The Australian Women's Register

Entry type: Person
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Barnes, Ivy Vera

(1896 - 1944)

Born	18961127, Frewville South Australia
Died	19440602, Broken Hill New South Wales Australia
Occupation	Political party organiser, Welfare worker

Summary

Ivy Barnes was a foundation member of the women's branch of the Australian Labor Party in Broken Hill, New South Wales. She was the wife of Edwin John Barnes, who was Mayor of Broken Hill from 1934 to 1937.

Details

Ivy Barnes was one of eight children of William Henry Sandy and Edith Alice Sandy (nee Payne). She married Edwin John Barnes on 21 December 1914 in Kadina, South Australia, and moved with him to Broken Hill in 1923. They had five children: Jean, May, Edna, George and Albert.

Edwin was elected Mayor of Broken Hill in 1934, and Ivy became involved in raising funds for the sick and needy of the town. She took over the Clothing Fund from former Mayoress Catherine Cleeland, distributing parcels of clothing from a depot at the Protestant Hall in Beryl Street. She was also a foundation member of the women's branch of the Australian Labor Party in Broken Hill, and served as vice-president.

Ivy Barnes suffered a stroke at the age of 47, rendering her unconscious for several days before she passed away. The Town Hall flag was flown at half mast. Edwin was remarried to Ivy's sister, Dorothy Alice Sandy. He passed away in 1964.

Published resources

Book
Some Outstanding Women of Broken Hill and District, Camilleri, Jenny, 2002

Site Exhibition
Unbroken Spirit: Women in Broken Hill, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2009,
http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/bh/bh-home.html

Resource
Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

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