

General Federation Of Clubs' Head Urges Women To Take More Interest In Politics

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Thirty years ago the 19th amendment to the Constitution was ratified. The women of the United States had won the right to vote. Do enough of them take advantage of this and actually go to the polls and vote? The president of the General Federation of Women's clubs, Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, thinks not. Writing in the current issue of the Federation's publication, "Clubwoman," Mrs. Buck urges women to take their political responsibilities more seriously.

One of the things that has disturbed students of political science in this country for a long time is the fact that almost half the people who could vote just don't bother to do it. Appeals to "get out and vote" are not new. Both political parties and labor's political organizations already have drives under way to get more people registered—and to get them to vote after they register.

But Mrs. Buck makes a special appeal for women. When they won the right to vote, Mrs. Buck said, most women regarded it as a right and a privilege, but she added: "Not many regarded it as a responsibility."

"We would like to think that the events of the past 30 years would have followed a better pattern if more women had taken their political rights seriously," Mrs. Buck wrote. "But we can say with assurance that unless they recognize the importance of their responsibilities as citizens during the years of the immediate future, they will deserve a major share of the blame for what goes wrong and little of the credit for any gains made." The Federation is strictly non-partisan, so Mrs. Buck doesn't suggest for whom you should vote. "Just vote," she says.

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and thus have some say as to whom the nominees are going to be, you get left in the final election, usually with a choice between just two candidates.

Mrs. Buck puts in a plug for the federation. She says that in addition to voting, a good citizen keeps himself aware of current issues. "It is here," she writes, "that voluntary organizations, such as our clubs, can make a vitally important contribution by affording an opportunity for study, discussion and action."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says stores selling pre-packaged meat increased from 400 to 1,200 in 1949.



BOZO THE CLOWN entertained Roseburg children on the streets and at the schools Monday, in addition to appearing on the air over Radio Station KRNR. The upper picture was taken at St. Joseph's school, where Bozo not only performed, but also passed out candy and other favors. The lower picture was snapped on the street as two interested boys expressed their delight talking to the famous character. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)



Administration Backs Scuttling Of Byrd Group

WASHINGTON. — (AP)—Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) has pitched the administration's weight behind a move to scuttle the Byrd committee on non-essential government expenditures.

Lucas told reporters he supports a bill offered in the Senate by Senator Humphrey (D-Minn.) which would abolish the nine-year-old senate-house group headed by Senator Byrd (D-Va.), outspoken critic of President Truman's "fair deal" program.

"I think the Byrd committee is duplicating the work of the Senate expenditures committee and ought to be abolished under the congressional reorganization act," Lucas said.

Byrd was the only Democrat who continued to hold a committee chairmanship when the Republicans controlled the 80th Congress. He has strong GOP, as well as southern Democratic, support for the committee's work.

Employer's Book Set By IR Bureau

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The Internal Revenue bureau is preparing to send America's 3 million employers a booklet on withholding income, old-age insurance and unemployment taxes from workers' salaries.

The handbook was compiled "for the convenience of employers," officials said, stressing that it puts no new duties or taxes upon any employer but simply furnishes information on existing ones. Subjects cover such things as: what are taxable wages; payments subject to social security but not income-tax withholding, or vice versa; computing payroll taxes, etc. Tables are included showing proper amounts to be withheld at various wage levels.

Mailings are expected to start some time in March, about the time that employers are to be furnished the new forms consolidating income tax and social security tax withholding returns due for filing April 30.

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First U. S. Archivist Dies

DURHAM, N.C.—(AP)—R. D. W. Connor, first archivist of the United States, died Saturday of a brain hemorrhage. He was 71.

He was appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1934 to the newly-created post of archivist. He held the position until 1941 when he returned to the University of North Carolina.

Connor's extensive writings included several histories of North Carolina.



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