

BESSENYEY

# Charm Instructress Agnes Parker Dies

Agnes McCall Parker, 54, who taught society manners to Congressmen, diplomats and Government clerks, died yesterday of cancer in her home at 1870 Wyoming ave. nw.

#### deBESSENYEY, BARONESS AGNES MCCALL

On Saturday, January 25, 1964, at her residence, 1870 Wyoming ave. nw., AGNES MCCALL deBESSENYEY, beloved wife of Dr. Gabor deBessenyei; mother of Mrs. Harris Lee Wayland of Alexandria, Va.; grandmother of Robert Bruce and Brenda Lee Wayland. Friends may call at the S. H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. nw., after 4 p.m. Sunday, January 26 (parking facilities). Prayers from the above funeral home on Tuesday, January 28, at 11 a.m. Requiem Mass from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, 16th st. and Park rd. nw., at 11:30 a.m. Interment Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Parker began her school of personality and speech in a small office in the National Press Building shortly after the death in 1940 of her husband, Capt. Albert Horace Parker. Students became so numerous she had to move, finally to 2400 16th st. nw.

It was estimated that more than 20,000 persons from many walks of life underwent "Parkerization" to make them more socially acceptable in Washington's world of rigid protocol. The school closed in 1959 but she continued to accept individual students until her recent illness. "An uncouth gesture, a gauche remark," she often said, "may wreck a Washington career at the start."

Mrs. Parker also wrote newspaper columns on charm for the Washington Herald and later for the Times-Herald. She conducted a radio program for several years.

In 1953 Mrs. Paarker married Baron Garbor de Bessenyei, former correspondent for the New York Times and professor of international relations at Fordham and DePaul Universities. He assisted his wife as a lecturer at the school.

Mrs. Parker was born in Glasgow, coming to Washington in 1926 with her husband.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Gwendoline Wayland, 3734 Jason ave., Alexandria.