

Welfare of Youth Leads in Numerous Activities of Mrs. Sylvester Johnson

City Mother Concentrates on Important Phase of Social Relief; Understands Problems of Children.

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This is the fifth of a series telling the stories of Indianapolis women who have accomplished something in life by their own initiative and ambition.

MRS. SYLVESTER JOHNSON JR. has worked for the coming generation in her effort to accomplish something outside the confines of her home. Like Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, she approaches its problems with a desire to ease its spiritual and physical conflicts.

Since her first welfare work with her mother, Mrs. N. A. Gladding, Mrs. Johnson wisely has concentrated her efforts on this one phase of social relief. She has had energy enough to distribute her time to many organizations, but it is with one purpose that she works—to protect and relieve youth of the community.

When she had founded a home, with the encouragement of a sympathetic husband, she assumed responsibilities in various activities promoted for the welfare of youth. Mr. Johnson, whose varied business interests have culminated with the presidency of the Marietta Glass Manufacturing Co. and the Heinicke Chimney Co., looked on society as useful of the efforts of such women as his wife.

When the Indianapolis Junior League began its occupational therapy department ten years ago at Robert Long hospital, Mrs. Johnson was made the first chairman and worked indefatigably. She studied the methods of the professionals and became an adept and sympathetic worker with the children.

She remains a member of the advisory board for the league committee, which now works in its own therapy room at the James Whitcomb Riley hospital for children. Success of the project points to the driving impetus of her early leadership.

This year, when she worked with Mrs. Meredith Nicholson Jr. in the campaign for ratification of the repeal amendment, the future of her own three children and other mothers' children was uppermost in her mind.

Fights Prohibition Law

At a conference in the east, which she attended as state chairman of the Woman's Organization for National Prohibition Reform, a noted speaker proclaimed prohibition was ruining youth of the nation. This with her own convictions stirred her fervor in opposing the legislation, and she has worked tirelessly since in the interest of repeal.

During the recent campaign, she acted as vice-chairman of the Marion county committee for repeal and worked daily at her office in the headquarters.

"This was the first time any duty called for a full day's work," she explained. "My work has been more or less routine, coming at regular times during the day, and I have been able to plan my days so I could be home when the children arrived from school."

Work in Other States

Now that the W. O. N. P. R. has succeeded in gaining a favorable vote for repeal in Indiana, Mrs. Johnson, with other members, has been working with neighboring states for similar success. They are studying liquor control systems, for their ideal is one of temperance, which she thinks can be attained by education and not legislation.

Last winter when she assumed the chairmanship of the volunteer committee of the Council of Social Agencies, she was thinking of the betterment of environment for youth by the training and educating of volunteer workers. She realized the exigency of co-operation between volunteers and professional workers and agencies.

Next season again will find Mrs. Johnson leading the training course for volunteer welfare workers who donate their time to help mitigate society's illnesses. Their care will become more intelligent with the information and study offered by the committee.

Understands Child Problems

When Mrs. Johnson entered activities of the League of Women Voters recently, her understanding of children's problems immediately was recognized. Her first assignment was work on the child welfare committee.

While her activity in this organization just is beginning, her past experiences give assurance of an intelligent and understanding approach to the committee's problems.

Mrs. Johnson closely has watched progress of her children's education. "I feel that the education of each child presents a different problem," she said. "As a member of the board of directors of Orchard school, I have learned more about the variety of adjustments in children's education."

She entrusted them to the school and then followed closely their advancement. She was learning about her own children and preparing herself to understand better the charges of her work.

Watches Public Schools

Mrs. Johnson believes in the progressive attitude of creating interest for the child in his educational pursuits, of giving time to develop the individual initiative or talent. All three of her children have attended Orchard school, but she also is following progress of the public schools with her oldest son Sylvester, now a student in Shortridge high school, and her other son Nelson, in public school 66.

"It is interesting to note the increase of progressive ideas in the public school system," Mrs. Johnson remarked.

Mrs. Johnson's idea of directing the leisure time of her own and other children is a delight to the modern educators, who think the greatest problem is teaching children to use intelligently the increasing amount of leisure time to be theirs in the future.

Children Show Talent

She has seen talented children stunted by lack of expression. So she encourages her own to express their talents. Sylvester has shown a flair for drawing and Nelson and Mary have responded with gratifying interests in music. Mrs. Johnson's own forte. She always has a word of praise or time to assist.

Mr. Johnson's only regret in his wife's choice of interests is neglect of her music. After study at Miss Nixon's school in Florence, Italy, and also in New York, her interpretations showed marked skill.

"I'm always threatening to take lessons again, and then I become busy with some project," she commented. Support of the Indianapolis Symphony orchestra and the Civic Music Association is a civic obligation to Mrs. Johnson, who works annually in their campaigns for membership and patronage.

Creation of interest in music and art and a taste for good literature, she thinks, will guide her children to lives of good standards and values. Another of her duties as chairman of the exhibit committee of the Junior League arts and inter-

Active in Welfare Work



Mrs. Sylvester Johnson Jr.

ests committee gives her contact with the world of art.

Perhaps some of her physical energy can be attributed to her choice of relaxation. She's a seeded tennis player at Woodstock club, and she spends hours in her gardens. In the Indianapolis Garden Club she gathers new ideas to use in its care.

"You can make your life vivid and harmonious. It depends on your management of it. I believe, of course, that one's husband and children should come first, but outside interests make one richer in experience."

She continued, "with Mr. Johnson sympathetic with my activities, I've benefited from his advice and discussions with him. I've found my experiences another way of educating myself to meet the demands of my position as his wife and mother of his children."

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Manners and Morals

BY JANE JORDAN

What's talk things out in this column? What is the biggest problem with which you have to contend? It will be a relief to you to spill your trouble in a sympathetic ear, without revealing your identity. Write now!

Dear Jane Jordan—Here is a letter I want some man to answer. It is the story of how I became a frigid woman. I have been married fourteen years. My husband is very emotional and I am just medium. After three years of constant paving every time he came near me, I saw that I either had to lose my health or evade his attentions. Four kids came, but no matter how tired I was, he thought I should regard our married life as one big round of bliss.

The last two years I have changed. I never care for him or go near him, because it all leads to the same end. In fact, my emotions seem to be burned out from too much use. We really love each other, but slowly we are headed for the divorce courts. I am ruining his life; he is ruining mine.

Why can't a man realize he is killing the thing he loves by throwing a woman up against a passion that sooner or later dulled and withered. My husband probably will read this and still not see my point of view.

MRS. R. W.

Answer—I will be glad to have as many men answer this letter as possible. It is another one of those typical situations in marriage to which there is no solution. The erotic energy of man always is on tap. His part in procreation is charmingly simple, because it does not carry with it the heavy consequences of fecundity.

Love as recreation is the light of his life. If he escapes from the woes of business and wears some financial struggle. When such escape is not available at home, he takes what he can find in the highways and byways and does not fret overmuch about the quality of his adventures.

Women who have borne children are saddled with far heavier burdens. The fatigue and joylessness of the daily grind, not to mention the frequent addition of babies, reduce them to a state of semi-invalidism. Marriage takes on a hospital atmosphere, against which both partners revolt in despair.

Fewer children or more money is the only means of preventing marriages from becoming a martyrdom for women. The wife whose energies have been exhausted by housework and child-bearing can not be expected to greet her husband's return from work with unalloyed delight.

A vacation from your family, complete rest and relaxation, would solve this situation in short order.

BY W. E. MCKENNEY
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SYSTEMS are fine for the majority of hands in contract, but freak hands will upset every system. However, you should never get into much trouble if you are always on the lookout for a misfit hand.

I believe one of the most serious mistakes that the average beginner at contract makes is in trying to rescue his partner.

Always remember this—when your partner makes a bid, he assumes a certain responsibility. Don't throw a monkey wrench in by making a rescue bid—it may only get you into deeper waters.

One of the worst misfit hands played in the recent national tournament was the following, in which the following interesting bidding took place at one table.

South and West passed. North opened the contrasting third hand with a bid of one heart. East made a negative double. South bid one spade.

West bid one no trump to show stoppers in both hearts and spades.

North passed and East bid two clubs. South passed and West bid two hearts.

Here North made the mistake of doubling. While in the constructive one over one system of bidding you are allowed to make a weak third hand bid, you should be cautious about entering the bidding again.

YOU have done all that is required of you to keep the bidding open in third position. The very fact that the opponents have bid hearts should let you know that you will probably have a good score on the board because they have bid your suit.

However, the distribution may allow them to make the contract, and if you double, you are sure to receive a bad score.

When this hand was doubled, you can see that East and West can make three hearts on a laydown.

At another table, North and South kept over-bidding each other until finally South arrived at a three-spade contract, which was doubled. East and West, by good defense took eight tricks, setting the contract four tricks doubled. Of course, to arrive at a three-spade contract with a misfit of this type is very poor bidding.

Return to double boiler and cook until thickened. Remove from fire and add flavoring. Fold a small amount into egg white. Add to remaining tapioca mixture and blend. Chill. Serve in sherbet glasses. Garnish with whipped cream and a few berries or pieces of fruit. Serves eight.

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Three Priests Officiate at Ceremony Conducted in St. Anthony Church.

Three priests officiated in the wedding service at 9 this morning in St. Anthony's church of Miss Mary Elizabeth Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Yates, and Anthony N. Haag, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Haag. The Rt. Rev. Ignatius Eßer, O. S. B., abbot of St. Meinrad, performed the marriage ceremony, the Rev. John Thius, O. S. B., read nuptial mass, and the Rev. Titus Gehring of Cuba, N. M., assisted.

The bride walked with her father to the altar, decorated with palms and vases of lilies. Miss Gertrude Whelan, organist, played "At Dawn," "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms," "To a Wild Rose" and "Liebestraum." During the ceremony she played "I Love You Truly," and during the offering, "Ave Maria."

The bride's dress was of ivory coronet satin, cut princess style, with court train. Her tulle veil was embroidered with lace roses and fell from a lace cap, held in place by sprays of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of brides roses and lilies of the valley.

Wears Honeydew Crepe

Miss Mary Urbancic, maid of honor, wore a gown of honeydew crepe, designed in princess style, with a jacket. Her hat and shoes matched the dress, and she wore elbow length eggshell gloves. She carried a bouquet of Talisman roses.

Dorothy Yates, sister of the bride, was flower girl, wearing green embroidered organdy. She carried a basket of rosebuds and wore a sheer crepe with white accessories.

Breakfast at Inn

Covers for forty were laid at the wedding breakfast in Robinwood inn. Places cards were attached to silver bells, tied with tulle bows. Low bowls held garden flowers. A reception will be held at 8 tonight at the Yates home, 346 North Bellview place.

The couple will leave for a trip south and will return Oct. 1 to live at 1646 Union street. The bride's going-away dress is a brown triple chiffon with polka dot design.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Hockley of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. John Hockley of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. William Bogeman of Shelbyville. Mrs. Lizzie Lindner of St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Crocker of Frankton and Mr. and Mrs. Don Herron of Zanesville, O.

Bridge Party at Club

Women of Avalon Country Club will attend a luncheon bridge party at the club Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Oscar Haag is chairman, assisted by Mrs. E. C. Hervey, Mrs. A. S. Rowe and Mrs. C. E. Cox.

Scott County Girl Adjudged Champion 4-H Dressmaker

Miss Lucile Herrod, Scott county, today was the champion dressmaker of the Indiana 4-H Clubs, as result of winning the club style dress reserve held on the L. S. Ayres runway in the Women's building at the Indiana state fair.

Fifty-nine winners in county contests participated, thirty winners being selected by the judges. Meta Martin and Frieda Stoll, Purdue extension department home economics specialists.

She was chosen from a group of blue ribbon winners including

Misses Mildred Goff, Park County; Mary Ellen Ivy, Vermillion; Louise Franklin, Estella Buente, Vanderburgh; Jasper Genesee, Bessie Whiting, Verna Royce, Clara Mary Elizabeth Reahard, Waukegan; Dorothy Hillebrand, Orange.

Girls winning white ribbons were:

Ellen Power, Newton; Alice Schow, Clark; Vera Weaver, Marion; Louise Biggs, Decatur; Ruth Young, Fayette; Virginia Clinton, Dorothy Hennings, Allen; Gregory, Delaware; Teckla Behrman, Marion; Ruth Fox, Jackson; Ada

Mae Goss, White, and Hazel Mae Marshall, Rush.

Miss Yeager won the reserve championship. Both girls were in white cotton sports dresses for summer wear.

Red Ribbon winners were:

Misses Mildred Goff, Park County; Mary Ellen Ivy, Vermillion; Louise Franklin, Estella Bu