

Dorothy Stuck, MARKED TREE TRIBUNE editor
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Carol Dawson: Dorothy, when did you join?

Dorothy Stuck: I believe I joined in 1950. My memory tells me that the Arkansas Press Women grew out of discussions Roberta Fulbright had when we had a summer Arkansas Press Association meeting...[at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville].

At the time, I was not on the staff of the paper [*Marked Tree Tribune*]. Howard and his sister thought that all I was capable of doing was rolling a ____?). But they did take me with them to the convention. And so I was privileged to be there.

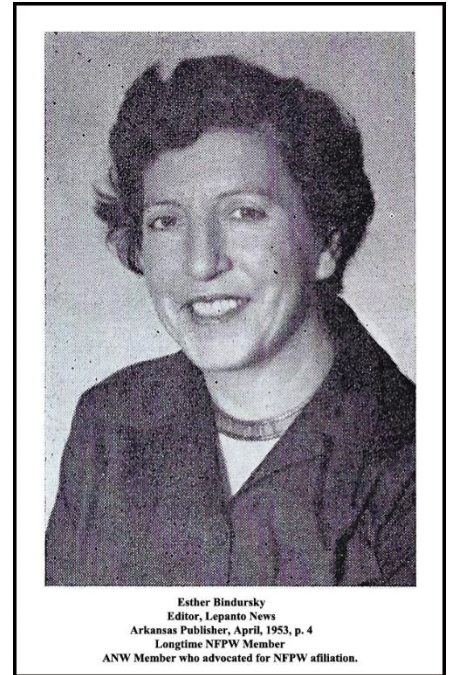


And then the next year (in the summer of 1950) my husband was treated for polio. I went down to take care of the paper while he was gone and was still there when we sold it, in 1970.



Carol Dawson: Your favorite memory?

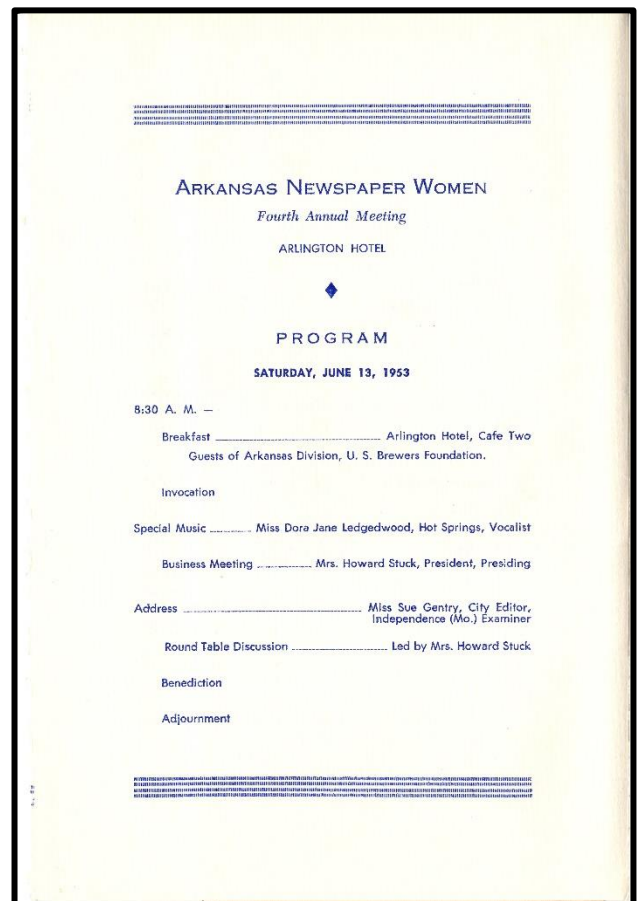
Dorothy Stuck: My favorite memory – I couldn't say **one** memory. You've heard of Esther Bindursky....Esther was the editor of one of the papers Howard and I owned, and she was one of the first presidents of Arkansas Press Women. She had been active in NFPW before we had a chapter of Arkansas Press Women. We couldn't go to the national conventions at the same time, because one of us had to run the other's paper when that person was gone, particularly, for two or three weeks at a time. [NFPW] meant **so much to Esther**, that I deferred to her. I was active in another national organization and was the editor of its magazine, and so we traded off. So, I cannot share the memories of NFPW, **but I lived them through Esther!** She came home from these meetings and **wrote for weeks in her column about it.** She took copious notes and pictures that were marvelous (?).



She preceded me as President. It was one of her fondest dreams that we affiliate with NFPW. But she wasn't able to pull this off when she was President. So she was constantly on my back. She said "you know how I write those letters [to NFPW]....." so I carried on the correspondence. There was not uniform agreement that we should join. I am not at all sure that it wasn't that Mary Lou believed that there would be additional dues to be paid, at that time. And probably people didn't see the benefits of the national organization.

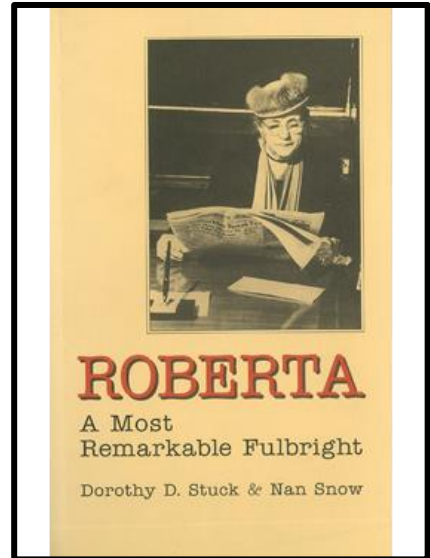


So I would guess my happiest day as President was when Sue Gentry, who was from Independence, Missouri, and had been very active in NFPW [where Esther had met her] -- when she came to Hot Springs at the 1953 summer [APW] meeting, the year that I was President... and she was able to sell the organization. And Esther was so happy about that achievement and that accomplishment. I was pretty happy myself! That definitely was one of my fondest memories. Seeing Esther's dream being fulfilled, and being part of it.....



I do remember...[another memory]... I didn't feel very confident being a President of a state-wide organization at that time. When I was elected, I had to be prevailed upon – I guess I was the only one willing to do it that year, and I was worried all the way driving back to Marked Tree about whether I could [handle it]. And, on the way home, [I] heard on the car radio that Robert Fulbright had died.

And I thought, “Oh my goodness, one of my first official duties was going to be how this organization would [note her passing] and also convey to her family our sincere sympathy.



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Mrs. Roberta Fulbright

Mrs. Roberta Waugh Fulbright, publisher of the Northwest Arkansas Times and mother of Sen. J. William Fulbright, died in her home in Fayetteville, Sunday, January 11, 1953, following a prolonged heart illness. She was 78.

A native of Rothville, Mo., Mrs. Fulbright was publisher of the Times and headed other business interests until the past few years.

She was a school teacher, wife and mother of six children before entering the business field. Mrs. Fulbright and her late husband, Jay, came to Fayetteville in 1906 and seven years later Fulbright included an interest in the Fayetteville Daily Democrat, now the Times, in his expanding business activities.

She acquired full ownership of the Times in 1926, and wrote a column, "As I See It", which was credited indirectly for moving Sen. Fulbright from education to the political field.

Mrs. Fulbright attended the University of Missouri, was a member of the Christian Church Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and many social and garden clubs.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Jan. 14, in Fayetteville at the 1st Christian Church. Burial was in the Evergreen cemetery.

But as a result of that, her son Bill and I became friends, a friendship that endures to this day. So APW played a pivotal role in my life. I have **many fond** memories, though that's one of my favorites.



#33: Dorothy Stuck with Senator J. William Fulbright; Marked Tree, Arkansas, 1967
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