



Winnifred Case 1968

Winnifred Joan Case 1918- 2008

Teacher, City & County Councillor, JP, Alderman

Joan was a teacher when she was first elected for Labour to the City Council in 1949 and became a JP in 1958. She was married with two daughters and a son. From contemporary newspapers we learn that in 1959 she was teaching at Arthur Mee school in Stapleford when she was appointed Honorary Alderman of the City in 1962, and then elected Nottingham City's First Woman Lord Mayor in June 1968. Another newspaper cutting tells an amusing story which illustrates pre-conceptions and stereotypes that still exist today. A group of American students, visiting Nottingham University later in 1968 came bearing a gift of cuff-links for the Lord Mayor - not aware that the Mayor was a woman. "Mrs Case said she was delighted. 'Women do wear cuff links on occasion these days and I may buy a long-sleeved blouse especially for them.'" After reorganisation Joan became a County Councillor and then Chair of Nottingham County Council in 1981. She died on 26th March 2008 aged 89.