

Anne Wheaton Ready to Work At 'Man's Job'

Pressmen, Hagerty Say New Secretary to Do All Right

By FRANCES LEWINE
WASHINGTON (AP) — When Mrs. Anne Wheaton moves into a small White House office May 1, a lot of people will be watching to see how she'll do a man's job as the President's associate press secretary.

Mrs. Wheaton, the first woman to get such a post, will have to work with a predominantly male press corps.

For the past 30 years her major concern has been with women's organizations, mostly as director of women's publicity for the Republican National Committee. But she's been dealing with the press for many years and is thoroughly experienced in public relations.

All in Favor

The word from newspapermen and women in Washington is practically unanimous in favor of "Annie," who will be the No. 2 press liaison with the President and the White House. Intelligent, capable, respected, trustworthy, even-tempered is what they had to say about her.

Press Secretary James Hagerty, who will be Mrs. Wheaton's new boss, says, "She's a pro."

Mrs. Wheaton has plenty of know-how in politics. She's been to every GOP National Convention since 1940. She says she's watched women "build a niche for themselves" in politics to a point where they are a power sought by politicians.

Succeeds Snyder

She succeeds Murray Snyder, now in a top Defense Department press post.

If she does the job of her predecessor, she will be handling picture arrangements for the President and top visiting personalities at the White House, press releases, details on presidential trips. It will probably be the routine, rather than policy-level operations.

But, when Jim Hagerty is away, Mrs. Wheaton will be in charge of press queries. At times, she may be called on to handle a news conference where what she says or does could have international import.

Veteran in Politics

Mrs. Wheaton has been in politics practically since she was born. She is the oldest of nine children of the late John Williams, who was an assemblyman from Utica, N.Y., and a labor commissioner under five New York governors. She started out as a newspaperwoman and became one of the first women political correspondents at the New York state capital in Albany.

She has been personal press representative for the wives of presidential candidates Wendell Willkie and Thomas Dewey. During the 1952 campaign she took on a similar job with Mrs. Eisenhower. There was talk then that she would be brought into the White House to continue that role for the First Lady. Instead, she now moves onto the President's team.

Social Work Group Elects Salem People

PORTLAND (AP) — The 40th annual state Conference of Social Work has been told that "saving lives without assuring those saved to live a decent life is certainly no social action."

Keynote speaker Heinz J. Granits, assistant professor of the University of Oregon sociology department, also said that a smaller proportion of workers will be supporting a larger number of children and old folks in the coming years.

He said that by 1975, the number of school children will increase 6 per cent, and those over 65 will increase 9.4 per cent. But the group between 25 and 65 will decrease 10.5 per cent.

Among those elected to the group's board of directors were: William Lewther of the Marion County Public Welfare Commission; Anthony Cariello of Salem; and Jewell Goddard of the Eugene Juvenile Court.

Named to the 1958 nominating committee were Marjorie McBride of the Salem Hillcrest School; Joyce Bransford of the Lane County Public Welfare Commission; and Hilda Bent of the Umatilla Welfare Commission.

Cases of Measles Soar 1st Quarter

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon had an unusual large outbreak of measles in the first quarter of 1957. The state Board of Health said Thursday some 3,567 cases were reported, compared with only 487 in the same period of 1956. The average for the same three months from 1950-56 was 905.

Polio continued to show a decline, with only 11 cases reported and 7 of them paralytic. In the same period last year there were 17 cases, with 11 paralytic.

The board also reported a downward trend in the number of cases of infectious hepatitis.

Janis Seeks Divorce

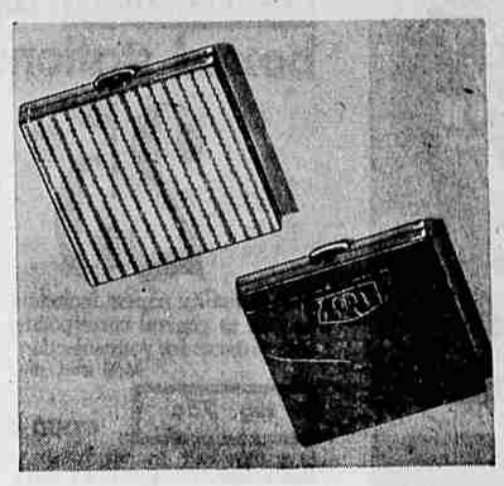
SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Actress Janis Paige, 34, has filed suit for divorce from television producer Arthur Stander. They were married Jan. 18, 1956.

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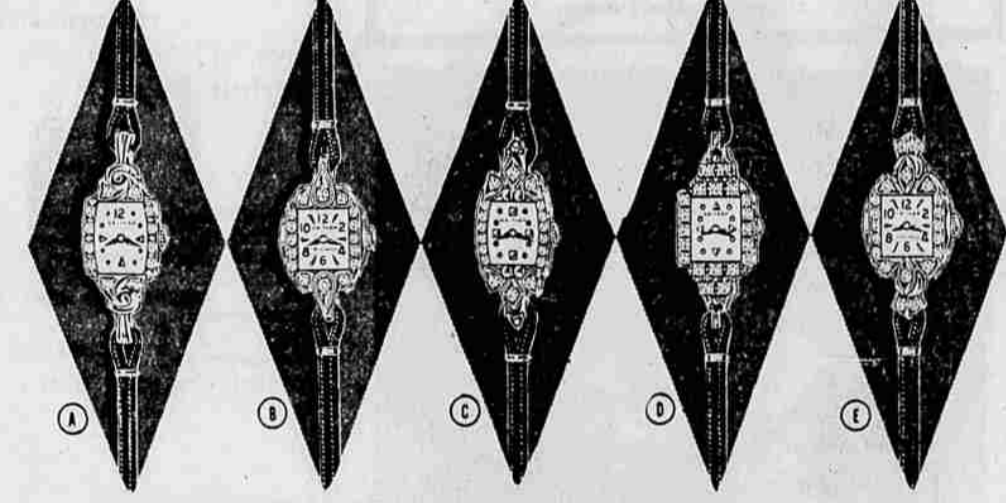
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