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MRS. WILLIAM FENDERSON

Woman of the Week Mrs. William Fenderson

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We don't like to blow our own horns, but every once in a while one of our staff members does something spectacular like introducing us to the woman of the week. When Bill Fenderson first introduced his lovely wife, Julia, he didn't and still doesn't know that she would be woman of the week. But Julia with her warm and friendly personality was just perfect for the choice, and we couldn't resist using her wonderful story.

Julia is best known for her accomplishments in teaching, having taught nine years at Culver School, all grades and been a vice principal. This year she is elementary teaching consultant for all elementary schools in Culver City and is, incidently, the first one which they have ever had here.

However, when asked her greatest contribution, she answers, her two sons, Martin and Tom. Tom is presently a medical student and will be in the first class to graduate from UCLA Medical School next June. He is married and has a son Tom II, who is four. Like most grandmothers, Julia adores taking care of little Tom.

Martin is a Naval officer and is presently stationed in Japan.

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to prepare extra special dishes and do a lot of baking.

But she has too much energy to be at home long and was happier than ever when school started in the fall.

Right now she is in the midst of a reading program being conducted in the schools, stressing phonetics. This includes workshops in this area. However, her duties are not limited and she assists teachers in any area in which they need help.

There couldn't be a more wonderful profession than teaching and there couldn't be anyone who loves it more than Julia.

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Close friends of Bill and Julia know of their unusual story which proves the adage about truth and fiction. Julia grew up in Louiston, Idaho and when attending junior high school, met a senior high school student by the name of Bill Fenderson. She looked up to him with awe for his senior high status. They dated a lot and when he graduated from high school she presented him with a Bible as a graduation gift.

Soon afterward her family moved away and slowly the correspondence with Bill Fenderson dropped off. It was in Los Angeles, twenty-five years later that they met again and soon afterward, they were married. The story was so unique that they were asked to have the marriage performed on the radio program "Bride and Groom", and for the ceremony Julia carried the Bible which she had given Bill for high school graduation. That was seven years ago.

They live in a pretty house on Bagley Avenue, when they are home, which isn't much because they're both pretty busy people.

Three R's

Stressing the three R's takes up Julia's days, for as elementary school teaching consultant she works with approximately 200 teachers, 55 of whom are new to Culver City this year. Orienting the new teachers and counselling others who need help and new ideas make up her daily schedule.

She says that one of the purposes in her work is correlating the elementary education with that of the secondary schools.

While at Culver School she helped organize the school government, having written her masters thesis on student government. She received her bachelor's degree from the New Mexico A. and M. and did graduate work at Northwestern. Previous to coming to California, she taught in schools in Highland Park, Ill. and also had charge of teacher training at State College in New Mexico.

Her favorite pastime is cooking, which she says is sort of an ordinary hobby, but if you enjoy it you go in for it in a big way. Other members of her family are constantly teasing her about her interest in wild birds and bird watching, but Julia is fascinated by them and goes right on reading and studying about them, nevertheless.

Philosophy

She is also very interested in philosophy and belongs to a philosophy club. Other groups of which she is a member include Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, and Eastern Star. She recently became a member of the Culver City Business and Professional Woman's Club.

This summer was the first summer that Julia had at home in many years, since she has previously been either attending school or teaching it during the summer. Being a housewife was fun for Julia especially around meal time, because there was plenty of time

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She is the kind of person parents and all interested citizens in the community are extremely happy to have teaching their children, and the results of her many years in the profession are most gratifying. Her sunny outlook goes to make up an important part of teaching ability also, but maybe part of the credit for that goes to Bill.