

# Kansas Press Women

By Renna Hunter

Frances Williams, who wrote "My Friend, the Editor's Wife" in the adjoining columns, is a feature writer for the Marysville Advocate and has her own column, "Generally Speaking." "It was Eulalie Guise who suggested that I write a column for the Advocate. I had never written anything except the usual club papers and thought it would be a lot of fun. — So that is how I broke into print. It has been fun and there is something always new and interesting coming up."

We never suspected it, but when Renna Hunter, who was chairman of the Woman's Division in the Topeka Armed Forces Day celebration, climbed in the back seat of a convertible for a ride in the parade, she got stage fright at the idea of being back there all alone, and dived for the front seat with the driver! (Come to think about it, maybe we have the wrong slant. The driver was pretty handsome.)

## Leavenworth Times

Flood waters couldn't keep Mrs. Eva Marr away from the Times composing room, although she lives in Weston, on the east side of the rampaging Missouri. She had kept her suitcase packed for several days, then when the flood threatened to block the highway into Leavenworth, dashed in and stayed in a hotel until the flood went down.

## Spearville News

Mrs. Tom Owen has become news editor, it is announced by L. A. Vierthaler.

## MY FRIEND, THE EDITOR'S WIFE

By Mrs. Frank Williams

We have been friends a long time, the editor's wife, Eulalie Weber Guise and I. I have known her since she was a school girl with pigtails. We were neighbors. She grew up, a farmer's daughter on a farm just a couple of sections east of me, a farmer's wife. When she graduated from high school, she began to take extension courses in literature, community leadership and journalism, from the University and State College. During the years we have been mixed up in many things, good and bad. We worked together as 4-H Club leaders, in Farm Bureau projects, in community betterment. We collaborated on many a club program, in plays, pageants and what not. We even composed music to fit poems, or poems to fit certain music to get the effect we desired. No doubt Bill Shakespears and Jack P. Sousa shuddered in their graves. We were a TEAM; we got things done. For instance, that time we put across the County 4-H Club Achievement Day in spite of the opposition of the "powers that be." There's a lot of things.

Eulalie Guise wasn't born in the newspaper business, she married "IT." Her

sweetheart of school days, graduated from college with a major in journalism, got a job on one of the two county seat newspapers. She became a "town" girl when she married him. It wasn't long until she was right in the swim of things, church, lodge and club activities. She usually drew down the job as publicity chairman. She had a way of getting a nice spread for her particular club. Once she took over as society editor when the regular editor was hospitalized after a bad car accident.

Six years ago, her husband, Byron E. Guise and her father, Otto Weber formed a corporation and bought the Advocate-Democrat, which had been run by H. M. and Lynn R. Brodrick for 47 years. The name was changed and the paper became THE MARYSVILLE ADVOCATE. Since then, Eulalie has got herself into the newspaper business. She began to help out by writing locals, editing "corn stalks," reading proof and editing the society page. It has happened several times: When she had a society editor trained, began to relax and make plans to upholster the living room chairs or stitch up some new curtains for the guest room, the girl would get married, get pregnant, quit the job and Eulalie would be back in the saddle again.

At present she writes a column, "Ramblings" for the editorial page; she does proof reading; she has full charge of the social news; she takes pictures and does the feature story writing on golden weddings, club and home demonstration activities as well as some pioneer stories. She manages her home, looks after her ailing parents. Her day may include finding a place to live for the new advertising man, cajoling the linotype operator to get back on the job

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