

Politics, Violence, Sports Put Indiana Women In News

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INDIANAPOLIS (UPI)—Politics did more to put women in the news in Indiana in 1964 than any other area of activity, according to this column's annual nominations, although violence and sports played contributing roles.

As might be expected in any consideration of women whose names were most newsworthy in Indiana during the year, the campaigning for nomination and election to top public office dominated the consideration. Nominated for "top 10" women in the news in 1964 are:

1. Josephine Mardis Branigin, wife of Gov-elect Roger Branigin.

2. Lou Ristine, whose husband Richard lost to Branigin.

3. Frieda Lyda, former superintendent of the Indiana Girls School.

4. Martha Harke, wife of Sen. Vance Hartke.

5. Willene Bontrager, whose husband, Russell, was the GOP senatorial loser.

6. Helen Corey, former women's bureau head in the Indiana

Department of Labor and successful winner of the race for reporter of the Indiana Supreme and Appellate Courts.

7. Fay Carpenter Swain, the only woman to file in Indiana's presidential preference primary.

8. Ione Harrington, former Republican national committee-woman and national head of the Goldwater-for-President campaign.

9. Peggy Goldwater, whose role as a native Hoosier was emphasized, but failed to swing the state for her husband.

10. Kathy Ellis and Claudia Mayhew, two sports-minded teen-agers who won top honors in the news in 1964.

Mrs. Branigin remained quietly in her husband's background until this year when she hit the campaign trail on behalf of his gubernatorial campaign. She was the star of the "petticoat caravans" composed of wives of Democratic nominees who twice toured the state, sometimes attracting as much interest as the nominees themselves.

Mrs. Ristine, often campaigning alone, made hundreds of appearances in a futile effort to

help her husband gain his life-time goal of being Indiana governor.

Mrs. Lyda tried to update archaic practices in handling delinquent girls at the state's lone institution for teen-age law-breakers and ended by losing her job when a riot at the school focused attention on its many shortcomings.

Mrs. Hartke returned again to

Miss Corey popped in and out of news in her job as top woman in the labor department before she entered and won the court reportership.

Mrs. Swain, a former Hoosier now residing near Cincinnati, made headlines as she contributed to the controversy which developed over Indiana's presidential preference primary law. She and most of the other candidates are not regarded as bona fide presidential figures.

Mrs. Harrington feuded with the Democratic Department of Conservation with one hand and headed the Goldwater campaign nationally for women before finally stepping down as committeewoman in favor of Mrs. Cecil Harden.

Mrs. Goldwater became "Peggy" to thousands of Hoosiers who welcomed her return to her native state even though they didn't help her husband reach the White House.

Katy Ellis, at 17, claimed four medals for the United States in the Olympic swimming events at Tokyo, while another Indianapolis teen-ager, 15-year-old Claudia Mayhew, became the youngest to win the Indiana women's golf title.

HIGH STEP UP—Susan Mareaux demonstrates the height of the Land Rover, one of the exhibits at the imported car show in San Francisco. This is the seventh annual edition of the show.



a familiar role of six years ago when she shared equal billing with her husband as a campaigner, and she brought all the rest of the family along.

Mrs. Bontrager, who never before had been an active political campaigner, bravely undertook the role but the Bontragers were swamped by the President Johnson landslide.

The number of Adams county farms, as reported by the township assessors over the past three years, has shown considerable variation according to a report from Purdue university received this week by county officials.

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Purdue Report

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Township Comparisons

Blue Creek township showed 131 farms in 1962, 105 farms in 1963 and 110 farms in 1964.

French township showed 86 farms in 1962, 88 farms in 1963 and 79 farms in 1964.

Hartford township showed 88 farms in 1962, 82 farms in 1963 and 86 farms in 1964.

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