

**COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY**

The United States Coast Guard today moved briskly to its 173rd year by announcing the start of its first major fleet modernization program since World War II.

The program, which will take about a decade to complete, looks toward a completely streamlined Service by the early 1970's, Admiral Edwin J. Roland, Coast Guard Commandant said.

In commenting on the future plans of the Nation's fleet, continuous, sea-going military Service, Admiral Roland pointed out that within the next decade the Coast Guard plans to replace existing fleet units with newly designed ships of all classes. They will range from heavy and medium endurance cutters to buoy tenders and other smaller craft. The new ships will embody the latest naval engineering concepts, including a turbine power plants and air conditioned living quarters for the crew.

**Margaret McLarty As Eileen Fulton Is Good Bad Actress**



By Edith K. Benedict

Actually we here in Black Mountain have no claim to fame as far as Eileen Fulton is concerned although the young lady's parents do live here now. Too bad, her life is fascinating, her days are crammed to the fullest and her work sounds so glamorous that we felt it was time to tell you some interesting facts about the young lady.

First of all her real name she is doing her work in a convincing manner.

There are several points of interest here to bring to you. Margaret has a lovely soprano voice which only once has the serial writer used to advantage and this was some time ago when Lisa sang a lullaby to her son, Tommy. Another interesting thing is that people approach her in public with remonstrances on her treatment of her husband (TV). Bus passengers have even been known to change their seat to avoid contact with the home wrecker she pictures, as though she had leprosy or something contagious.

So far there is only one movie to her credit, "Girls of the Night".

"We were sorry she felt it necessary to change her name", her mother said, "Although we understand because it was confusing when she first started working in New York and she kept getting calls for work for a Mary McCarty, a comedienne. The "Eileen" came from nowhere in particular, the "Fulton" was lifted from her uncle Fulton Glenn of Asheville."

Mrs. McLarty has recently returned from a visit to her popular daughter whom she saw in the matinee performance of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" This is such an exhaustingly dramatic show there are two casts, one for matinee, another for evening. As Honey, a sweet-talking little housewife, she dances a little and is frightened by everything.

"You can't imagine how hard she works", her mother told me, "she leaves home before 7 in the morning and on afternoons before her TV show she practices for a week. Of course we are proud of her and long for the day to come when we can go to a musical in which she stars." Neither of us saw "The Fantasticks" and that is the woman she pictures,

Margaret loves children and the small child who played the part of Tommy recently loved his TV mother, too. "You could just see how they loved each other and it was so natural in one show that the child said to her "You are the nicest Mother", which wasn't even in the script. Tommy has been several people over the years because even a TV character must change with the years, but the little four-year-old she will remember for years to come.

We have heard that here and there over the town there are spots of good and bad reception for television sets. Of all places to have poor (and from some channels, no) reception the Methodist parsonage, whose occupants have an intense interest in the 1:30 show each day would have to be the place. To see their actress daughter they need to go to someone else's set!

There has been so very much crammed into these six years Margaret has been in New York I know there is some I have omitted. One summer there was summer stock in which she was cast in "Blue Denim" and most recent accomplishment is that of Anne Rutledge in "Abe

Lincoln in Illinois" with Hal Holbrook.

Another moment to remember for her was the visit from Noel Coward who came backstage following a performance of "Virginia Woolf".

She loves New York and is naturally the visits to their especially fond of Central Park, near which is her apartment which she works is something Her mother too finds to which she looks forward New York a thrilling place and with enthusiasm.

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