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Our Political Door Ajar

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NOW THAT women cast 52 per cent of the votes in this country, we need a political “in.” Iowa women are lucky to find the political door ajar. The many Iowa women in politics today have partially opened this door with hopes that we will follow. We can, too, by joining the political organizations closest to us, the Story County Young Democrat and Republican Clubs.

But what about starting these clubs on campus? Mrs. Darwin Morrison, president of the Story County Young Republicans, and Don Carr, delegate to the Democratic National Convention, point out that steps have been taken to form campus political organizations. They say that the quickest way we can make these steps materialize is to show interest by attending

And They’re Keeping It Open

Two Iowa women have been considered for posts in the administration of Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower, that the only woman in the Iowa House of Representatives is co-sponsor of the current bill for oleomargarine, and that a native of Iowa may receive a high award in Denmark?

Before Eisenhower’s inauguration, it was hinted that Mrs. Hiram Cole Houghton, Red Oak, might be named ambassador to the Netherlands. Mrs. Houghton, the former president of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, was the Iowa elector-at-large who carried the message to Congress that Iowa’s 10 electoral votes would be cast for Eisenhower. In January, she was given the first annual “American Heritage Award” by the National Association of Home Builders. The award cites Mrs. Houghton “for her outstanding contributions toward preserving the American way of life.”

Mrs. Raymond Sayre, Ackworth, has been slated for a high post unknown as yet. Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper said that Mrs. Sayre received strong support from Iowa for such an appointment. President of the Associated County Women of the World and its more than 5,000,000 members, Mrs. Sayre, whose home is a 600-acre farm, has been an active leader among rural women for more than 30 years. At the first of the year, she was also reappointed a member of the United States National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The Young Democrat Club, which was organized two years ago, has no definite meeting time, but monthly meetings are announced in the newspapers. The Young Republicans meet the second Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m.

If we take part in these study and service programs sponsored by the Young Democrat and Republican Clubs, we will receive an introduction into politics. As we work in these club groups, we are certain to meet or learn about some of the following Iowa women.

Mrs. Eugenie Anderson resigned as ambassador to Denmark in January after three years service. At this time it was said that Mrs. Anderson, the first woman ambassador in United States history, might also be the first woman in Danish history to be made a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of Dannebrog—Denmark’s second highest decoration. The Denmark foreign ministry recommended to King Frederik IX that he award Mrs. Anderson the decoration in recognition of her services as American envoy in Denmark.

Mrs. Gladys Nelson, Newton, the only woman in the Iowa House of Representatives, is busy during this session of the legislature co-sponsoring a bill to legalize the sale of colored oleomargarine in the state. As co-sponsor of the bill, Mrs. Nelson is chairman of the committee handling it and gave the opening speech when the bill was introduced in the house.

To date she “enjoys” being the only woman in the house and says that the men treat her as an equal. She doesn’t hesitate to add that “they may make mincemeat out of me before the oleo bill is finished.” Mrs. Nelson, who began her political career as a member

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shops bearing A or B “sanitation cards.” But even these are no assurance that the food is safe as they only mark the shops that are above average and have made some effort to sanitation.

These problems, as well as the fact that all delicacies are almost impossible to obtain, make balanced meal preparation especially difficult even — more so if children are in the family.

The whole situation is one which you may have to face some day and which holds little hope in a land so many years behind the super-market-wise shopper of the U.S. who is used to loading up good, wholesome — and above all — safe food in a clean grocery store.

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of the League of Women Voters and a county Republican committee woman, has twice defeated the same man for her legislative seat.

All of these women are keeping the door ajar for us, the “first voters.” They know that the time will come for us to take over and assure us that we will be in demand.