

Senior City

A Profile Of Fontie

Fontie **ApMadoc**, A College Walk Resident

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"When my boys were growing up I continuously denied them their ardent desire to have a motorcycle," according to Fontie **ApMadoc**. "But when my son who is now forty-seven facetiously asked, when he visited me, if I would like to ride with him on his motorcycle, I

cated with the chambers of commerce in many areas, Brevard among them. For two years she searched. Eventually she travelled with friends to Asheville. The beautiful countryside, the majestic mountains and friendly atmosphere won her heart. A year and a half later, after selling her apartment building in Michigan, she moved to

"queue up" for everything. All this remains as vivid memories in her mind.

When her family returned to the United States in 1941, she attended and graduated from Miss Bennetts High School. Because her early years were spent in English schools, her knowledge of American history was nil. She had a difficult time catching up. Later she matriculated at Miss Simples Finishing School in New York City.

ApMadoc is a Welsh name meaning "son. of." William Ap-Madoc and Fontie married in 1949. Their two sons and one daughter have produced 10 grand children. There is also a son by her first marriage. William's grandfather brought the first group of Welsh chairs to America.

Her father contracted to produce 50-caliber machine guns. When America entered World War II, they took over this operation.

Fontie has always loved horses. At four years of age she had her first pony. Growing up she rode regularly to the hounds in England. She also showed horses all over the Midwest, thoroughbred hunters and jumpers.

Antiques were a hobby and became her business as she traveled through Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and New York to do antique shows. Fontie not only bought and sold antiques, she also refinished and polished them.

After seven years in the antique business she entered the political arena and became a council woman.

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quickly agreed, much to his great surprise. And ride I did and have done so on numerous occasions since. Recently we rode together to Boone, for a rally of Gold Wing bikers. Professional people, business executives and folks from many walks of life came together for an entertaining and sharing time. To me it was a lot of fun and an enjoyable time."

Fontie **ApMadoc** is a resident of College Walk retirement community. How she happened to come to Brevard and to College Walk is most interesting. When Fontie became single again, she realized her need to be in some kind of a retirement community. She communi-

College Walk in March, 1988. Her cluster home was redesigned to her liking.

Everything about College Walk is to her liking. The community and her neighbors are caring and considerate, according to Fontie. "It is a wonderful place to live.

"As for motorcycling, I'll go as often as I am invited as long as I am physically able. It is exciting and invigorating."

Fontie was born in Memphis, Tenn. Early in her life her father moved his family to England. All of the schools she attended in England were boarding schools. With no heat, rigid rules, sparsely furnished quarters and the students had to