

# Roll Call Of State Action

## CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Amy C. Ransome, State Chairman and Treasurer of the World Woman's Party, will go to Washington in May to attend the convention of the World Woman's Party.

Mrs. Gertrude George has been appointed Chairman of the Equal Rights Committee of the Business Women's Legislative Council.

**CORRECTION.** In the December issue of EQUAL RIGHTS, Mrs. May Schaefer was referred to as President of the Business Women's Legislative Council of California. Mrs. Lila B. Clark is now the president. Mrs. Schaefer is the immediate past president and is also the Chairman of the Department of Public Relations of the American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs.

### Bay Region

A meeting in honor of Susan B. Anthony was held at the El Cortez Hotel on February 14th. Professor Bertha H. Monroe of the Sociology Department of the State College was the guest speaker.

### Los Angeles

An exhibition of material on Susan B. Anthony was arranged by Mrs. Una Winter and displayed at the Public Library during the week of February 15th.

### Palo Alto

Susan B. Anthony's birthday was celebrated by a dinner on February 12th, with Sara Bard Field as the speaker. Her subject was "Susan B. Anthony, Champion of Democracy." It was Mrs. Field who carried the suffrage petition of 500,000 signatures from San Francisco to Washington in 1915 and presented it to President Wilson. Her husband, Colonel Charles Erskine Scott Wood, who also campaigned for woman suffrage, was present at the dinner and made a short speech. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*"WHEREAS the seventh point of the nine 'freedoms' proposed by the National Resources Planning Board . . . endorses the 'right of equality before the law', . . . and*

*WHEREAS the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution is the vehicle by which full equality with men before the law can be secured to women;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Palo Alto Branch of the National Woman's Party urges immediate and favorable action on the proposed Amendment by the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, in which it is now resting, so that the measure may come promptly before the entire Congress for consideration."*

### Pasadena

Elizabeth Freeman, member of the Pasadena Branch of the National Woman's Party, died at her home on February 27th. Her death recalls the long struggle for votes for women in which she took a prominent part. Her work started in England under the leadership of Emmeline Pankhurst. She came to New York when the suffrage movement was at its height in that State and worked unflinching in the Women's Political Union with Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch and Mrs. Frederick R. Hazard. Soap-box speaker, banner bearer, colorful organizer, always the hardest work fell to her lot and was conquered by her enthusiasm.

After the vote was won in New York, she threw her strength, her devotion and skill into the national fight, first with the Congressional Union and later with the National Woman's Party. She was one of the group that trekked from New York to Washington demanding the vote. Her contribution to the cause of women never faltered.

After the suffrage was won, Miss Freeman recognized that women still labored under heavy discriminations which could be removed only by giving them a constitutional status equal to that of men. She therefore remained with the N. W. P. as an ardent worker for the Equal Rights Amendment up to the time of her death.

## COLORADO

The N. W. P. has lost a most devoted member and brilliant worker in Mrs. Bertha Fowler, former chairman of the Colorado branch. Mrs. Fowler's unflinching support meant everything in the campaign for the suffrage amendment. It would be impossible to overstate the importance of her work. We have lost a truly great member.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BRANCH AND THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

At a recent meeting of the Executive Council of the District of Columbia Branch, Miss Mathilde Bahar was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Lucy Cooper Shaw, who has been called away from Washington.

February 16th. The Birthday of Susan B. Anthony was celebrated in the Crypt of the Capitol. Maryland, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia Branches joined with forty odd other organizations in honoring the day. The U. S. Marine Band Orchestra, under the leadership of Captain Wm. F. Santelmann, Wm. I. Pfeiffer conducting, played with great distinction. Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley presided and Mrs. Ernest Humphrey Daniel led the assembled guests in the wreath-laying ceremony. The speeches of Senator Kilgore of West Virginia, Congressman Baldwin of the 17th Congressional District of New York and Mrs. Emma Guffey Miller, Democratic National Committee Woman of Pennsylvania, and the original poem by Muna Lee are given on pages 20 and 21.

February 19th. Miss Gertrude Crocker entertained members of the Executive Council in Washington at dinner at the Little Tea House to honor Miss Paul.

March 7th. A tea in honor of Mrs. Catherine Dobbs and Mrs. Ethel Ernest Murrell was held at Headquarters. In the receiving line with Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley were Mrs. Charles McNary, Mrs. Guy M. Gillette, Mrs. James H. Hughes, Mrs. Alexander Wiley, Miss Muna Lee and Miss Gertrude Crocker.

## FLORIDA

March 16th. Meeting of the South Florida Branch at the home of the State Chairman, Mrs. Murrell. At a previous meeting Pearl Buck's book, "Of Men and Women," had been reviewed and many men joined the nation-wide group of "Men Advocates of Equal Rights for Men and Women." At the April meeting, the Lucretia Mott Amendment will be debated. Mrs. Alberto Santos has been appointed Chairman of Commemoration Days and Mrs. Margaret Brown, Chairman of Publicity.

## MARYLAND

Goucher. Mrs. Dorothy Shipley Granger spoke at the Susan B. Anthony meeting of the students and faculty.

Business and Professional Women's Council of the N. W. P.,

### Baltimore

Mrs. Dora Ogle, Business Manager of EQUAL RIGHTS, led a discussion on "How to Get a Bill Through Congress" at a meeting held on March 10th, at the Woman's City Club.

## MASSACHUSETTS

At a dinner in Boston on February 16th, Miss Earle spoke on the subject, "We Look at Ourselves," and the following resolution was adopted:

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That we, the Massachusetts Branch of the National Woman's Party, assembled in Boston, Massachusetts, this 16th day of February, 1942, in honor of the anniversary of SUSAN B. ANTHONY, great crusader for equal rights between men and women, do express to the Chairman and Members of THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE our earnest plea that they favorably report the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in order that the status of women citizens of this Democracy shall no longer be subject to debate and interpretation, but by due action of Congress and the several states shall be clarified and recognized for all time to come as equal under the law with the status of all other citizens of this Democracy.

## MINNESOTA

Susan B. Anthony Day is the law of this state, and High School Libraries displayed material dealing with her life throughout the week of February 15th.

## OHIO

Mrs. Catherine R. Dobbs of Barberton, National Chairman of Young Adults, has been working at headquarters for the past two weeks.

### Dayton

The relatives of Susan B. Anthony celebrated her Birthday on February 15th. They included E. E. Brownell, first cousin, Miss Carrie J. Brownell and John R. Brownell, first cousins once removed. The Acting Chairman of New York, Mrs. Edna S. Capewell, is also of this family.