

Mrs. Graves Succeeds Senator Black



Laughing and looking younger than her 54 years, Mrs. Dixie Bibb Graves is shown with the Governor upon their arrival at Washington airport.

Dixie Woman May Get Chance To Demonstrate Her Ability

(Editorial, Page 16; Walter O'Keefe)

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Senator Dixie Bibb Graves of Alabama is only a stopgap appointee, but she may sit through enough of the 1938 session to show that she is both an ardent New Dealer and a woman with a mind of her own. Appointed to succeed Hugo L. Black, Mrs. Graves took oath today and was seated near Mrs. Hattie Caraway the other woman Senator.

The two terms of her husband and cousin as Governor of Alabama bear the marks of her handiwork as well as of Governor Bibb Graves.

"I was a New Dealer before they ever called it that," Senator Graves said today in her soft drawl. In support of that claim, friends cited her many years of effort to improve child health, to stamp out illiteracy, to aid boys and girls in Alabama reform schools.

Mrs. Graves, who is 55, has never been a stay-at-home. When her husband, then Col. Graves, was sent to the Mexican border just before the World War, she went with him. And she was with him during the World War until he was sent overseas; she had enrolled for service abroad as a Y. M. C. A. canteen operator, but was frustrated by a general order barring officers' wives from going overseas.

After the war Mrs. Graves became a leader in the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. She is a past state president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, a member of the D. A. R., a vice president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs and chairman of the illiteracy committee of the general Federation.

Aids Her Husband
With the aid of New Deal funds, she said today, great strides have been made in teaching illiterate adults to read and write.

In her husband's campaigns Mrs. Graves has been his chauffeur, and sometimes his understudy on the stump when he has been detained elsewhere.

She was a pioneer advocate of suffrage for women long before that idea was popular in the South. She was asked how she would vote on the Wage-Hour Bill, which was sponsored by her predecessor, now Justice Black, but which other Southerners have blockaded in the House.

"I have never read the bill," she said, "but I favor the principle. However, as a Senator I should never vote for such an important measure without reading it thoroughly and understanding it."

Calls Special Election
Governor Graves has called a special election for next April 26 to choose a new Senator. The Democratic State Committee will set a primary date not later than 60 days before the election. If any candidate carries the primary with a clear majority, Governor Graves said today that Mrs. Graves would resign and he would appoint the winner to the Senate at once, without waiting for the election formality.

If the top man in the primary has only a plurality, he must enter a runoff with the runner-up. If this happens, Governor Graves said, he will name the runoff winner to the Senate.

Governor Graves explained that his appointment of Mrs. Graves gives everyone an even chance for the Senatorship race, and permits

SPEAKERS' LIST IS ANNOUNCED

Senator Nye Scheduled for Address at Convention Here Oct. 21 and 22.

Nationally known speakers and entertainers are on the program for the annual convention of the Indiana State Teachers' Association in Indianapolis Oct. 21 and 22.

U. S. Senator Gerald Nye (R. N. D.), known for his committee work, especially in connection with public lands and munitions, is to speak Thursday night in Cadie Tabernacle.

His address is to follow those of the retiring association president, Hilda Maheling, Terre Haute, and the incoming president, Dr. Wendell W. Wright, Indiana University. Eileen J. Viney, Crawfordsville, is vice president, and Charles O. Williams, Indianapolis, executive secretary.

Radio Artist Booked
Vivian Della Chiesa, National Broadcasting Co. artist, is to give a musical program at 2 p. m. Friday in Cadie Tabernacle. Also Friday afternoon in the Mura Theater, Walter F. Dexter, California Superintendent of Public Instruction, a former Hoosier, is to speak. On the same program will be the Horace Mann pageant, to be presented by Technical High School pupils, directed by Chelsea Stewart.

Merle Thorpe, editor of the Nation's Business, and Dr. Will Durant, popular lecturer and savant, both are to speak Friday night at Cadie Tabernacle.

FATHER RACES STORK; HURT IN AUTO CRASH

By United Press

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Aug. 20.—Elbert Frank, 28, Corydon, was in a critical condition in St. Edward's Hospital today with injuries received in an automobile accident while he was racing to the bedside of his wife, an expectant mother.

He was admitted to the hospital with a fractured skull shortly after the baby was delivered in a caesarian operation. The accident occurred when Frank's car skidded and hit a tree at the junction of Indiana Highways 33 and 62. Physicians have given him only a slight chance to recover.

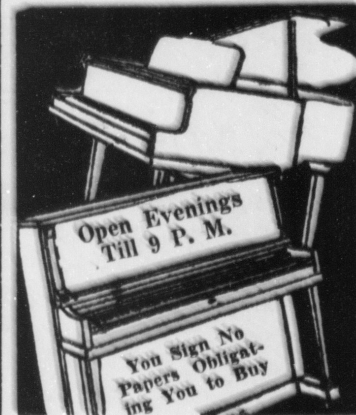
CONVALESCES IN JAIL AFTER AUTO ACCIDENT

Times Special

LOGANSPORT, Aug. 20.—Sherman Barrett, 19, of near Princeton, destitute and without a place to go,

was convalescing today in Cass County Jail following a compound fracture of his right arm sustained in an automobile accident near Keokuk Monday night. He was en route to Logansport with another employee of a carnival company located in Keokuk at the time of the accident.

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