## MRS. BLEDSOE IS 'PUT ON STAND'

Writer Gives "Once Over" to Wife of Candidate

Says She'd Make a Good "City's First Lady" -

Gracious, Accomplished and Domestic, Withal

### BY ALMA WHITAKER

I hope Mrs. Benjamin Bledsoe is to be our city's "first lady." She is such an entirely agreeable, sane, well-balanced person. There are so many occasions when the wife of our Mayor has to represent us. And when that lady, is shy, re-

And when that lady is shy, retiring, a trifle fearful and unsure—or when she is flamboyant and doesn't care a whoop for anyone, (we have had both kinds) it can be so disconcerting.

But Mrs. Benjamin Bledsoe is that precious golden mean as well-bred women are apt to be.

Besides, I ask you, wasn't she cut out to be a representative Angeleno? Her maiden name was Katharine Shepler, born in Kansas, raised in lowa, and college trained at Stanford University, California?

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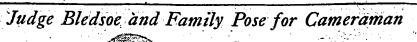
trained at Stanford University, California?
And she was reared with all the care bestowed upon possible sovereigns-to-be. Just as Queen Mary was raised in case she should become a royal consort. Oh, not simptuously, regally—that isn't the way it's done at all. She was carefully trained in all the feminine virtues, mainly, chiefly to be a good quiet little girl, who kept very clean, was never rough, but sat on a horsehair sofa and loocked at stereopticon views whenever company was present. When I investigated, this was the chief memory of a various childhood. That, and reading fairy stories!
She was well educated and Stanford also brought her romance. It was there she met Benjamin Bledsoe, later to marry him on Christmas Day twenty-five years ago.
But not before she had majored in Latin! Majored in Latin!

HAIR NOT BOBBED HAIR NOT BOBBED

Mrs. Bledsoe's hair is not bobbed.
Neither is brunette daughter. Barbara—a charming girl of 22, whose marriage to Glenn Eugene Pollard has been postponed from June to september, that father's election campaign shall not be embarrassed. (Yes. daughter met her flance at Stanford University, too.)

But we bobbed ones need have an concern on that point. Mrs. Bledsoe says that neither she nor Barbara would look well bobbed, but little daughter Frances, age 14, is bobbed, so there is no prejudice sgainst us!

Mrs. Bledsoe belongs to the Fri-





Three Women Who Want Candicate to Win

## SCOUTS' ARMY **NUMBERS 5000**

City Has Third Greatest Boys' Organization

Troops Total 153, With 705 Leaders in Charge

More Masters is Chief Need, Says De Groot

Los Angeles now has the great-st organization of, boys ever known in the West, the Boy Scouts f the city having gone "over the top" with a 5000 membership. The city is now listed as third in the United States in numerical Scout strength, and with the large num-

strength, and with the large number of boys undergoing preliminar, training will shortly crowd Chicago for second honors.

With the issuing of a charter to a troop of Catholic Scouts late in the week, the enrollment soared to 5002 boys, with 705 adult troop leaders, who direct their energies and direct their leisure time training. Several weeks ago lists at heaquarters showed that the 5000 mark had been reached but by a weeding out of all dead timber, including the cancellation of the charter of one troop, the number was set back until the investiture of the latest troop.

Official figures show there are now 153 troops of Boy Scouts in Los Angeles. There are 3821 boys in the tenderfoot class, 576 in second-class ranks and 605 first-class Scouts. Of the first-class Scouts.

HOW THEY'RE CLASSIFIED Organizations or institutions to which the local troops are ached show: Protestant churches. 102; public schools, 21; Catholic churches, 8; American Legion, 8; community centers, 6; Jewish churches, 4; city playgrounds, 3; readquarters, 1.

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"There have been boy movements in the West that have reached apparently great numerical strength, but it has been found they were carrying old registration rolls on their records, regardless whether the boys had dropped out or had died." said Scout Executive E. B. De Groot of the Los Angeles District Council yesterday "We have been careful to see that no boy is kept on the live registration list unless he is an active Scout and fulfilling all the obligations of his Scout oath and the Scout law. This means that we have 5000 boys on the job every Scout law. This means that we have 5000 boys on the job every

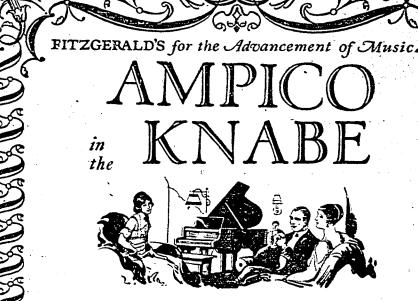
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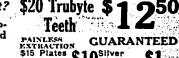
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