

Governor's Wife Plans To Be "Busy Hostess;" Tells Of Her Hobbies, One Of Which Is Daily Shopping

The new First Lady of Maryland, Mrs. Harry W. Nice, promises to bring to the executive mansion "the traditional hospitality for which Maryland is noted" she says.

In an interview she remarked, "You may be quite sure there will be plenty of social life with us in the Governor's Mansion, we've always been fond of company. We like informal entertaining."

The wife of the new Governor doesn't expect to allow her new duties to deprive her of her hobbies. "I love my flowers. I love my car. I love my home, and my husband most of all. I'm not a club woman. I don't play golf and I'm not fond of bridge. Frequently when my husband is busy with meetings at night I take in the movies," the First Lady commented.

Will Do Own Shopping

Mrs. Nice has decided to continue her Baltimore practice of doing her own shopping. She will visit the local stores and particularly the waterfront seafood establishments daily. Her husband's election as Governor, has however, removed one duty from her daily routine. Mrs. Nice always drove her husband from their Mt. Washington home to his office in Baltimore.

While informal at homes are greatly enjoyed by the new official family, they plan a number of formal fetes and receptions. Preparing for this expanded program of entertaining Mrs. Nice has increased the staff of servants at the mansion.

Governor Ritchie's butler has been retained and the butler's wife has been added to the menage. From Baltimore Mrs. Nice has brought her cook Annie, who has been with her household for 17 years and Mary the housemaid with 7 years service under the new Governor's household. There is also a second butler and a second maid, hired locally. Former Governor Albert C. Ritchie advised them to hire the second butler.

Move Own Furniture Here

The gubernatorial household will consist of the Governor and Mrs. Nice, their 25-year-old son, Harry, Jr., and Buddy, a Boston Bull pup.

Furniture in the executive mansion has been augmented by several van loads from the Nice household in Baltimore. The Governor and the First Lady have their pet lounging chairs and also antique pieces which they are proud to possess.