

# Mrs. Goodman Named First Lady of El Paso by Beta Sigma Phi

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W.F. GOODMAN Mrs. I.B.

## Luncheon To Honor Recipient

Mrs. I. B. Goodman has been chosen as First Lady of El Paso for 1965 by the El Paso Ysleta City Council of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Mrs. Goodman is the 20th recipient of the honor which is given annually to an El Paso woman for her civic leadership and community service.

Announcement of the selection of Mrs. Goodman for this year's honor was made today by Mrs. Robert L. Behrens, council president.

Mrs. Goodman will be honored at the annual First Lady Luncheon at noon on Jan. 16 at the El Paso Country Club.

MRS. GOODMAN has been chosen for her long and faithful service to the El Paso community. She came to El Paso in 1921 as the bride of I. B. Goodman. She had resided in Indianapolis where she attended schools before entering Syracuse University, from which she was graduated with a degree in Library Science. Before her marriage she

served as Children's librarian in the Los Angeles Cantuena Branch Library and also did library cataloging in the Indianapolis Public Library. After moving to El Paso she gave volunteer service in the early days of the El Paso Public Library, while serving on pre-school study groups for the American Assn. of University Women.

One of Mrs. Goodman's most outstanding accomplishments has been transcribing books into Braille for the blind students of El Paso. She was one of the original transcribers of Braille in El Paso and among the early few in the United States to transcribe text books and fiction into Braille.

Through the project carried on by the El Paso Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, Mrs. Goodman has been doing Braille transcribing for over a period of 33 years. In it she has found an ideal avocation for her leisure and attributes her fascination for the work to a life-long love for books. Her interest in Braille was intensified with her work on the Committee for Sight Conservation in the National Council of Jewish Women in 1931. As an outgrowth from the

work of that committee, a joint meeting of interested parties met with the Secretary of the State Commission for the Blind, resulting in the establishment of the El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind, one of the first such organizations in the state. Mrs. Goodman now serves as a member of the board of the El Paso County Assn. for the Blind.

FOR MANY years, Mrs. Goodman has transcribed books from foreign languages into Braille for blind college students at Texas Western College and has continued transcribing text books from foreign languages upon request of students. Her transcriptions include German, French and Spanish for which she held certificates from the Library of Congress and the Jewish Braille Institute of America.

For her work with Braille she received special recognition as one of the 12 outstanding Texas women in an article appearing in Holiday Magazine. Her name was also among El Pasoans listed in "American Women," published in 1940. She served on the National Board of Temple Sisterhoods Committee of Jewish Literature for the Blind during the years



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from 1937 to 1942. She became a certified Brailist, the only one of a class of eight to complete the course and receive a certificate from the American Red Cross and the Library of Congress, personally signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

WHILE BRAILLE work is Mrs. Goodman's major service activity, it is only one of many in which she is distinguished. As a board member of the El Paso County Library Assn. for the Blind, she is in the process of writing a history of the El Paso Lighthouse for the Blind. She has prepared a paper, "Virgils Aeneid, for the alumni reading course of Syracuse University and has written papers on the history of the Jewish religion for study groups of American Assn. of University Women and has received honorable mention for writings on nutrition courses for the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Goodman is a life member and past president of Hadassah, past president of the American Assn. of University Women as well as parliamentarian and chairman of the committee on legislation of the Texas State Division for that group. She is a member of

Friends of Texas Libraries and former chairman of District II. She has served as president of the El Paso Section of National Council of Jewish Women, the Sisterhood of Temple Mt. Sinai and as vice president of Southwest Region of National Council of Jewish Women. She is a former president and vice president of Dudley School P-T-A, a past-president of the McCall Day Nursery Assn. and was elected Mother of the Year, three consecutive years by the children of the nursery.

Mrs. Goodman served on the Governing Board of Directors of the El Paso Chapter of the American Red Cross and served as vice president of the El Paso Woman's Club. She was chairman of the Tuesday Morning Book Club and of the Department of Literature and Current Events. She also served as editor of the Woman's Club Bulletin.

SHE IS a charter member of the El Paso Historical Society and holds life membership in the R. E. Thomason General Hospital Auxiliary, Hadassah and the Women's Auxiliary of Brandeis University.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman live at 905 Baltimore avenue. They have three children, Mrs. Bar-

bara Etinger, wife of Gershon Etinger and Mrs. Dorothy Marshall, wife of Richard T. Marshall, both of El Paso and Haskell M. Goodman, an attorney in San Jose, California. They have six grandchildren, Sarah and John Goodman of California, Abigail and D. Brooks Marshall and Harold W. Etinger, students at Mestia School and Dorlee Etinger, a student at Colorado High School. Mr. Goodman is a charter member and member of the Board of Directors of the Southwest National Bank.

Other First Ladies of past years, many of whom will be special guests at the luncheon are Misses C. M. Harvey, Alice W. Barry, Louis W. Breck George C. Matkin, G. Ralph Meyer, Victor C. Moore, J. J. Kaster, W. S. Schuessler, George Turner, Hollis Rabb J. L. Brownlow, Frank J. Herbanar, Maurice Schwartz, Neil S. Gardner, Haskell Hatfield, H. A. Markham, Naomi Jameson, Lillian Sharpley and the late Mrs. Clyde Simpson. Entertainment for the luncheon will be furnished by MeField and his Barbershop Quartette. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Behrens or Mrs. Jean Gappae, chairman for the luncheon.