectful of European literature and that cramped our style. The coming American literature is going to be unself-conscious. After the war America will do better writing than she's ever done before."

As she talked Miss Whiting leaned back in her chair in a typical Whiting posture—easy and relaxed, with hands folded in her lap. She is a tall, and though not plump, a rather large woman. Her hands look capable, her shoes have sensible walking heels. Her silver-threaded brown hair is parted in the middle and very simply dressed. Her frock is a smart conservative dark wool, but on one shoulder hangs a cluster of mink tails caught with an eye-smacking bow of shocking pink velvet. Miss Whiting has built much of her success on her easy friendly manner.

She was born in Washington, Pa., was schooled there and was graduated from Vassar. Since her family had moved to Olympia, Washington, she went west after graduation, took a job in the state capital, and eventually became secretary of the Department of Labor and Industries. After four years of that she came back to New York to do newspaper work and for the next few years she swung like a pendulum between politics and the writing field, with one fling in the book publishing business. Eventually she was offered a job as reader at Cosmopolitan and went there.

"Cosmopolitan is not the smooth-surfaced superficial approach to life," she says. "That belonged to the twenties. Now readers read for entertainment and security. People have lost the world they depended on and they want to be reminded that they can get a secure world again. Our policy is to reflect the times we live in—the role scene—as honestly and entertainingly as we can by the best fiction and the most important non-fiction we can get."

To achieve that aim, Miss Whiting says she works virtually all her waking time, not only during her nine to six office hours, but throughout every conversation, heater performance or reading of paper or book.

In private life Miss Whiting is the wife of Lieut. Com. W. W. Reid, of the Naval Reserve, who is now stationed in Cristobal, Panama.

Church Auxiliary To Serve Luncheon  
The Woman's auxiliary of St. John's Episcopal church will serve a luncheon Thursday at the parish house, Third and Red Cross streets from 12:30 to 2 o'clock. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. T. F. Darden, Mrs. David Murchison or Mrs. McC. B. Wilson.

Featured on the menu will be turkey, hot biscuits and lemon pie.

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## Local Group Will Attend Red Cross Meet

NEW RIVER, Feb. 8.—By invitation of Maj. Gen. Henry L. Larson, commanding general of Camp Lejeune, a meeting of the Camp Davis—New River—Cherry Point Camp and Hospital Council of the American Red Cross will be held here Thursday, with Mrs. John D. Robinson of Wallace, president, presiding.

After a luncheon at the officers' club, the business meeting will hear reports from chapters throughout the area, in regard to their many projects of providing comforts and recreational features for service men in the numerous military installations along the coast.

A delegation from the Wilmington chapter will attend.

**Townes-Drake Vows Announced**  
Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Drake of Wilmington, formerly of Farmville announce the marriage of their daughter, Vesta, to Lieut. Paul Townes of Camp Davis, formerly of Carbondale, Illinois, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Townes of Carbondale.

The wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening, February 2, at the First Christian church in Wilmington. The Rev. C. D. Barcliff, pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church, officiated using the double ring ceremony.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Inez Drake, as maid-of-honor and only attendant. Lieut. Townes has as his best man, Capt. James V. Stoddard of Camp Davis. Lieut. and Mrs. Townes are residing in Wilmington.

**Sorosis Plans Monthly Social**  
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# They Win The 'Winnies'

By DOROTHY ROE

Named 'tops in their field for 1943' are two individual designers and a husband and wife team—each of whom is hailed as a guiding spirit of America's fashion leadership.

Winners of this year's "Winnies"—the bronze figurines awarded to stars of the world of fashion in the manner of the movies' "Oscars"—are: Claire McCardell, who designs dresses that can make a grandmother feel young; Sally Victor, creator of hats for glamor girls and their mothers, and Mr. and Mrs. William Drown Phelps, known for their outstanding designs in handbags and leather accessories.

The "Winnie" winners are chosen annually by a jury of 40 fashion editors of national magazines, syndicates and New York newspapers. This year the winners receive in addition War Bond awards totalling approximately \$3000, presented by the firm of Coty, sponsors of the award.

Claire McCardell, first prize winner, has to her credit the famous popover dress, the universal jumper, the leotard and the sleeveless, backless sun dresses destined to sweep the country this summer. Born in Frederick, Maryland, she is blonde, pert, and slim, with an Irish twinkle in her blue eyes and wears her own clothes with an air imitated by most of the sub-debs of America.

Sally Victor is the milliner who has so much fun at her work that it bubbles over in whimsical touches to entrance her customers. Her recent scoops include the "Curvette," a hat that is little more than a hair-band; the "Chetnik," a dare-devil sidecap that has been copied far and wide; the "Freedom Bonnet," the "Ha-Penny Sailor" and the "Hair-Free" hat, which is shaped like a crownless sou'wester, holds the hair off the neck in the back.

Elizabeth and William Drown Phelps started making fine leather handbags and belts because they decided horses were better-dressed than people. They work with hand tools, native materials, train workmen in the old craft guild manner. And they manage to impart to modern handbags the beauty of old saddlery.



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CLAIRE MCCARDELL

TOPS IN THE FIELD: Winners of the American Fashion Critics' Award for design leadership in 1943.

## Club Clock

The regular meeting of District Nine, North Carolina State Nurses' association will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the nurses' home.

The Euphan class of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church meets Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the church.

The Winter Park Prayer band meets Thursday at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. R. W. Mason.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. Shackelford and Mrs. Oscar G. Sanford have returned to their homes here after spending the week-end in Fayetteville, where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Neil A. Vann on Sunday.

G. W. Goodman of Carolina Beach, is a patient at the Veterans hospital.

Mrs. N. C. Blake of Burgaw, is a patient at James Walker Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shelhart and children, Jack, Jr., and Linda, of Scarsdale, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Shelhart's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith at their home on Grace street.

William Hooper P. T. A. Will Convene Thursday

The William Hooper Parent-Teacher association will meet Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the school at which time the fifth grades of the school will have charge of the program and present, "What We Are Fighting For" and a demonstration of physical education to music.

**Youth Downs 4 Nazi Planes In Single Day To Claim New Record**

A U. S. FIGHTER BASE IN ENGLAND, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Lt. James M. Morris, Detroit, Mich. today became the first American fighter pilot in the European theater to claim destruction of four German planes in one day.

And just for good measure the 23-year-old flier shot up a locomotive after his various aerial combats. Piloting a Lightning, Morris first downed a Messerschmitt-109. Then he got two Focke Wulf-109s during a dogfight alongside other members of his squadron. After turning home alone, he sent another ME-109 spinning to earth. His claim to a record is subject to official confirmation, which will be preceded by viewing the film from his cameras and the taking of supporting statements. Until this spectacular performance Morris had shot down only one enemy plane and credit for that was shared with another pilot.

## Local Brigade Boys Club To Celebrate Anniversary

It was on Valentine's day in 1896 that Col. Walker Taylor organized a Boys Brigade in Wilmington and enrolled a few youngsters whose prospects in life did not seem to be as bright as they might be.

On next Monday night veterans of that group are to hold the 48th anniversary celebration of the organization at the Brigade Boys club armory when notable events are scheduled.

Dr. J. M. Wells, former pastor of the First Presbyterian church and once chaplain of the Brigade, will make the principal address. Mayor Bruce B. Cameron, one of the veterans of Colonel Taylor's group, is to present the club with a portrait of the founder.

The Senior Fraternity, composed of young men who had their first training in citizenship in the Brigade and are now all occupying positions of trust in the city's business community, is to hang a plaque containing approximately 150 names of men in the armed forces who are still or formerly were on its rolls.

The festivities will start at 6:30 o'clock.

## WMC Refers Over 1,000 North Carolinians To Jobs Since January 1

RALEIGH, Feb. 8.—The 18 special manpower recruiting officers in the field in North Carolina since January 1 found 1,476 workers out of 7,428 persons interviewed who were referred to essential war-useful jobs in the average of 18.3 days each recruiter worked in the first four weeks, the composite report for that period, made to Dr. J. S. Dorton, state director of the War Manpower Commission, shows.

Of the 1,476 persons referred, 1,182 were referred direct to jobs open, 804 in their local areas and 378 in other areas, while 294 were referred to local offices of U. S. Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission for clearance, of whom 141 were placed in local jobs and 153 were referred to jobs in other areas, through the Inter-Area Release.

By type jobs, the referrals were as follows: professional and managerial, 8; clerical and sales, 22; service, 43; agricultural, 1; skilled, 149; semiskilled, 129; unskilled, 1,124.

Dr. Dorton expressed satisfaction at the splendid report made of work of these 18 manpower recruiting officers during their first month of operation, and especially in view of the scarcity of labor in North Carolina.

**PRIVATE ZOO**  
When Mrs. MacLaren Morrison moved from London to Chislehurst, England, her retinue included more than 100 pets, including seven dogs, 30 cats, 50 birds, several monkeys, and a large number of pet mice, which had to be trapped on moving day.

The first incendiary bombs were used during World War mainly from German Zeppelins, and consisted of lightweight containers filled with kerosene and oil-coated cotton waste.

## THE GUMPS

ALL RIGHT, SISTER, I'M A SOFT-HEARTED GUY, SO I'LL GET IT OVER QUICKLY--  
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## Recapitalization Needed By Tide Water, Official Of General Gas Asserts

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—(AP)—H. H. Halligan, vice president of General Gas and Electric company, told the Securities and Exchange Commission today "Tide Water Power company unquestionably needs a recapitalization . . . but it has been our opinion that the ultimate owner should be the one to recapitalize."

He was testifying on his company's agreement to sell Tide Water's common stock to Warren W. Bell, of Wilmington, N. C., for \$55,000.

General Gas and Electric is willing to dispose of its interests in Tide Water, which serves electric, gas and bus transportation in Wilmington, Fayetteville, Kingston and other North Carolina towns, since it cannot be integrated under provisions of the Holding Company act, Halligan continued.

Under cross-examination by David I. Bursten, SEC counsel, Halligan described various offers for the common stock, including three made by the investment firm of Allen E. Ewing and Co., of Wilmington.

Ewing offered \$400,000 for 11,000 preferred shares and the common stock on June 5, \$35,000 for the common stock alone on Aug. 23 and \$55,000 for the common on Aug. 31, Halligan said. The second offer was made orally by G. B. Ruddick, of Montclair, N. J., who represented the Ewing company at today's hearing.

Halligan confirmed the stand by General Gas and Electric's counsel, Miss Clarice F. Brown, in refusing to submit an original cost study of Tide Water made "during the Hobson regime" and other statistical information which the company deems irrelevant, unless ordered by the commission.

George W. Sheldon appeared for Bell and Philip W. Bichanan as counsel for Tide Water.

## MANY NEW BOOKS ARE AT LIBRARY

Total circulation of all books for all branches of the Wilmington Public Library for January amounted to 14,328 books.

206 new members were registered at the library for the month. Adult circulation in Wilmington for the main branch of the library was 6,937 fiction books and 2,092 non-fiction books. Circulation of children's books amounted to 981 fiction books, and 219 non-fiction.

Bookmobile circulation amounted to the following figures: Airport, 176; Carolina Beach, 549; Coast Guard, 55; Greenville Sound, 86; Kure's Beach, 126; Raleigh Building, Maffitt Village, 54; Trailer Camp, 104; Vance Building, Maffitt Village, 383; Winter Park, 25; Wrightsboro School, 516; Wrightsville Beach, 322; Wrightsville Sound, 56. Total bookmobile circulation was 2,916.

Circulation at Lake Forest amounted to 1,243 books.

Among the new fiction books received at the library during the month of January are the following: The King Tree, Murder Solves a Problem, This Winged World, The Apple-green Cat, He married a Doctor, Hurricane Heart, Wild Duck Murders, Smoking Iron, Howards End, Liana, To What Dread End, Substitute Nurse, Hal-lelujah, Arrival and Departure, The Black Honeymoon, Killing the Goose, Golden Fleece, Saddle Hawks, Flint, Mavericks, The Ten Commandments, Work and Play, Sailor, Take Warning, The Crime of Laura Saxelle, and Winter Wheat.

New non-fiction books include the following: Dramatized Stories of Hymns and Hymn Writers, Tell It to the Padre, Russia and a Post-War Europe, Russia's Economic Front for War and Peace, Punch In, Susiel, Betrayal from the East, Science at War, Liberal Education, Piloting and Maneuvering of Ships, Field Book of the U. S., Electricity and its Application to Civilian Life, Diesel Aviation Engines.

Other non-fiction books are: Chicken Raising Made Easy, Horses, 750 Dishes from Overseas, Learning to Care for Children, The Big Store, Fun with a Pencil, Cartoon Cavalcade, Who's In Charge Here?, Figure Drawing, The Story of Painting, Pictorial History of the Movies, One Hundred Non-royalty Radio Plays, His-

## ROTARIANS SELL \$34,000 IN BONDS

Rotary club members, by individual solicitations have sold \$34,000 in "E" bonds, it was revealed at the weekly luncheon meeting of the club held Tuesday at the Friendly restaurant.

Rabbi M. M. Thurman has sold \$11,000 in his first attempts. It was reported.

Fred Seiter, of the Hanover Mutual exchange was accepted into Rotary membership, with Rotarian H. A. Marks charging him with his duties as a participant. Marks reviewed tenets of the Rotary code.

Louis Shrier, clothing store operator, spoke briefly on the background of the clothing industry. Plans for Ladies Night were discussed, and the Country club set as the location for the fund-raiser scheduled for next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Rotarians will bring their Rotary-Anns, who may appear in either formal or informal dress.

The birthday of Rotarian Fred Matthis, oldest member, was recognized. Visitors included J. R. Benson, A. L. Weidensaul of the USO, and Ted Kennedy of New Bern. Club members agreed to attend and bring their wives to the bond dance to be held Wednesday night in the Cape Fear armory.

## TELEGRAMS BY LIGHT WAVES

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