

# Women

## Spokeswoman Winter

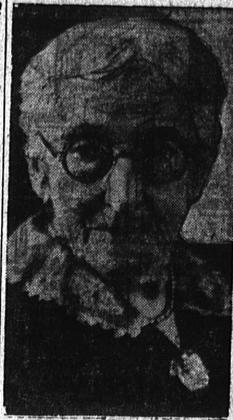
In front of the camera, behind 4, in publicity offices, in scenario rooms, technical departments, women—as individuals—actively participate in picture-making. Now organized women the world over are to have a voice in the film industry via their chosen mouthpiece: Clubwoman-Author Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, of Los Angeles, the unanimous choice of a committee of nine, representing 200 women religious and civic leaders.

Spokeswoman Winter's mission: To interpret to the makers of motion pictures the feeling and wishes of womanhood in regard to the medium's development to its highest usefulness.

Last week feminine representatives from 21 states and the District of Columbia met in New York to discuss ways of improving the standard of motion pictures; decided an official representative in Hollywood would be able to make her presence felt; delegated a committee of nine to select organized womanhood's voice in the film industry. The nine named Mrs. Thomas G. Winter; the conference approved his choice.

Soon after she was informed of her selection, Clubwoman Winter (recently loser in a debate on modern women with Author Adela Rogers St. John Hyland; see News Review, Sept. 23-29) accepted the appointment; deferred discussion of her duties. She will be associated with Col. Jason S. Joy, director of studio relations for the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America. Full facilities of President Will Hays' office will be at her disposal, announced the Hay organization last week.

Among Mrs. Winter's qualifications to represent organized American



LYDIA STEWART

Cameras clicked; she evaluated.

womanhood: the past presidency of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; vice-president of the League of American Penwomen; author of "The Business of Being a Clubwoman," "The Heritage of Women"; member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Association of University Women.

## Yesterday's Nickel

The girl of yesterday used to be escorted "around with a nickel tied up in one corner of her handkerchief"; the girl of today has enough money in her purse, or in her checking account, to give her a feeling of independence. To this financial difference, San Fernando's 82-year-old Mrs. Alvin S. Cormac last week attributed the passage of the "clinging vine," a

form of femininity now becoming extinct.

Residents of San Fernando for the past decade, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin S. Cormac last week celebrated their sixty-second wedding anniversary. Octogenarian Cormac is 85 years old.

Mrs. Cormac declared that she believed the prevalent ideas about marriage, women, the home, were all caused by feminine "accumulation of the cash" by personal effort.

## Waltzing Grandma

While motion picture cameras recorded her every movement for millions of theatregoers to view, "Grandma" Lydia Stewart, for 76 years a resident of California, last week observed her 100th birthday by waltzing with her son-in-law, Redlands' Park Superintendent W. T. Ferguson.

"Grandma" Stewart was born in Maine 100 years ago when California was an un-discovered, uncharted wilderness to U. S. citizens; when her present amusements—radio, motoring, playing bridge, going to the picture show—were undreamed of, when waltzing was an iniquitous pastime.

At the behest of her betrothed, August Stewart, 24-year-old Lydia came to California in 1853; went by steamer to Nicaragua, on a burro's back to the coast. In San Francisco they were married. Into the mountains of California the couple went, Mr. Stewart selling mining equipment. Mrs. Stewart winning acclaim as the first white woman mayor of the miners had seen in months.

Known throughout Southern California, where she has lived for many years as "Grandma" Stewart, the newly-begged centenarian lives in Redlands' Sylvan Park with her daughter and her son-in-law.

## Filmactress Aimee

Not content is Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson to address thousands who through her Angelus Temple, to extend her faith via evangelistic tours of expansion, radio broadcasting, Holy Land cruises. She would broadcast her religion, bring home her Christian messages in other ways.

Sermons via talking pictures represent Sister McPherson's latest departure in wholesale soul-saving. Last week she filed articles of incorporation in Sacramento with Secretary of State Jordan for the Angelus Temple, Inc., capitalized at \$200,000, with 2000 shares of stock at a par value of \$100 each. The titan-haired gospel leader's co-directors: Publicist-Attorney Cromwell Ormsby; Los Angeles' Al G. Faulkner.

Primary reason for incorporation: to enable Evangelist McPherson to take a sound and talking picture of her Holy Land cruises, planned for next spring; to be shown at American Angelus Temple branches. Filmactress McPherson also plans to record her sermons, through interpreters, in foreign countries—chiefly China and India. Cinematographers, who spend long hours cultivating their voices for the talkies, last week wondered: How will Mrs. McPherson's voice reproduce? Will her "C" be like the letter "C" or "J"? Will her faroff congregations audiences arise and depart if the synchronization is poor?

## Fifty-Four

Laws are made to be obeyed. It is not for law-observers to determine what laws they will obey; they should respect all laws, those they advocated, those they did not advocate. As citizens it was their privilege to choose the lawmakers; as citizens, it is their duty to observe all laws made.

Fifty-four of Southern California's most prominent women so decided a month ago, meeting informally at the home of Bel-Air's Mrs. William L. Honnold. Convinced that law observance is the cornerstone of enduring citizenship, these women evolved a platform "to develop and promote respect for law—for all law."

Not by formal organization do they mean to accomplish this end, but by ever-widening circles of personal contact, the original 54 forming the central nucleus. Progress of work will be reported, ways and means discussed, at monthly meetings.

"Women for Law Observance" is the group's standard. Last week they recapitulated the planks in their platform:

"A movement to develop and promote respect for law—for all law. National survival is dependent upon the supremacy of the law, no citizen is privileged to observe



SPOKESWOMAN WINTER  
Womanhood's voice in Cineland.

only the laws that may meet with this or her approval.

"A movement responding to the appeal of President Hoover for cooperation in combating crime and preventing a lowering of moral and social standards.

"A movement that invites all patriotic women . . . to present a solid front as American citizens in upholding the Constitution of our country.

Anent Prohibition: Much interest is evidenced by the fifty-four women in this particular law because of the prevalent non-observance. They will take no pledges to refuse to attend social functions where liquor may be served, but they will abstain at such affairs, setting an example which they hope will awaken in others a respect for law. Their stand: practice what you preach.

## Matrimonial

Pessimistic views on marriage, which declare that marriageable females greatly outnumber eligible males, that education lessens a woman's matrimonial chances, that the appeal of the old-fashioned girl is far greater than that of the modern miss, were shattered last week by Rosamond Rice, Los Angeles County marriage license bureau head.

Declared Miss Rice: "Every woman, no matter how old, ugly, poor or unpleasant, has a man somewhere who will be only too glad to marry her!"

Shows the reports of an insurance company which indicate that women over 25 have only a declining chance for marriage, while men over that age are just becoming interested in matrimony, Miss Rice disagreed decidedly. She declared charts on marriage are useless; remarked that while proposals might be fewer at a woman grows older, her chances of marriage are still excellent.

Said Miss Rice, regarding men: "Men marry because they are selfish—and they don't marry for the same reason. Each time it's how they think they will profit most by a wife. They have no limit to their marriage age—except death!"

## Athletic Jills

All work, no play, makes Jill a dull girl, even as it makes Jack a dull boy.

Southern California Y. W. C. A. health directors want Southern California Jills to be healthy and happy, supple and strong. To aid in bringing this about, last week a committee of directors arranged a feminine athletic program for this season. The personnel: Long Beach's Laura Chandler, Pasadena's Ruth Descomb, Los Angeles' Ella Stevers.

Their aim: to encourage all Southern California girls and women to play.

In November, Pasadena's Y. W. C. A. will entertain in San Diego, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Riverside, San Bernardino, Glendale associations with a volleyball day. Early in January, the Los Angeles group will reciprocate at basketball; in April the Long Beach organization will have the other members as their guests at swimming.

Emphasis this year is on the participation of all girls, rather than in the perfection of special teams.

# Aviation

## Solo Flight Record

When Herbert J. Fahy went injured to the hospital last fortnight he was the holder of the American solo flight record. When he leaves the hospital he will not be the holder of the world's solo flight record.

Last week, one Vern Speich, Santa Ana salesman for the Zenith Aircraft Corporation, took one of his company's biplanes, stored it with provisions and fuel, and took it aloft. From early morning he flew, watched the sun pass from the east over to the west and dip at last over the horizon. All night under the moon's light he flew up and down the wave washed coast between San Diego and Long Beach. Then he finally came to earth, only after he had broken Fahy's former American record for a solo flight by approximately one hour. Speich's time was 38 hours, 48 seconds.

The plane's Wright J-5 motor could have continued on the remaining fuel for at least another three hours, but Speich and the Zenith Company were satisfied with breaking the record by one hour. Reason: Speich was worn out and officials feared he would crash as did Cleveland's late record breaker, Jack Reid.

## Ontario Airplanes

Into the swelling ranks of airplane manufacturing centers, latest to take its place is the City of Ontario. Amidst a group of interested spectators, Ontario's first locally built plane left the ground last week and went through a grueling, successful test. When it had finished its many manoeuvres its builders, Andiz Aircraft, Inc., pronounced it "o.k."

Now under construction in the Ontario plant of the Andiz Company are three more planes. And waiting for completion of these are five orders from the Bolivian government, as well as orders from various places for 32 Ontario-made planes as soon as they can be built. Ultimate goal of the Ontario factory: the completion of one ship every week.

## Plane Service Station

Unique in itself and teeming with many unique sights, Southern California now has a unique gasoline service station. Last week near Van Nuys an enterprising young man opened the first known gas, oil, water and repair station for both automobiles and airplanes. One half of the station is located at the roadside, the other half skirts the Metropolitan airport.

Passing through from the motorists' side of the service station, observers find themselves on the airport grounds. Main feature of the opening: The visit of the Good-year blimp, "Volunteer," to deliver a shipment of aeroplane wheels to the automobile-aeroplane station.

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