

WOMEN ON THE HONOR ROLL

Judge Natividad Almada-Lopez
Acting Judge, Manila Juvenile Court



JUDGE ALMADA-LOPEZ

A **LAWYER** and a social worker, Mrs. Natividad Almada Lopez now sits as acting judge of the Manila Juvenile Court. How well she qualifies in this position is proven by the 100 to 150 cases she tries daily. And records show that not many are appealed.

Acting Judge Natividad Almada Lopez was relieved of her duties as assistant attorney in the Department of Justice where she has served for more than 18 years and was appointed to fill the temporary vacancy in the juvenile branch of the court presided over by Judge Arsenio Roldan. Judge Roldan is acting head of the parole section in the department of justice. This was sometime last December.

When Judge Jose Bernabe went on leave last March, Acting Judge Natividad Lopez had to pinch hit for him and took over the duties of this branch. Judge Bernabe returned after more than a month's leave but Judge Arsenio Locsin, senior judge, considered the necessity of giving himself a vacation. He turned over the duties of his court to Acting Judge Natividad Almada Lopez who in

addition to her judicial functions has to take charge of the administrative work of supervising the clerical and business side of the court.

Serving her eighth time as acting municipal judge, Mrs. Almada Lopez is thoroughly familiar with the work of the municipal court. She has

Dr. Honoria Acosta-Sison
Member, Scientific Advisory Board of the American Medical Editors and Authors' Association

THE first Filipino woman to practice medicine, Dr. Honoria Acosta-Sison has been heaping on herself deserved honors and, in this way, has helped pave the way smooth for the latter generation of women to acquire rights to professional recognition.

Again honor has come to her—this time from a foreign organization. She has been appointed member of the scientific advisory board of the American Medical Editors and Authors' Association, which has headquarters in New York. This distinction gains further significance when it is remembered that Dr. Acosta-Sison's works have been done without the accompanying flourishings and blares. But they

acquired speed and uncanny efficiency in cross examining witnesses but she says she relies in no little degree on the knowledge and background that her social work has given her.

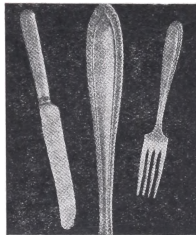
nevertheless achieve their end. Science is so much the richer for her contributions, and scientific groups sit up and take notice. An obstetrician of the best standing and an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology of the U. P. college of medicine, she has written various scientific papers accepted and published by leading medical journals in the United States.

Though medicine has always been her chief interest, Dr. Acosta-Sison finds deep pleasure in writing. She has a large number of familiar essays published in local magazines. Her writings on her impressions of places she travelled while on a round-the-world tour drew comments from literary circles.

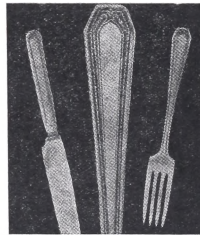
Mrs. Lopez was a committee member of the Free Legal Aid to indigent women conducted by the Manila Woman's Club. She did a remarkable amount of work without remuneration in the matter of recovering wages, preventing broken homes, and protecting as far as it lay in her power the children who have become street waifs. This was long before the day of the Juvenile Court and the Probation Work.

Other welfare activities of this woman acting judge have given her an insight to the people that are brought to her court. For 20 years she has been connected with the *Gota de Leche*, an association for the protection of first infancy, first as its secretary and now as its president. She is also one of the founders and directors of the Association de Damas Filipinas which maintains a "Settlement House" for orphaned children. She is also a board director of the National Federation of Women's Clubs and of the Catholic Women's League of the Philippines.

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