

## Agnes Parker, 54, Dies; Educator and Lecturer

Mrs. Gabor de Besseney, 54, known professionally as Agnes McCall Parker, died of cancer yesterday in her home at 1870 Wyoming avenue N.W. She had been ill since last September.

Mrs. Parker, a noted Educator, lecturer and writer, founded the Parker School in 1933. More than 20,000 students—ranking Government officials and their wives, Government employes, foreign officials and their wives and business executives—studied personality development, speech, dress and grooming, cultural orientation and other subjects at the school. She directed the school until 1959 when she began giving personal consultations.

### Locations of School

Mrs. Parker began her school in the National Press Building and moved in 1934 to 1138 Eighteenth street N.W. where



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the school remained until 1953, when it was shifted to 2825 Phelps place N.W. The school was moved to 2400 Sixteenth street N.W. in 1958.

Mrs. Parker author of a nationally syndicated column on charm and for four years ran a radio program, "Is Life Worth Living?" over radio station WOL.

She was born in Glasgow, Scotland. Her father, George Tudhope, was a prominent land owner. She was privately educated.



She married Capt. Albert Horace Parker, a British Army officer, and the couple settled in Washington in 1926. Capt. Parker died in 1940. Mrs. Parker married Dr. Gabor de Besseney, a writer, political commentator and educator, in 1953.

She was active in the Daughters of the British Empire and the League of American Pen-women. She was a convert to the Roman Catholic faith.

#### Her Survivors

She leaves her husband, Dr. de Besseney, of the home address; a daughter, Mrs. Gwendoline Wayland of 3734 Jason street, Alexandria, and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Sixteenth street and Park road N.W. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

The family asks that expressions of sympathy be sent to the Agnes McCall Parker Memorial Fund, care of Lewis Carroll, trustee, 725 Fifteenth street N.W.

