

# Fellowship Won By Sara Munson Deats

Announcement has been made of the election of Mrs. Sara Munson Deats as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow for 1966-67, by the national fellowship foundation in Princeton, N. J. Mrs. Deats, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Munson of Houston, is married to insurance executive Gordon Deats. They reside in Los Angeles, Calif.

The foundation award is among 1,408 similar grants for "new potential teachers for the nation's colleges and universities." One third of the group are women, and over 80 per cent are majors in the humanities and social sciences. Youngest winner is 16, the oldest 50 years of age.

Mrs. Deats, who will be recalled here as Sara Munson, listed her undergraduate college as U.C.L.A. and plans to attend Stanford University, where she will major in English literature. Her former education included training at Sadler Wells Academy in England, and she taught dancing in this area in the school launched by her sister, Ruth.

The new Fellow was elevated to Phi Beta Kappa in January of this year.

"While the majority (of the new Fellows) are college seniors in their early 20's, a number of men and women elected this year are 'second career' people--previously successful in business and other enterprises," Sir Hugh Taylor, president of the Foundation, observed. "I do not know whether this marks a trend toward college teaching on the part of mature people, or if 1966 is just an unusual year."

Harvard's president, Dr. Nathan Pusey, underlined the nation's need for college teachers. "College enrollments are expected to grow about 1.5 million in each five-year period," he said.

"If all those identified through the Woodrow Wilson and other private and federal program continue through graduate school to the PhD,

and then enter teaching, we can meet the nation's estimated need for 30,000 new college teachers a year," Dr. Pusey said. He also serves as vice chairman of the board of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

Woodrow Wilson Fellows get one academic year of graduate education--with tuition and fees paid by the Foundation--a living stipend of \$2,000 and allowances for their dependent children. The graduate school they choose to attend receives an additional grant from the Foundation. Using funds provided by the Ford Foundation, the fellowship foundation will spend \$5.7 million in 1966-67 to encourage and support potential college teachers.

The new Fellows come from 380 different colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. College professors across the continent nominated over 11,000 students last fall. Panels of college teachers and administrators in the Foundation's 15 regions screened the applicants and called one third of them to interviews in January. Nearly one-half of those interviewed won their Fellowships following the recent week-long deliberations of the university presidents, graduate deans and professors who comprise the Foundation's National Selection Committee.