

IN THE REALM WHERE WOMAN REIGNS

Women Answer Mrs. Harding's Party Appeal

Three Discuss Plea From Standpoint of Women Voters' League.

EDITORS' NOTE—The following articles by Miss Alma Sickler, president of the League of Women Voters; Miss Gertrude McHugh, secretary of the Democratic State committee, and Mrs. Kathrina Fertig, secretary of the Indianapolis Women's Republican Club, are in answer to Mrs. Harding's appeal to the Women's National Republican Club for party loyalty, for which she has been criticized by members of the National League of Women Voters.

The theory of the League of Women Voters is the ideal voter should be, first of all, an American, and afterward a Republican or a Democrat. There are, even in practical politics, a great many times when the voter should consider primarily not what is good for the party of his choice, but what is good for the country which we all love. The League of Women Voters has no candidate for office, no machine which it needs or desires to put into power, or to keep there, no ax to grind or selfish political ambitions to further. Why should unselfish and disinterested participation in politics be regarded as a public menace, when selfish and self-seeking participation is not? The only banner under which the League of Women Voters is organized is the American flag. It is nonpartisan. Does Mr. Adams of the Republican national committee mean it when he speaks of "a pure banner of nonpartisanship"? We have not been taught to think in that way of the American flag.

ALMA SICKLER.

President League of Women Voters. The Democratic party always has been kindly to the League of Women Voters. The members of that organization will be pleased to investigate the records and find abundant evidence of the truth of this statement.

The Democratic party takes the position unless its principles and achievements are not of themselves sufficient to attract the women voters, then purely partisan appeals and attachments will prove only of temporary advantage.

There must be something wrong with a political party which attempts to discourage independent political thought. We need more of it. The day has come when women must inhabit their political home. All good conscience they should today be able to assign reasons for their political affiliations.

Suffrage is a new responsibility for the women of the United States and they should be encouraged in their independent clubs and societies and leagues where the underlying principles of the different political parties are discussed and compared. It is only with such organization that the women will get an adequate and unbiased understanding of all political parties.

You will find by final analysis opposition to such helpful organizations as the League of Women Voters is founded on selfishness and blind prejudice. We note that the most prominent women of the Republican party are still bitterly opposing the league. Such women are not thinking. They have not yet appreciated the significance of equal suffrage. Men voters have long been guilty of political lapses and have been voted without giving thought to the significance of the ballot. Such organizations as the League of Women Voters will prevent women from falling into the same bad habit.

GERTRUDE FANNING MUTHIG. Secretary Democratic State Committee.

The women of the Republican party do not like the League of Women Voters as is being attributed to them. Many of the most prominent women members of the party are most active in the league and are endeavoring to advance its interests as an educational factor in the life of the party, which is one of the league's claims for its existence.

It is true, however, many Republican women believe an adherence to party principles, and entering party ranks will tend more toward bringing about results desired by women than activity in any non-partisan body could possibly bring about.

It is within the party women must do their work if the good they hope to achieve by their vote is accomplished.

A constant effort should be made to learn and know the inner workings of the body to which they have pledged allegiance should be their first aim. An effort to receive recognition in party control through undivided interest in the party of their choice will bring them to the front as loyalists, not only to their party, but to the Nation which the party serves.

The fact Mrs. Harding appeals to the women of the Republican party to pledge adherence to party principles, and stay within the fold, does not carry with it that an attack is made upon the League of Women Voters, or its members. The league itself has advocated, from its inception, that women enter the party of their choice.

A prominent Republican woman advocated staying with the party and working from the inside. She recommends that the party be "standing still" within the party to stir it up. It is generally believed only through party which already is an organized force, can women hope to bring about the things for which American womanhood stands.

KATHRINA FERTIG. Secretary, Indianapolis Woman's Republican Club.

Notes of Interest to Women

Women students of Purdue University led the men students in scholarship, according to records compiled by the registrar's office for the second semester, just completed. Female students had an average grade of 82.77, while the male students' average was 81.07.

Miss EH F. Seibert, wife of the mayor of South Bend, is a noted artist and musician, having received training in both lines abroad. She is also a prominent club woman in her own city, and the proud mother of two young daughters.

The Central W. C. T. U. of Indianapolis is the largest unit in the State, having more than 350 members. Mrs. W. W. Reedy is the president.

Mr. Edward Franklin White, deputy Attorney General for Indiana, is preparing a digest of most recent decisions on violations of prohibition law for use of prosecutors. This digest will assist all prosecutors in obtaining convictions.

HONORS FOR INDIANAPOLIS GIRL



LOUISE CLOSSER HALE, HERSELF, AND AS THE AUDIENCE SEES HER.

The opening night of "Miss Luis Bett" living by herself at the Congress Hotel, the Mutual, which is under auspices of the Christamore Aid Association will be in the nature of welcome home party for Louise Closser Hale, who formerly lived in Indianapolis. She lived here until she started in on her dramatic career, which graduated from Shortridge High School and also attending the Indiana Classical School.

Mrs. Hale in "Miss Luis Bett" plays the part of a woman about thirty years older than herself and is so skillful an artist that the general public cannot realize that she is not almost "antique." One amusing incident is told in regard to her character acting. A kindly woman who had been the performance talking to John Torn of the company, said: "I think it is terrible. I hear that poor old Mrs. Hale (meaning Louise) is

Women Watch Hays' Entrance as 'Movie King'

Leader of Indiana Indorsers Sees Possibilities for Good.

By JULIA C. HENDERSON.

Women of Indiana who have carried on the fight for cleaner and better moving pictures are watching with interest Will Hays' entrance into the movie industry. Particular attention is being given to the effect Mr. Hays' connection with picture corporations will have upon the proponents of censorship.

A board of censorship was strongly ad-

vocated by the Indiana General As-

sembly but was finally defeated.

The charming actress, who is also an

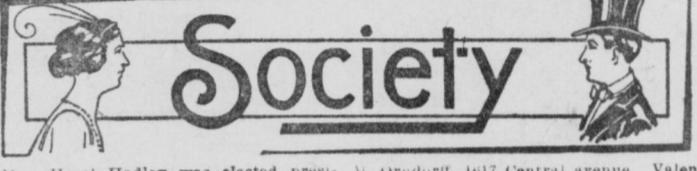
author, showed decided dramatic ability

when quite young; it is said that at the

age of 5 she convinced her parents by presenting the sleep-walking scene from "Macbeth." Mrs. Hale's mother is Mrs. Louise Closser Hale and sister, Mrs. Wood Lovett Wilson of Indianap-

olis. Any information regarding the

first night may be obtained by calling Mrs. Douglas Pierce, 220 East Fifteenth street.



Mrs. Hazel Hadley was elected president of the Elite Club at the meeting held yesterday at the home of Mrs. W. E. Williams, 1123 Linden street. Other officers chosen include Mrs. Nellie Manus, vice president; Mrs. Loretta Adams, treasurer; Mrs. Blanche Williams, secretary, and Mrs. Maude Merrill, publicity woman.

Alumnae of St. Agnes Academy will en-

tertain Tuesday afternoon with a card

party at the Department Club, the pro-

gram to go toward the hospital fund of

the organization. ***

The three hundred birthday anni-

versary of Moliere was celebrated by

members of La Cercle Francais, at the

meeting last evening held in the Wom-

an's Department Club house. Prof. Hen-

ry L. Borodin of the French department of

Indiana University, was the speaker of

the evening, talking on the life and

works of the famous French author. Pre-

ceding the address, Mr. George M. Lee

tried a group of French songs, accom-

panied by Miss Margaret Gilmore.

Mrs. W. A. Atkins was hostess for

the bridge party for the benefit of the

Finance Crittenton Home yesterday af-

ternoon at her home, 1200 North Meridian

street. Prizes were given for each of

the six categories. Mrs. Atkins was

assisted by Mrs. William Allen Moore

and Mrs. Carl B. Gibbs. Among the out-

of-town guests were Miss Amy Caron of

Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Marshal of Cincin-

nati, Ohio, and Mrs. Charles B. Hender-

son of Columbus, Ind. Feb. 22 has been

set as the date for the next card party.

Mrs. Warren T. McCay has announced

the following week as hostesses for the

receptions which will be given from 3 to

4:30 p.m. Friday afternoon at the Gov-

ernor's home, 101 East Twenty-Seventh

street, in honor of the Republican women

visiting in Indianapolis for the conven-

tion of the Indiana Republican Editorial

Association and also in honor of Mrs. Mrs. Calvin Coolidge's wife the Vice Presi-

dent of the United States. Mrs. J. J. Hancock, Mrs. G. L. Dickey, Mrs. Jessie P. Keeler, Mrs. Harry S. New wife of Senator New, and the wives of the offi-

cials of the association. Those who will

assist in the dining-room are: Miss Lu-

cia McCray, Mrs. U. S. Lesh, Mrs. F. E.

Perrin, Mrs. Walter Green, Mrs. E. F.

Schottemer and Mrs. Charles Davis.

Mrs. and Mrs. John Holmes of Shely-

ville, celebrated their golden wedding an-

niversary yesterday at the home of their

daughter, Mrs. Harry Bell, 2206 North

Dale street. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and

their children, Philip Holmes, Mrs. Ruth

McClintic, Mrs. Mary Louise, Mrs. John

Holmes, Mrs. Dorothy Darnody, Miss

Elizabeth Horner, Miss Charlotte

Leah, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Gasaway, Miss Anna May, Miss Anna, Miss

Elizabeth Holmes, Miss Mary Janet O'Reilly,

Patrons and Box Holders—Mrs. and

Mrs. Warren T. McCay, Mrs. and Mrs. A.

H. Adams and Mrs. H. L. Kettler.

Women Voters' League Names Committees

Organization Sponsors Appearance of Fay Bainter in 'East Is West.'

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