

HISTORY OF

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF MEDFORD

Unfortunately the early records of the Club were destroyed. So, with the help of Mrs. William Dyer, Sr., the Club's first President, and the Calendars we have on file, we will try to assemble the facts for you.

Quoting Mrs. William Dyer, Sr.:

In my opinion, Florence and Lillian Ullman and Ella Allen were directly responsible for the organization of The Woman's Club of Medford. These three girls prevailed upon Mrs. Jacob Cochley until she finally consented to help form a Club. It all started in April 1913 when 12 or 14 of us would trek to the old school house on Filbert Street between Bank and Branch Streets where we studied parliamentary law, literature, music, art, home economics and social etiquette.

We wrote papers on various subjects assigned to us by Mrs. Cochley. She appointed a different woman to act as Presiding Officer at each meeting and in this way we learned the fundamentals of conducting a meeting.

We met in this fashion for one year, when we organized in April 1914 and elected the following officers: Lou Dyer, President, and Florence Ullman, Secretary.

We selected the name of "Athena Club" as the name of our organization and chose as the Club flower the violet. (A-the-na means, in Greek mythology, the Goddess of Wisdom).

Each meeting was closed with a thought for the day usually supplied by Mrs. Cochley.

In 1916 we joined the Federation of Woman's Clubs, and in

October 1919, the Federation requested us to change the name to "The Woman's Club of Medford". Our original dues were 50¢ a year and we had a membership of 18 or 20."

"Mrs. Cochley died in June 1933 and is buried near Jacksonville, Florida. Mrs. Dyer feels The Woman's Club of Medford is a most wonderful monument to her memory."

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As previously mentioned, the Club was organized in April 1914 under the name "Athena Club" with its first officers being Mrs. William Dyer., Sr., President, and Miss Florence Ullman, Secretary. At that time, the Club's activities centered around literature, current events, home economics, music and art.

In the Club year beginning in 1915, Miss Ella R. Allen was elected President and Mrs. Daniel F. Remer elected Secretary. The Club Calendar for that year reveals several interesting subjects discussed along the Club's activities; one being a debate on the question: "Has the fear of punishment or the hope of reward the greater influence on human conduct?" and another topic being "The Mother in the Home".

Mrs. Charles I. Hollinshead was elected President for the year 1916-1917 and had as Secretary Mrs. S. T. Haines. The Club Calendar for that period reveals a total of twelve meetings, one meeting being on Education -- "Needed Improvements for our Public School System" and "Cooperation in Education". Another topic of timely interest was "The Household Budget".

Records regarding the Club year 1917-1918 are not available, and we can determine only that Mrs. Abram Stackhouse was President during that period.

In October 1919 the Club's name was changed, at the request of the Federation, to "The Woman's Club of Medford." Mrs. John Lewis was President during this period. It was during this time that Child Welfare was introduced as a department, with other departments being music, study and home.

Mrs. J. Maurice Garwood was elected President in 1920 and other officers were: Mrs. Daniel Remer, Vice President; Mrs. Julia Haines, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Jacob Cochley, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. William D. Cowperthwait, Treasurer. The program reveals 15 meetings were held - business meetings in homes and program meetings in the School House. Membership at that time was about 29. One of the meetings was a "Pilgrimage to Philadelphia", which, no doubt, was the Club's trip.

President for the Club year 1921-22 was Miss Ella R. Allen, Vice President Mrs. Jacob Cochley, and Recording Secretary Mrs. Warne Smith. An activity during that period was a musical at the Riverton Porch Club for the benefit of the Children's Home. Another meeting was an entertainment in benefit of Burlington County Hospital. The year ended with a May picnic at Valley Forge. It was during this period that the Club had its first "Men's Night".

The Club year 1922-23 had the same officers as the previous Club year. The Departments at that time were Home Service, Legislative, Institutional and Cooperation.

Mrs. Israel W. Garwood was President for the year 1923-24 with Mrs. J. Maurice Garwood as Vice President and Mrs. William Dyer, Sr., as Recording Secretary. A new department, Floral Committee, was started at this time. The Calendar also reveals a Tenth Anniversary Party was held with the Ex-Presidents as hostesses.

Mrs. William Dyer, Sr. was again elected President for the Club year 1925-26, with Mrs. Charles W. Kirby as Vice President and Mrs. Samuel E. Haines as Recording Secretary. The Club Motto was introduced: "In large things--Unity; In small things--Liberty; In all things--Charity". The President's message was:

"Cooperation, service, kindness, must be the principles of a successful Club. Please help to promote this spirit by personal interest, by active participation in Club work and by welcoming new members. Promptness at Club meetings will do much in making successful meetings.

May we not have on the part of the Club members an earnest effort for prompt arrival at meetings?"

Another Men's Night was held that year, and membership was now about 40, with honorary members being Mrs. J. L. Cochley and Miss Mary Ivins.

For the year 1927-28, Mrs. Charles W. Kirby was President, Mrs. Albert F. Kirby was Vice President, and Mrs. J. Rogers Brick was Recording Secretary. An interesting note appeared in the Club calendar: "The Executive Board recommends a fine of five cents for each member who fails to answer roll call as suggested on calendar." One of the programs was a talk by Mrs. Daniel Remer on a European trip.

"A Collect for Club Women" made its first appearance during the Club year 1928-29. The same officers as in the previous year were elected, and another Men's Night was held in March.

With Mrs. Albert F. Kirby, as President; Mrs. J. Lloyd Wright as Vice President and Mrs. J. Rogers Brick as Recording Secretary, the Club year beginning 1929 had several interesting programs. Senator Powell spoke briefly on the inside workings of the legislature, quoting

from the Minutes of that meeting "he said if South Jersey didn't wake up and put up a fight to force them to lay rails across the Delaware River Bridge and run the elevated trains across to a centralized terminal in Camden, thus giving us better transportation, that we would find ourselves living in the back woods". He also touched briefly on the subject of education and the ever-increasing cost of education. During this year, the departments of Social Welfare and Education were added to the Club's activities.

Mrs. Albert F. Kirby was again President for the Club year beginning October 1930, with the Vice President being Mrs. Fred W. Branin and Recording Secretary being Mrs. Benjamin Griscom. During this year the Ways and Means Committee was first started; the Club took a trip to Lenox Pottery in Trenton; and Mr. Herbert Cochley gave the first of a series of lectures on Parliamentary Law. Mrs. Driscoll, President of Haddon Fortnightly, attended the Christmas Party and gave us Christmas Greetings. At the January 1931 meeting there was reported the receipt of \$142.04 from the Elwood Johnson Estate and it was Resolved at that meeting that the money be invested by the Treasurer and the interest therefrom be used for the Christmas Cheer Fund. The President announced that February 17, 1931 was the first day of Chautauqua. The closing meeting in May, being a luncheon at Medford Lakes Lodge, brought forth the general opinion to improve the old school ground as a park in memory of Milton H. Allen and a committee, Mrs. I.W. Frickitt, Miss Ella Allen, and Mrs. Charles Branin was appointed to confer with the Township Committee. There were about 50 members now in The Woman's Club of Medford.

The Club year 1931-32 was ushered in with Mrs. Benjamin C. Griscom as President, Mrs. Frank Lippincott, Vice President, and Mrs.

Samuel Kline as Secretary. One of the programs had Miss Helen Farrell from Public Service speaking on "Modern Trends in Home Management." Roll Call at that meeting was answered by each member giving the name of her family's favorite dish which then called for an exchange of recipes. The By-Laws of the Club were in the process of revision and one of the main items of discussion was the proposed raising of the dues. The County Library was looking for a place to locate and the President appointed a committee to meet with the P.T.A. Board to work this out, the committee consisting of Mrs. Warne Smith, Mrs. Charles Kirby and Mrs. Allen Wescott. It was subsequently reported in December 1931 that the library had been moved to the Fire House, and would be open to the public on Monday afternoons and Friday evenings with Daniel F. Smith as librarian. A letter was read from Mrs. Heine, President of the State Federation, that the First District had chosen as their motto: "Our common goal is the enrichment of life through a better adjustment of human relations." The February 1932 meeting minutes disclose a communication from Haddon Fortnightly endorsing Mrs. Driscoll for the office of Southern Vice President; in March a motion was made that the amount for Delegates to the Convention be increased to \$15.00; and in April Mrs. Clifford Budd offered three Swamp Maple trees from her farm to be planted on the school grounds on Arbor Day as George Washington Memorial Trees. The revised By-Laws of the Club were adopted during this Club year, and the final meeting in May 1932 showed a Treasury balance of \$62.50.

The offices of President, Vice President and Recording Secretary for the Club year 1932-33 were filled by Mrs. Benjamin C. Griscom, Mrs. Frank Lippincott and Mrs. Samuel Kline, respectively. Library Chairman, Mrs. Warne Smith, reported that 700 books had been lent from the library in Mount Holly with more than 200 borrowers and at the

present time 375 books are on the shelves, making an average circulation of 145 books a week, and it was later reported that Medford had read 6,606 books in 1932. The Christmas Party had Mrs. Wilmer Collins, a member of the Moorestown Woman's Club, as guest speaker and she talked on her recent trip to Japan and was assisted by Mrs. Opic of Three Bridges. Both of these ladies were dressed in Japanese costumes and displayed a number of art objects. Several guests were from other Woman's Clubs, including Mrs. Arthur Driscoll of Haddonfield, Southern Vice President, who was guest of honor. Speaker at the March 1933 meeting was Mrs. Sherman L. Warren, First District Vice President, who talked on general principles of a good club, urging us to keep the following ideals in mind: "Always be friendly, be interested in home, church, politics, and the world; be ever alert in the study of public affairs, be internationally minded, sponsor juniors and grow steadily." "Individual members go onward and upward by constant attention to the three A's -- Attitude, Aptitude and Altitude," is the idea of our Federated President, Mrs. T. H. Grimley. A Membership Committee was appointed in April 1933; and in May 1933 the Welfare Chairman reported \$23.02 on hand and that over 1,000 garments including 42 pairs of new shoes, had been given out.

Officers for the Club year 1933-34 were: Mrs. Frank Lippincott, President; Mrs. Charles Coate, Vice President; and Mrs. Samuel Kline, Recording Secretary. At the October 1933 meeting Mrs. William Dyer gave a very fitting memorial to our Club founder, Mrs. Jacob Cochley, who died in June 1933, and she related how the Club came to be organized under Mrs. Cochley's leadership. A committee consisting of Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Albert Kirby, and Mrs. Charles Branin was appointed to draft a

a memorial resolution for Mrs. Cochley. This memorial resolution was drafted and presented to the Society at the December meeting. It seems only fitting and proper to quote it in its entirety:

"Not what we gain but what we give,
Measures the worth of the life we live."

"Whereas, on June first, 1933, Mrs. Cochley left this world of turmoil and care, and entered the mansions promised to the faithful,

"Resolved, the passing of Mrs. Cochley leaves a vacancy in our Club which can never be filled--the adage above best expresses her life--she never spared her time and strength to help women live a higher and better life. The Medford Woman's Club's success is due to the untiring efforts of our dear friend, who has gone Home a little while before us. May her memory be a shining jewel to our hearts; be it further

"Resolved, that we extend to the family our sympathy, and trust the only Real comfort may be her love and faith in her Heavenly Father,

"Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family, and a copy be spread on the minutes of the Woman's Club."

In October under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Coate, 22 members took a trip to the Cathedral at Bryn Athyn, a famous Swedes-borgen church.

The First District Department Conference was held in November with our Club as Hostess. Chairmen appointed for this conference were:

Reception: Miss Ella Allen, Mrs. I.W. Garwood,
Mrs. Charles Kirby, Mrs. Albert Kirby

Tickets: Mrs. Samuel Kline, Mrs. Lawrence Mingin

Pages: Mrs. Howard Roberts, Mrs. J. Rogers Brick

Ushers: Mrs. Charles Coate, Mrs. Wilbert Engle,
Mrs. Frank Stewart, Mrs. E.L. Small

Literature: Mrs. J. Maurice Garwood, Mrs. Ralph Derr

Registration: Mrs. Warne Smith, Mrs. Fred Branin,
Mrs. Allen Wescott

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Flowers: Mrs. Charles Kirby, Mrs. Arthur Tidswell

Luncheon: Mrs. Benjamin Griscom

A well-written newspaper account of the Conference discloses that over 300 Club women attended the meeting which was held at the Milton H. Allen School in Medford, with the luncheon preparation and serving being handled by our Club with the assistance of the Medford P.T.A. Among the guest speakers were Mrs. S.L. Warren, District Vice President; Mrs. Stephen Francisco, State Chairman of Junior Clubs; Mrs. T.H. Grimley, State Federation President; Mr. O.S. Brinton of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; Mrs. David Gordon, State Chairman of Public Welfare; and Mrs. A. Merritt Jennings, State Federation Treasurer. The Choral Society from the Riverton Woman's Club sang and our own Mrs. William Dyer accompanied at the piano, and the Woodbury Woman's Club presented a brief skit on the "New Jersey Club Woman".

At the November 7, 1933 meeting a motion that \$5.00 be paid to the Yardley Fund was introduced and passed for the first time.

The December meeting inaugurated the formation of a Garden Section to the Club and Mrs. Ralph Derr was appointed temporary chairman. It was moved at this meeting that the Club sponsor selling narcissus bowls with the proceeds thereof to go to the Garden Section. It was reported at the January meeting that a club called "The Garden Club of Medford" had been organized with 16 members, Mrs. Ralph Derr being elected President and Mrs. John Haines as secretary.

The January meeting's program, since this year marked the 20th anniversary of the Club's beginning, had brief reports from the past Presidents of the Club, with each President telling the activities which occurred during her term of office. Records disclosed that Christmas Cheer baskets were distributed to 14 families in December, with actual

cash expenses therefor amounting to \$9.13. Mr. J. Rogers Brick was guest speaker at the meeting and gave a report on the proposed regional high school which was to be built in Mount Holly, which project has since materialized and become known as the Rancocas Valley Regional High School. The next meeting was a "thimble party" held at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Griscom where the Club members sewed on garments for the Welfare Department. On February 20th, representatives from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad came to the Club meeting held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Derr and showed a film depicting an imaginary train trip to various historical places in Washington, D.C.

A tour of the Campbell Soup Company plant in Camden was an activity in March, and the closing session for this year's activities was a Club luncheon held at Log Cabin Lodge, Medford Lakes.

1934 - 1935

Officers for this term were: Mrs. Frank Lippincott, President; Mrs. Charles Coate, Vice President; and Mrs. John Haines, Recording Secretary. At the November meeting it was ordered that a letter of protest be sent to the Township Committee against issuing any more liquor licenses in Medford Township. A committee consisting of Mrs. Charles Coate, Mrs. William Dyer and Miss Ella Allen was appointed to investigate the Gimbel Award. Mrs. Walter Cox of Haddonfield gave a delightful account of her trip around the world on the S.S. Resolute, and as a token of appreciation for her talk the Club voted giving \$5.00 toward the furnishing of Cornwallis House. Christmas Cheer committee reported 10 baskets and 4 plants, at a cost of \$9.32 were distributed at Christmas time. In February, the Club sent \$5.00 to the Woman's Club of Vineland toward the fund for the Research Laboratory at the Training School at Vineland.

The April meeting had several resolutions adopted:

- (1) that \$10.00 and her registration fee be given to each delegate or alternate who attends the State Convention;
- (2) that each incoming Officer be presented with a copy of by-laws;
- (3) that a copy of Robert's Rules of Order be bought to be passed to each President; and
- (4) that a gavel be purchased.

The final meeting of the Club was held in May with a luncheon at Pomona Cabin, Camp Ockanickon, Medford.

1935 - 1936

During this Club year, Mrs. Charles Coate was President, Mrs. Wilbert H. Engle was Vice President, and Mrs. John Haines was Recording Secretary. A visit to the W.C.A.U. Broadcasting Station in Philadelphia was made on October 15th. In November, Mr. Charles Toothaker, Curator of the Commercial Museum in Philadelphia, spoke on "The Magic of the Potter's Wheel" and brought with him museum pieces of china and pottery from China, Japan, Russia, Mexico and other places. This was a very entertaining and instructive talk.

In December it was suggested that a committee be appointed to ascertain what past records of the Club could be collected together and that a container be obtained in which to keep these records on file, and the President subsequently appointed a committee, consisting of Mrs. Frank Stewart, Miss Ella Allen, and Mrs. Benjamin Griscom, to handle this project, and in February the Committee was authorized to purchase a container for the Club's records.

A resolution adopting a budget for the next year was carried in February, 1936, and the committee appointed to make up

such a budget consisted of: Mrs. Laura Andrews, Mrs. Charles Kirby, Mrs. Allen Westcott, Mrs. Warne Smith and Mrs. J.M. Garwood.

It was also moved and carried that the Club contribute \$5.00 to the Training School at Vineland.

The Garden Club arranged the April meeting and had Mrs. R.C.B. Parker of Mount Holly as a speaker, and she talked on "Wild Flowers of New Jersey" and passed around as exhibits tiny containers of wild flowers from our New Jersey woods, north and south. As a remembrance of the meeting, the Garden Club gave each one a beautiful blooming pansy plant to take home. The Club year closed in May with a luncheon held at "The Willows" in Mount Holly. By this time, the Club membership approximated 50 and the treasury was about \$110.

1936 - 1937

With the same Officers as in the preceding year, namely, Mrs. Charles Coate, President, Mrs. Wilbert H. Engle, Vice President, and Mrs. Frank Stewart, Secretary, the Club year started with a luncheon held at the home of Mrs. Coate in October. At this meeting it was ordered established a committee to assist with the telephoning and transportation work. On October 20th, three car loads of members took a trip to Philadelphia through the grounds and buildings of Girard College. At our meeting in March, our President urged us to begin thinking about becoming a part of the National Federation of Woman's Clubs. The final meeting in May was a luncheon held at The Fireside in Mount Holly.

1937 - 1938

Officers were: Mrs. Wilbert H. Engle, President;

Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Vice President; and Mrs. Frank Stewart as Recording Secretary. The Calendar for this year listed a covered dish luncheon held at Camp Matollionequay with the speaker being Mrs. D. Trueman Stackhouse, District Vice President, who spoke on Education in China.

1938 - 1939

During this term, Mrs. Wilbert H. Engle was President, Mrs. Edwin M. Johnson, Vice President, and Mrs. Francis Sharpless was Secretary. An interesting program in November presented Sergeant Joseph J. Orzeckowski of the Identification Bureau of the New Jersey State Police who spoke on fingerprinting - not only from the standpoint of its use in criminal detection work but also in identifying accident victims and amnesia victims. Icy road conditions in January brought an unusual means of transportation to the Club members -- they came to the meeting in the School Bus which offer was very generously made by Mr. William Prickett. Mrs. Edna Gillam, former Southern Vice Chairman of Legislation for the State and County Chairman of the Emergency Consumer's Tax Council, was speaker of the afternoon and she talked on taxes, legislation (both State and National) and our Foreign Policy.

Miss Elizabeth White, a member of the Board of the Four Mile Colony, addressed the March meeting and told of the work being done and the history of the Colony, beginning with the groundbreaking in 1914. At the second meeting in March, a musical program was presented by pupils of the Fuhrman School of Music and was thoroughly delightful.

Miss Caroline Hood of Rockefeller Center spoke to the Club

in April. She talked on "Sky Gardens", giving the history of Rockefeller Center, telling how the land came into the possession of Columbia University and was leased by Mr. Rockefeller for 99 years. It was originally planned to be an art center but the depression curtailed this project and turned the center into a commercial venture. Raymond Hood, one of the architects, believed it would be helpful to the thousands of workers employed in the buildings if they could look out on gardens instead of bare roof tops, and so the sky gardens came into being. Her talk was illustrated by colored slides showing these lovely gardens.

The closing meeting in May was a luncheon held at The Fireside in Mount Holly. Records disclose that during this period an average attendance of 25 members at each meeting and a total of 60 guests. At this meeting it was voted to continue operating on a budget and that \$10.00 for expenses should be allocated to the President. It was also moved that the President appoint an Art Chairman to serve for a one-year term.

1939 - 1940

Mrs. Edwin M. Johnson was President, Mrs. Hosea E. Moore was Vice President and Mrs. Francis Sharpless was Recording Secretary during this term, which opened with the Club's first covered dish luncheon in October held at the home of Mrs. William Dyer with 28 members and 6 guests present. The second meeting in October had an unusually good attendance - 29 members and over 30 guests present - to hear Dr. Arthur LaRoe, President of the American Narcotic Defense Association speak on the drug menace and particularly about marihuana which is habit-producing and makes addicts so excessively

nervous they will commit any crime to procure more of it, and he further stated that from one-third to one-half of all crime in the United States is caused directly by the use of narcotic drugs.

A motion was made and carried at the November meeting that each Club member be permitted to bring three guests to the Club meetings during the year at a cost of 20¢ for each guest with the provision that the member notify the hostesses in advance. Mrs. Frank Stewart, the Art Chairman, conducted a program entitled "Word Pictures of the World's Fair" which was in progress in New York, and various members gave brief descriptions of different buildings and exhibits at the Fair.

The second meeting in November was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Kirby and articles of artistic value, paintings, glass, china, metal work, antiques, etc., were exhibited by each member who told the history of her article.

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Club's founding was observed in December at the home of Mrs. Howard Roberts. Verses were ready by Mrs. Stewart and candles were lighted in honor of the State Federation, the Past Presidents, the Charter members, the Honorary members, deceased members, and the Club. Messages were given by the Past Presidents who were at the meeting and letters read from those who were absent. Mrs. William Dyer, Miss Ella Allen, and Mrs. Elizabeth Branin, all Charter members of the Club, greeted the Club. A letter was read from Mary Ivins, the Honorary member. During the singing of carols, the Club members lighted candles and held them. The Club's birthday cake was presented and was cut by Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. Engle. Thirty-one members and one guest enjoyed this occasion.

The Christmas Party was in the form of a Musicales with selections being presented by the Pitman Woman's Club. Miss Sarah Stewart, accompanied by Mrs. Matlack, played two violin selections, "O Holy Night" and "Gloria". The Christmas Cheer committee reported that 14 baskets and 10 plants had been distributed.

Mrs. Alfred Robie Driscoll and Mrs. D. Trueman Stackhouse were guests at the February meeting and they were called upon to tell of State Federation Work. Mrs. Stackhouse reviewed the steady progress of civic work for the betterment of State and Nation, outstanding among them being: saving the Palisades, Science and Music Halls of New Jersey College for Women, Libraries, Vineland Research Work with the Blind, McDowell Colony in New England for artists, and the Penny Art Fund. She also mentioned that 1940 is the 50th Anniversary of Woman's Clubs. Mrs. Driscoll spoke of her interest in a new project of the exchange of students through the Pan-American Scholarship Fund in which all Clubs are asked to take an active part. A study of Government is urged upon all Clubs in the near future. As an outgrowth of her talk, the Club voted to have each member contribute 10¢ toward the Pan-American Scholarship Fund. In March, the Club voted to contribute toward having Mrs. Stackhouse's name placed on the Honor Roll.

Mrs. Hazel M. Wood, a graduate of the Fanny Farmer Cooking School gave a cooking demonstration at the March meeting, using an electric roaster. At the close of the demonstration a drawing was held and the cooked foods were given to members of the audience. Mrs. Ezra Evans urged the Club's cooperation in Mr. Engle Haines' suggested project of gardens for boys, and it was motioned

and carried that the Secretary write to Mr. Haines expressing the Club's interest and backing.

A pageant, written and directed by Mrs. Edwin Johnson, entitled "The Flowers That Bloom In the Spring" was the feature of the April meeting, members of the cast were Club members, and the play was thoroughly enjoyed by 32 members and 22 guests.

As a community project, the Club again called on Miss Caroline Hood of the Rockefeller Center to present her program accompanied by slides, telling of the Rockefeller Center. This meeting was held at the Milton H. Allen School in Medford on April 16, 1940 before an audience of approximately 200, including 27 members, 63 guests, and school children.

The committee to select the Pioneer Clubwoman from our Club submitted the names of Mrs. Mary L. Cochley and Miss Ella R. Allen, and the report was accepted.

The final meeting for the Club year was a luncheon held at Newlin's in Moorestown with thirty members and one guest present. Reports of department chairmen were given and it was voted to allot \$5 for the Art Department for the coming year. During this term attendance averaged 26 members, and 157 guests had visited the Club.

1940 - 1941

Officers during this term: Mrs. Edwin M. Johnson, President; Mrs. Ezra Evans, Vice President; and Mrs. Howard Roberts, Recording Secretary. The first meeting was held in October at the John Woolman Memorial House in Mount Holly. The speaker was Miss Sarah B. Leeds who talked on "Cottage Gardens", following which the members were taken on a tour of gardens in the area.

On October 15th, Dr. Elizabeth Ford Love addressed the Club on the topic "Social Hygiene" in which she discussed high school subjects which would help train boys and girls to become valuable members of their community and pointed out that two outstanding qualities for a high school senior should be radiant health and good character. It was pointed out at the November meeting that a radio broadcast over Station WIP on the topic "What Women of South Jersey Are Doing" was held every Friday. The final meeting of the Club year was a luncheon held at Bakley's in Medford on May 27th, with 30 members enjoying a delicious meal.

1941 - 1942

Mrs. Ezra Evans was President, with Mrs. Roger Pennock being Vice President and Mrs. Howard Roberts as Recording Secretary. At the January meeting a motion was carried that during the World War II emergency and reconstruction period bound to follow, the Club limit refreshments to a simple beverage suitable to the season and that since hostesses have spent approximately \$1.00 each whatever balance remains be given to the Treasurer at each meeting to establish for others funds to be disbursed by a special committee selected by the President. The Club's dues to the National General Federation was increased 5¢ per member according to the March 3, 1942 minutes. Also at this meeting, it was voted that since the Club's refreshments were less, then the cost of a guest be decreased to 10¢. During this Club year, attendance average 25 members per meeting, and 25 guests had attended. The closing program was a covered dish luncheon held at the Main Street Meeting House.

1942 - 1943

During this term, Mrs. Ezra Evans was President, with Mrs. Roger Pennock as Vice President and Mrs. William Dyer as Recording Secretary. Club interest this year centered around matters having relation to the citizen's activity in World War II. Red Cross Nutrition Classes were held in the Medford School Lunchroom; contributions were made to the Community Christmas Fund for our men in the Armed Services; the Reader's Digest was sent to our men in the Service; the Club donated \$5 toward the food which was taken to the men stationed at Fort Dix.

In March 1943, Miss Ella R. Allen was voted an honorary life member. The new stanza for "America" made its first appearance in the Club calendar along with the Pledge to the Flag. Mrs. Roger Pennock and Mrs. Job Braddock attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of the State Federation in New York City and gave an excellent report on this convention. The Club year drew to a close with a covered dish luncheon held at the Friends' Meeting House.

1943 - 1944

Mrs. Roger Pennock served as President, assisted by Mrs. Job Braddock, Vice President, and Mrs. William Dyer, Secretary. Programs of interest during this year were "Around the World on the Dollars Line Through the Present War Zone" presented by Dr. Elizabeth S. Kite; "Constitutional Revision" for our State; "Juvenile Delinquency"; A course in Sewing presented by Miss Constance Blaine, the County Home Demonstration Agent; and a fine program presented by Richard B. Farnham of the College of Agriculture at New Brunswick entitled "Flowering Annuals and Better Methods for Outdoor Sowing".

A food sale and bazaar was held on April 19th at the home

of Mrs. Job Braddock with over \$50 being cleared. A covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. Roger Pennock completed the year. Club membership during this period was about 47.

1944 - 1945

The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. William Dyer and was a covered dish luncheon which was thoroughly enjoyed by 32 members and 5 guests. Mrs. Roger Pennock was President, Mrs. Job Braddock, Vice President, and Mrs. James Willard, Recording Secretary.

Interest again centered around the War Program -- a donation was made to Fort Dix Community Service Center; the Club made up "Buddy Bags" for the service men; and small articles were donated to the Tilton Hospital at Fort Dix; -- and Mrs. Alena Kastorsky gave a talk on Russia in Wartime at a meeting at the home of Mrs. Ralph Derr at which 38 members and 7 guests were present, and were told of the many hardships they had suffered during war times that it made us think just how very small our sufferings are. An interesting speaker in December was Miss Irma Hilton who was a volunteer Braille transcriber for the Blind. She gave an informative and interesting outline of this activity and presented each member with a printed Braille alphabet. The Club donated \$5 toward this Braille work for the Blind.

The Christmas program was a "home-talent" feature with different members presenting a story or song for entertainment. Christmas Cheer distributed 8 baskets and 13 plants. Mrs. William Vaughn of Washington, D.C. and Mt. Holly, spoke on Political China at the January meeting. The second January meeting was postponed because of inclement weather - an unusual event in the history of the Woman's Club! February meetings were along Civic lines -- the

members were asked to join in the Blood Donor Campaign, and Mrs. J. Alonzo Williams, Civics Chairman, spoke on safety in the home to prevent accidents, conservation of youth, and mosquito control. Mrs. Bertha H. Spaeth took the members on a trip to the Land of the Midnight Sun via pictures and souvenirs which she had brought back from her trip. Victory Gardens were of interest during this period and at the March meeting it was learned that 33 members had victory gardens for the preceding three-year period. This information was keyed into the topic at that meeting, speaker being Mrs. W. S. Calcott of Woodstown, N.J., who was State Chairman of Garden and Conservation. Mrs. James Willard read an article on the History of the First Glass Factory in America which was the Wistarberg Factory near Salem, N.J.

In May the Club voted to purchase four shares in the Community Center at \$10 per share -- two shares to be paid from the Treasury and two shares to be paid from the Welfare Fund.

The Club Year closed in June with a Friendship Luncheon held at Main Street Friends' School House. Special guests were the Woman's Auxiliary of Medford Lakes Colony Club. Mrs. Joseph Gaskill of Moorestown spoke on Flower Arrangements and this meeting was very thoroughly enjoyed by the 59 ladies present.

1945 - 1946

Mrs. Job Braddock assumed the office of President and was assisted by Mrs. Howard S. Frazer, Vice President, and Mrs. James Willard, Recording Secretary. At the October 1945 meeting \$5 was contributed to the U.S.O. National War Fund Drive, to be taken out of the Refreshment Fund. Announcement was made of the purchase of the Shreve Property on South Main Street, Medford, by the Medford

Memorial Community Center, and inquiry was made as to the possibility of the Woman's Club holding its meetings there. At that time it was decided for the remainder of the year that each hostess determine if she wanted the meeting at her home or at the Community Center.

Each member brought a gift to be sent to the England General Hospital at Atlantic City for the servicemen, and it was reported that the Club had filled 25 buddy bags.

The Club held its first meeting at the Medford Memorial Community Center on the evening of November 20, 1945. This was a Community meeting sponsored by Mrs. Edwin M. Johnson, Chairman of International Relations, and she had as the speaker, Miss Anna Brown, head of the History Department of the Rancocas Valley Regional High School.

The Club's Christmas Party was held at the Medford Memorial Community Center. The Club voted to forego the exchange of presents this year and in lieu thereof to bring 25¢ or more in cash to this meeting to contribute toward feeding the thousands of refugees and war-torn families overseas. In addition, there were 14 baskets, 10 plants and 9 special Christmas cards distributed under the capable management of the Christmas Cheer Committee.

In February the Club purchased two dozen scrap books for the servicemen. Discussion was then held on the rooms the Woman's Club would like to use in the Community Center and the most favored were the ones the Club is now occupying. A card Party was held on February 22nd in Grange Hall for the benefit of the Medford Memorial Community Center Heating Fund. It was voted to give a subscription of "Jack and Jill" magazine to the Home for the Blind Girls at Ramallah, Palestine.

Mr. William F. Wilkinson, a son of Mrs. Job Braddock, gave an interesting talk on "Nylon for You and Your Home", and he was a representative from the new Nylon plant of the DuPont Company located in Seaford, Delaware.

An excursion to the New Jersey State Four Mile Colony was enjoyed by 19 members and 6 guests on March 19th. This trip was arranged through Reverend Howard S. Frazer, Mrs. William Pennell and Mrs. Louis Rauser. The trip gave a deeper insight into the workings of this institution -- the classrooms, press room, wood-craft and weaving and to see the work done by the blind -- and our group was entertained with musical selections solos, recitations and tap dances by the boys at the Colony.

April meeting was an active one. Mrs. Willard reported \$25 was made on miniature aprons. It was announced that Mr. and Mrs. J. Rogers Brick would furnish the Club Room in the new Community Center building. The President and Vice President were voted to attend the Spring Convention in New York City and it was voted to allow \$40 for this convention instead of the \$25 allotted to it in the Club Budget. April 16th found 28 members and 5 guests enjoying a "Garden Party" at the home of Mrs. Ralph Derr, where each one had been requested to bring flower arrangements or something unusual for the topic "Flowers on Parade".

The official Club Year closed on June 5th, 1946 with a box luncheon at the home of Mrs. Job Braddock. At this meeting it was voted to increase the annual dues from \$2 to \$3 beginning with the 1946 Club Year. Membership by this time had increased to 57.

1946 - 1947

During this term, Mrs. Job Braddock was President, with Mrs. Howard Frazer, Vice President and Mrs. Joseph Adams as Secretary. The department, Youth Conservation, was inaugurated, with Mrs. Edward Haines as its first chairman. The Club received honorable mention in the First District for sending in material to the literature contest. The Christmas party was a happy occasion thoroughly enjoyed by 40 members and 11 guests. Christmas Cheer committee reported the distribution of 15 plants and 18 baskets.

The Club paid \$60 to have the hall floor sanded in the Community Center. In January it was voted that the Club continue the present refreshment fund, an emergency war fund, until the end of this Club year, at which time it will be abolished. An activity was the making of cancer dressings, also sewing lessons were given by Mrs. Charlotte Hurley, the County Home Demonstration Agent. In March, the Club had its first meeting in the newly-furnished rooms at the Community Center and voted to purchase a rubber mat for the front hall. Mrs. Warne Smith, Library Chairman, reported that the library was to be moved into the Community Center on April 2, 1947.

A letter was received from Mrs. Strang, First District Garden Chairman, asking for seeds or money for the people of the Philippines, and the Club voted to use the floral jar collection for the April meeting as a donation for that purposes, this amounted to \$5.35. Mrs. Ralph Derr and Mrs. Job Braddock attended the first Bulletin Forum held in Philadelphia, and Mrs. Derr gave a report on this fine program.

Miss Jane T. Watson, Public Relation Director of Strawbridge

& Clothier, gave an interesting talk in April on "Gracious Living" and showed how to set a lovely dining table with various types of linens and beautiful china.

The closing of the Club year showed a treasury balance of \$127. and it was motioned that all expenses of the Delegates to the State Convention over the allotted \$40 be paid. Mrs. Karl Bingemann invited the Club to her home at Harvey Cedars on July 15th, and a happy time was had by all.

1947 - 1948

The first meeting opened with a covered dish luncheon at the Community Center, with 34 members and 4 guests enjoying the delicious food. Mrs. Howard Frazer, President, and Mrs. Alf H. Hofberg, Vice President, and Mrs. Joseph Adams, Recording Secretary, ably conducted the affairs of the Club during this term. Several items of business were discussed at the opening meeting -- (1) the Birthday Box to aid the home in Vineland was voted to be continued for the rest of the Club year; (2) it was motioned that the Club donate \$10 toward the Halloween Parade sponsored by the Rotary Club. Mrs. John H. Bayer, Southern Vice President, addressed the Club and congratulated the members on having a Community Center. She also stated the Club is what you make it. Do you realize the Federation is you and not just the Board Members? Be yourself but be your better self. It was again decided to send a "CARE" food package to the family in Finland, with \$10 to be taken from the treasury.

Club interest during the Fall months centered around citizenship. Mrs. D. Trueman Stackhouse spoke on the new Constitution for the State of New Jersey which was to be voted upon by the electorate

in November. Dr. Everett C. Preston, Director of the Division of Adult Education for the State Department of Education, spoke on "Community Unity". The Club was also informed a Town Meeting would be held on November 25, 1947 with the topic "Shall We Have Universal Peace-time Military Training for the 18-year old Youth?"

Miss May Middleton, a Club member, gave a delightful and informative talk on Birds at the meeting in November, and told of the many species of birds in our locality. It was motioned at this meeting that the charge for guests would be 20¢ each.

December 2nd meeting was a luncheon enjoyed by 33 members and 4 guests. A rising vote of thanks was given the Committee of the day for preparing and serving the luncheon at the nominal cost of 50¢ per plate. Mrs. Forsythe gave a report on the Civics and Youth Forum held at Mount Ephraim; a report was made on the District Conference held at Glassboro; the Club donated \$2 toward a gift for a woman patient at Tilton Hospital, Fort Dix; and the Club donated \$5 toward the YMCA and YWCA campaign. Mrs. James Fox, First District Vice Chairman, told of some of the doings of other Clubs and urged the Club to consider the giving of Past-President pins and to remember the need for funds for the building at N.J.C.

At the January meeting Mrs. Floyd Radcliffe, Art Chairman, told about an Art Contest to be sponsored by the Womans Clubs. It was motioned that she contact the Medford and Marlton Schools asking the pupils to enter this contest and that our Club would give a prize to the winners. At this meeting it was also motioned that the Club take \$10 each year from the Birthday Box for the Vineland Research Work and that the balance be used as the Club saw fit; that \$3 be sent to the Endowment Fund; and that the Club notify

N.J.C. that a donation would be made for the Student Center building.

In February the Club received American Flags as a gift from Mrs. James Willard. Mrs. Derr, Garden Chairman, again had a request for seeds for the Philippines, and the Floral jar contribution plus \$2 from the treasury, a total of \$7.50, was sent to the State Garden Chairman for this project.

In March, 24 members and 2 guests visited the Burlington County Welfare Home at New Lisbon and presented a program of music, both vocal and instrumental, and readings for the inmates. The Art Contest sponsored by our Club resulted in two entries from Medford School in wax crayons were awarded first and second prize, one entry from Marlton School in water color received first prize, and one from Marlton School in oil received second prize.

In April, Mrs. Job Braddock suggested giving a donation to the Community Center for repairs, and it was moved that \$50 be donated. The Club also paid for piano tuning \$9.00 and the members were asked to donate coat hangers for use at the Community Center. A report on membership disclosed that the Club now had 66 members on roll with an average attendance of 36. The Food Sale had receipts amounting to \$53. A donation of \$66.00 was sent to N.J.C. In June the Club went to the Bulletin's Homemaker Center in Philadelphia for lunch and homemaking program, and the receipts from this trip amounting to \$26. were turned into the treasury.

1948 - 1949

The President's Chair was occupied by Mrs. Howard Frazer, assisted by Mrs. Alf H. Hofberg, Vice President, and Mrs. Davis Forsythe, Recording Secretary. This year initiated the Guest Book register, and it was suggested that the Secretary be responsible

for keeping it. A donation of \$10 was again given to the Rotary Club for the hallowe'en parade. An art exhibit was held at the Community Center in January, with proceeds being used to buy tables for the Center. It was announced that on March 19th there would be a baked ham supper to benefit the Community Center. Mrs. Rogers Brick was chairman of the supper and requested 25 cakes from the Club members. Mr. Lewis Laird, Principal of Medford School, spoke and urged support of three bills in the interest of Education -- the Minimum Salary Bill #A64, the Teachers' Pension Plan #A286, and the Commissioner of Education bill #A95, and Dr. R. Winfield Betts, Medford physician, spoke on the proposed National Health Insurance Bill.

The annual meeting in April presented several motions:

- (1) that the members sponsor a club covered dish luncheon and food sale with receipts to be used for buying Past-President's pins; and
- (2) that each member contribute \$1. when she is a hostess; and \$50 was again donated to the Community Center. In May, the Club took a trip to the art colony at New Hope, Pennsylvania, and a trip to the Vineland Training School.

1949 - 1950

Mrs. Alf H. Hofberg presided as President during this term, with Mrs. James W. Willard, Vice President, and Mrs. Davis Forsythe, Recording Secretary. The first meeting, opened with a covered dish luncheon at the Community Center, was centered along international lines. A donation of \$5 was given for the relief of the people of Ecuador who had experienced a severe earthquake; \$1 was donated toward the support of a Korean student studying in our country; and Mrs. John Dugan, District Vice President, urged the Club to take an

interest in the United Nations and arrange for the Club to take a trip to the U.N. Building in New York. An art exhibit was held on October 25th and a net profit of \$19 was realized. It was voted that \$11 be given to the art department for future use and the remaining \$8 be used this year for the art program. Mrs. Lewis S. Gaynor, First District Chairman of Youth Conservation, was guest speaker in January and gave a timely report on "What Woman's Clubs Can Do For Youth."

A joint meeting with the Rotary Club at the Grange Hall in February was well attended to hear Mr. Hugh L. Mehorter who spoke on "The Historical Heritage of Old South Jersey" in which he stressed the fact that most or all of the facts which he pointed out were not to be found in the history books in use in our schools. Entertainment for this program was ably supplied by the Woman's Club Chorus singing "In My Garden" and "Sylvia", with Mrs. Albert Shontz also playing two selections on her musical saw with Mrs. Dyer accompanying on the piano.

A Roast Pork & Sauerkraut Supper was held on February 18th and \$110.62 was added to the treasury. This supper was capably managed by Mrs. Dyer, members supplied home-made apple pie, and the dinner committee received a rising vote of thanks for a job well done. It was motioned that the Club purchase venetian blinds for the large room in the Community Center and that home-made cakes be donated toward the Baked Ham Supper for benefit of the Center. A delightful bus trip to Longwood Gardens in May at a cost of \$1.35 per person was one of the final events on the calendar.

Woman's Club Federation Meeting At Medford

Medford Club and P.-T. A. Hostesses
To 300 Club Women at Interesting
Meeting Last Thursday

Thursday, November 9, was a big day for the Medford P.-T. A. and the Woman's Club, when three hundred of New Jersey's wide-awake Club Women met at the Milton H. Allen School Building to study together problems of today.

Altho the Medford Woman's Club was hostess to the district clubs the local P.-T. A. cooperated in preparing and serving the lunch, and made genuine hospitality not only possible, but long to be remembered by everyone present.

Much credit is due to Mrs. Louis Rauser and Mrs. Benj. Griscom who so efficiently commanded the army of luncheon volunteers, also to Miss Cowperthwait, who placed at our disposal the school auditorium, lunch and indoor play rooms. Her perfectly disciplined army of five hundred children pursued their usual school duties so quietly that the many guests thought school was dismissed for the day.

Mrs. S. L. Warren, of Riverton, district vice-president, presided and left with us two ideals—to give generously and receive graciously.

Our own president, Mrs. Frank Lipincott, hostess-in-chief for the day, made us feel very proud, her gracious presence and real welcome being felt everywhere.

The Southern vice-chairman of music, Mrs. Wm. G. Miller, urges that there be group singing at every club meeting, that we study interpretation, encourage all local talent and use children on our programs. She calls "music" the universal language of the world.

Mrs. Stephen Francisco, State Chairman of Junior Clubs, told with thrilling enthusiasm, of the one hundred two Junior Clubs in New Jersey embracing a total membership of more than four thousand young women. One of the projects these Juniors put over bravely is helping the blind in our state. (The State Home for the Blind had an exhibition and sale of articles made by the blind. Many of the ladies went home with rugs, table scarfs, aprons, cuddly toys, baskets, etc., purchased here.) Mrs. Francisco thinks every club should start its Junior Club for the young women over eighteen—yet not of an age to enjoy the Senior Club. Her final admonition was, "We have given them the ropes,—Now we must strengthen the stakes."

Mrs. T. H. Grimley, State Federation President, outlined the main

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work for clubs this season. She would have us (1) back up the schools (2) improve our home-making (3) study international relations (4) keep step with our Juniors and (5) continue welfare work. She would have us remember that each day is our day and each job is our opportunity.

Mr. O. S. Brinton, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, warned us to greater care in both the selection of our foods and our cosmetics. S1944 is a new food and drug bill for our protection. A summary of this bill together with other helpful articles on the subject will be sent free of charge to anyone writing: Food and Drug Administration, U. S. Department Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. David Gordon, State Chairman of Public Welfare, presented Miss Sehon, from the Vineland Training School. She gave us many things to think about as she reported the results of several years of research in that institution. The aim being to fathom why we have an ever-increasing family of feeble-minded in New Jersey.

Mrs. A. Merritt Jennings, State Treasurer of the Federation, gave us a jovial resume of the pranks of "three bees" that crept into her bonnet while she attended the National Federation Meeting in Richmond. She let them fly out among the audience, each buzzing a message to us. The first wanted us each to plan our vacation next year and each succeeding year around the National Conference. The second one urged us as women to gain knowledge—plus. The third little fellow suggested that we each become a member of the General Federation—for we join for strength and we cooperate for better understanding.

The music on the program was beautiful and inspiring. The Choral Society from the Riverton Woman's Club rendered several selections and Margaretta Shriver thrilled us all with her interpretation of "Homing." Our own Mrs. Dyer was at the piano.

For a fifteen minute broadcast advertising the "New Jersey Club Woman"—Clara, Lou, and Em entertained us with fine impersonation. Mrs. Albert Zintl, who wrote the sketch, was Clara; Mrs. Jere Elmer played the part of Lou and Mrs. Showell Dennis was Em. The three players are all Woodbury Club Women, and their efforts should certainly double the subscriptions to this official organ of the State Federation.

Mrs. Frank Stewart.