

Susan C. Yeomans, at 94, Pleads True Statesmanship

NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (AP)—Mrs. Susan Cleveland Yeomans, only surviving sister of Grover Cleveland, today likened the "petty criticism" of President Roosevelt to attacks made on her brother when he was in the White House.

Mrs. Yeomans, in a statement issued on the eve of her 94th birthday, pleaded for "the cooperation and harmony of true statesmanship instead of political wrangling" to safeguard national recovery.

"Fair and constructive criticism is always helpful, but I resent the unfair, unjust and petty criticism of President Roosevelt," she said, "even as fifty years ago I resented the abuse often heaped upon my brother.

"The praise which he (Cleveland) now receives would have been so helpful and so encouraging when he was

trying so hard to see clearly, to plan wisely and act fearlessly."

Mrs. Yeomans said President Roosevelt had her whole-hearted support because he was quick to recognize his mistakes and swift to correct them. She predicted "even greater achievements in the stabilization of conditions and the increasing of prosperity during the next three years."

Mrs. Yeomans, born Sept. 2, 1843 at Fayetteville, N. Y., will be given a birthday party tomorrow at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Rodger, in Brooklyn. Her oldest son, Lucien I. Yeomans of Chicago, and her oldest daughter, Mrs. Nellie Y. Hamilton of Boston, will attend.

Her other son is Dr. Theron G. Yeomans, formerly head of the St. Joseph, Mich., sanitarium and now affiliated with a clinic in Flint, Mich.

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At 88, Sister Of Cleveland Follows Politics

Mrs. Yeomans, Living in Flatbush, Uses Radio to Keep Her Informed

Living quietly in Flatbush today, a keen but retiring student of public affairs is Mrs. Susan Cleveland Yeomans, sister of the late President Grover Cleveland.

Mrs. Yeomans has been a resident of Brooklyn for the past 25 years, coming here after the death of her husband, Lucien T. Yeomans, in Long Beach, Cal., in 1906.

In former years she was an interested participant in church and charity work and in the activities of the W. C. T. U. Today, however, at the age of 88, she remains at home, enjoying visits from innumerable friends and keeping in touch with the world about her through the radio and newspapers.

Her home is always filled with flowers and messages from her children and grandchildren, and every possible occasion is seized upon for a celebration or fresh attentions. The postmen and messenger boys have become so well acquainted through frequent calls that they, too, add their congratulations. Thus the kindness which always emanated from Mrs. Yeomans returns now and surrounds her with affectionate devotion.

Has Own Movie Machine

An entertainment which she greatly enjoys is amateur movies. She has her own screen and projector, and members of her family and friends keep her well supplied with reels from their movie cameras. She often spends an evening traveling via camera with her children and grandchildren, or watching their activities.

The daughter of a Presbyterian minister, she has always been closely affiliated with her father's church. She retains her membership in the old church at Holland Patent, N. Y., where her father was preaching at the time of his death.

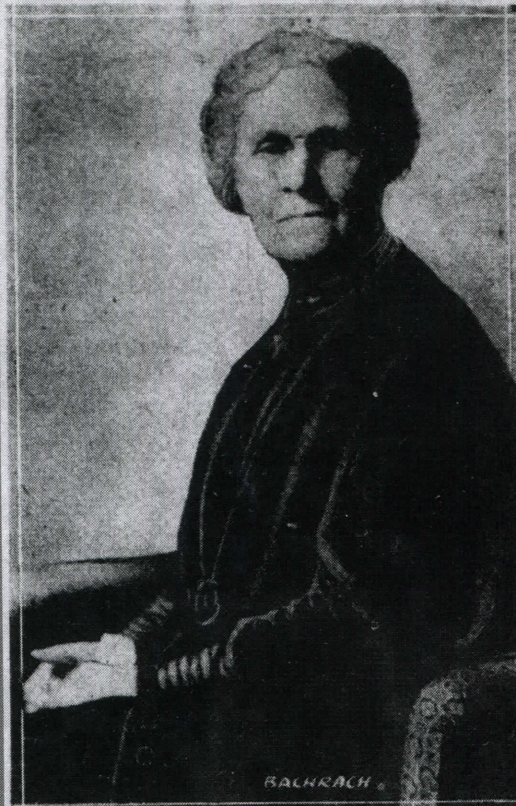
In earlier years she attended the Flatbush Presbyterian Church here, but for the past 9 years she has been a member of Dr. A. E. Keigwin's radio congregation. She was greatly disappointed in August when his radio sermons were discontinued, and correspondingly pleased when it was recently announced that they would be broadcast again.

Was Temperance Worker

As a young matron, Mrs. Yeomans was an ardent temperance worker, campaigning shoulder to shoulder with Frances Willard and Susan B. Anthony. In Walworth, N. Y., where she lived after her marriage, she was especially active inculcating temperance ideals among the children.

She organized two temperance clubs, the Band of Hope and the Honor Bright Club, for them, and these were carried on for many years. Today, members of the clubs, many of whom are prominent in business and the professions in all sections of the country, write her often, praising the ideals she presented to them in those early days. Mrs. Yeomans derives a great deal of pleasure from their letters.

WATCHING PARADE OF PUBLIC EVENTS



Mrs. Susan Cleveland Yeomans, sister of Grover Cleveland, at her radio by means of which she keeps in touch with public affairs.

Against Woman Suffrage

Although she worked ardently with Miss Willard and Susan B. Anthony for temperance, Mrs. Yeomans refused to co-operate with them in their fight for suffrage. Like her brother, she was an anti-suffragist, and she still insists that women do not need the vote.

She has cast but one vote in all her life. That was for John W. Davis in the Presidential election of 1924. She considered the vote a protest against the political corruption of the preceding four years.

She is keenly interested, however, in public affairs, and rarely misses a radio program on politics, international affairs, forums on public questions, debates or sermons.

Mrs. Yeomans has two sons and three daughters, all living. They are Lucien I. Yeomans of Chicago, Dr. Theron G. Yeomans of St. Joseph, Mich.; Mrs. Nellie Y. Hamilton of Evanston, Ill.; Dr. Anna Y. Reed of the Department of Education of New York University, and Mrs. Charles H. Rodger of Brooklyn. An older sister, Mrs. Louise Cleveland Bacon of Toledo, Ohio, is the only other survivor of the nine brothers and sisters among whom Grover Cleveland grew up.