

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Washington. The life of a college president's wife is by no means an easy one, but Mrs. Wilson Compton, the first lady of Washington State College, is well qualified for her new role.

Mrs. Compton is a graduate of Wooster College where she met her husband, as they were both students there together. Later she served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the college for ten years--the only woman member on a board of thirty.

For twenty-five years the Comptons lived in Washington D.C. and took an active part in all civic and educational groups. Mrs. Compton was vice-president of the Y.W.C.A. and chairman of its finance committee, chairman of the U.S.O. advisory committee for the District of Columbia, treasurer of the Washington branch of A.A.U.W., a trustee of the Community Chest, and was the first chairman of the Women's Division of Defense Savings in the District of Columbia.

The Comptons have four children; their two sons are now serving in the Navy. The oldest, Lt. Comdr. Wilson Compton, Jr., has been the Engineering Flight Officer on the new aircraft carrier F.D.R., and is now on terminal leave prior to accepting a position as Chemical Engineer with the Reichhold Chemical Company in Seattle. Their other son, Ross, was in Navy radar training at Corpus Christi and is now back at M.I.T. Catherine, the oldest daughter, is married to a young Army flyer, Lt. Sherret S. Chase and is now living in Ithaca, New York, where Lt. Chase is completing his doctorate in Botany, and Helen is a freshman this year at the Stanford University.

Mrs. Compton has already shown the vitality and ability which makes her an asset to committees, and her leadership is felt in all phases of community and college life. In the present housing emergency she has bought and rebuilt old houses in Pullman which were obviously poor financial risks, but she is receiving other dividends as she has the satisfaction of housing 57 people through her own efforts this fall.

*22 in her own house!*

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