Law in Action

Our laws have long protect-ed trees. A landowner, for ex-ample, can collect treble dam-ages from a tresspassed who been malicious. ages from a tresspassed who cuts down trees, not his own, a kind of civil penalty against

such a trespasser. Judges do not levy the treble damages unless the trespasser acted with malice. Otherwise they make him repay only ac tual losses.

In a recent case Mrs. Jones an elderly widow, owned some land with a stand of trees. Her son looked after the land, but now and then he would let a neighbor, Charles Cutter, chop down some of the trees.

MRS. JONES sold the land to

It is a crime to cut or stea

another's trees. It is a most serious crime to set fire to them whether in parks, public lands, or along the streets. As a rule, the landowner has no claim to the trees along his

street; they belong to the city. YOU AND your neighbor own jointly the trees that overlap on your land and his. Hence neither you nor he can legally cut down such a tree without the other's permission. But you can cut trees as well

Eleanor Roosevelt's Era Reviewed by Close Friend In the late 1920's (an actor friend once told me), Helen Gahagan was known around Broadway as "the ten most beautiful women in New York." She left the theater

trim the tree without his permission.

THE TREE owner-whether a private person or the govern-ment—has the duty to see that it does not project on to the public land so as to hinder traffic or harm people or prop-erty. The government must keep its trees along the road-side trimmed and property

side trimmed and property wired and supported, so as not to fall on people in normal winds. Private owners are MRS. JONES sold the land to the Smiths. Though Charlie knew of the sale, he neverthe-less cut down some trees with-out permission. The Smiths told him to quit, but he went ahead anyhow and Note: California lawyers offer this olumn so you may know about our

not long after her marriage, the 1950 campaign for the to the actor, Melvyn Douglas, and settled in Hollywood. Alvays active in Democratic party politics, she was a Dem-peratic National Committeecratic National Committee-voman from California. She coared into further promin-ince when she was elected a Congresswoman in the early 940's.

* * * Mrs. Douglas was a mem-er of the House Committee n Foreign Affairs for several ears. An avowed liberal, she vas active in struggles for ivil rights. (Back in 1947 she vas involved in a six-hour sit-in" strike in a Columbus, Dhio, hotel coffee shop which efused to serve Negro dele gates to a CIO education con-ference.) She became the his-toric target of Richard Nixon's political tactics during

U.S. Senate - which election she lost. * * *

Mrs. Douglas first met Eleanor Roosevelt in 1929, hen the wife of the Governor of New York. But it was dur-ing the last 20 years of Mrs. Roosevelt's life that the two ladies were particularly warm friends. It is upon this rela-tionship that Mrs. Douglas has built a moving and eloquent text for a picture al-bum titled "The Eleanor Roosevelt We Remember."

The Eleanor Roosevelt We Re-member." By Helen Gahagar Douglas, Hill & Wang; 173 pp. 55.95.

This is by no means a for-mal biography. In fact, it merely skips the highlights of Mrs. Roosevelt's own auto-biography. It is a short, digni-

"To the end of her life, Mrs. Roosevelt gave her name whenever she thought the force of it would break through some of the wall of projudice on improvement that fied, personal view and ap-preciation of a friend and enormously human public figure. Some 150 photographs edited by Aaron J. Erickson, follow the text. They are arprejudice or ignorance that divided people." ... "Eleanor Roosevelt, the breaker of feminine barriers, anged in chronological orter, beginning in 1888, when, it the age of 4, Anna Elea-nor Roosevelt was a shy, was the most feminine of olemn child. * * *

Some notes from Mrs. Douglas' unusually interesting text:

ing text: ..., "I can't think of any-one else in a waist and skirt, 'he way she often dressed, being so grand." ... I hear her advising me: 'You mustn't let Franklin in-fluence you. Holen We thinks

fluence you, Helen. He thinks it would be nice to have you in Washington. Don't you run for Congress unless you're very sure you'll be elected."

be - courageous, forthright uncomplicatedly honest. She could be counted on."

... "During her last years. Mrs. Roosevelt seemed to withdraw from us, although she kept going, observing all the forms and performing all the rituals of her life — her women . . . She was always what you expected her to sweetness and warmth, as al-ways, the same."

Vocational Nurses To Receive Caps

Capping ceremony for the June 19. Graduation of voca-Harbor College vocational tional nurses will take place in nursing class will be held in the San Pedro Baptist Church, the student union at 1 p.m., June 21.

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