

Area Woman Competent, Busy In Many Ventures

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During the past few years, much has been written about Miss Betty Royon who, among other things, is Staff Assistant to the Chairman of the Board of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway and Vice President of Acadia Farms. It is as though she had suddenly been

"discovered" by the press, both local and abroad.

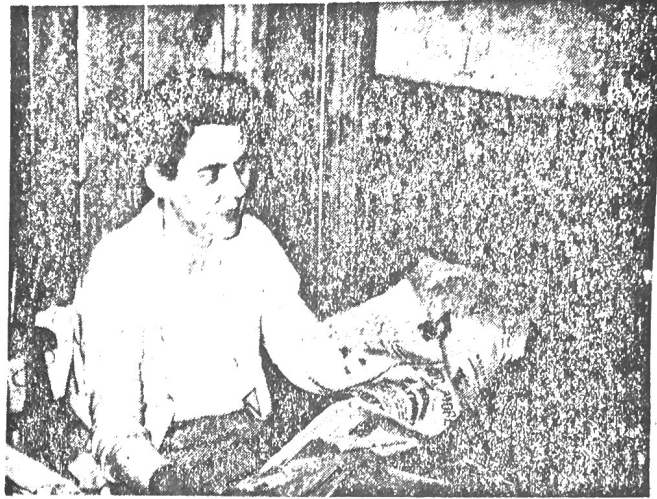
Most of these biographical sketches accurately state that Betty is also assistant secretary-treasurer of Portsmouth Steel Corporation, secretary-treasurer and a director of the Ohio Shorthorn Breeders Association and of the Ohio Shorthorn-Polled Shorthorn Correlating Committee.

The entire list of her interests and accomplishments represents almost superhuman effort on the part of any person and it is undoubtedly true that all that has been written about Betty Royon has merely skimmed the surface of her actual accomplishments.

However, most of the reports and sketches about Miss Royon are concerned with what she has done but not what kind of a person she is. One's first impression of Betty is that here is a good scout, dedicated to her job but not forcing her interests upon those around her, an excellent listener and a brilliant and witty conversationalist, socially adept in any company. And that first impression is an enduring one, broadening as one becomes more aware of her amazing capacities and variety of interests.

She is equally at home raking leaves on her beautifully landscaped Hudson property, being the charming and entertaining hostess, discussing biological and chemical warfare with the world's foremost scientists, or leading a bull around a show ring.

To say that she has taken the business and academic world by storm is an understatement. In addition to her other accomplishments, she is the only woman ever elected a director of the American Shorthorn Breeders Association in its 113 year history; is on the American Council of Railroad Women, a group of 80 executive officers of railroads throughout the United States and Canada, and was program chairman for their recent convention in Cleveland; the Director of the Pugwash Secretariat of Cyrus Eaton's famous Nova Scotia conferences; and is



An authority on world affairs, Betty Royon also takes an active interest in the local scene. Her favorite weekly newspaper helps her to catch up on Hudson activities after a trip to Canada.

an officer and director of several of Eaton's other companies.

A fluent reader of German, French, and Spanish as well as her native English, Betty generally has about half a dozen different books going at the same time, but she rarely reads a novel. "Life is too exciting to need artificial excitement," she says. She consistently reads six newspapers a day and a wide variety of magazines, including trade journals bearing directly upon her business interests.

The stack of mail she must go through each day would consume most of the allotted reading time of lesser mortals, even though it is opened and sorted by three or four of her assistants. Granted it is fascinating mail, however. This week she received a letter from the Rt. Hon. Philip Noel-Baker, British Nobel Peace Prize winner, who wished to share with her his happiness in the success of the Pugwash Conference. He has served as a sponsor and participant of several of the conferences.

Betty's extracurricular activities are as heterogeneous as her business life. She loves to cook and experiment with new dishes, and although her schedule does not require her preparing three meals a day, one can imagine her flawless efficiency at work in the kitchen and what limitless possibilities there would be.

She could more than adequately compete on an unrigged quiz show in such categories as music, photography, literature, finance, farming, mathematics, or nuclear science. She is interested in art and designed the furniture for her office. Lately her artistic endeavors have been concentrated on the well-being of her gardens.

Born and raised in the Cleveland area, Betty was graduated from Hathaway-Brown School and received her A.B. magna cum laude and M.A. from Smith College, majoring in nuclear physics. During her junior year she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and the following year to Sigma Xi, being one of the first Smith undergraduates elected to this honorary fraternity.

Equal to her interest in mathematics and science is her love of writing for which she has no small talent. As a senior at Smith she was editor of the college newspaper and later analyzed business and financial reports for a New York magazine.

In recent years she has been much in demand for speaking engagements at service clubs, college, agricultural, and railroad meetings. But of all these assignments, she prizes most the three appearances she made at the Hudson Elementary School last year discussing Austria and Scotland with the sixth grade classes.

Betty is deeply in love with Hudson, her home for the past year and a half. Her beautiful house at 290 North Main st. is her haven of rest and change from the city. It is also a second home for her niece and nephew, Beth and Bud Wilcox. They are the children of Betty's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Armour D. Wilcox of Western Reserve Estates.

Betty's daily early morning drive to her Terminal Tower office provides the opportunity for her to check up on things at Acadia Farms in Sagamore Hills. Of necessity she is almost constantly traveling — to Nova Scotia's Deep Cove Farms, of which she is vice president, over continental United States, to Europe, or to Scotland to buy cattle.

Her entire existence is wrapped up in her love of life and people. She is always aware of everything about her. But her observation is an active one in which she is constantly learning and putting to use her past experience.

Her remarkable enjoyment of life is her philosophy, for her rule is that one should enjoy what one is doing, not because it is fun or easy, but because it is what one wants to do. To see the practical application of this rule, one needs only the privilege of knowing Betty Royon.

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