The Avon Park Woman's Club Section

THE AVON PARK TIMES

New Club House Dedication Issue

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Historical Review Of the Activities of The Woman's Club

Avon Park Club Was Organized in 1919; Has Been of Great Service In Community Work.

"You are to write a history of the Club," what a commission where you know that history, to do it justice, would fill volumes, — and now think how the printers will limit your space!

Well,

"Boast not to me of the stock whence you grow,
But show me your stock by what you can do."

It is the same with a Club. No use raving over how fine it is, we'll just show not what it can do, but a few things it has done, actual accomplishments.

Established for the benefit of the entire community, aside from the Chamber of Commerce, it is the only purely civic organization in town, interested in everything that will benefit the people, the town, — yes, much wider than that, the county, the state, the whole country.

Of course organization came first, September 19th, 1919, with 72 charter members, followed by Federation in 1920, and incorporation in 1925, so we could accept Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Donaldson's very generous gift of 10 acres of land for club house site on Lake avenue, where the town was extending at that time.

After organization, services to the community started with efforts to develop civic pride, and work for child welfare and health, and also town sanitation.

In a year or two, town authorities as well as Club were interested in collecting a fund for a Community House (the Club's first effort toward getting a home) and that same year, when schools all over the state were closing for lack of funds, the club members collected and gave enough to provide sufficient to keep grades open two months, and high school three months longer, to complete the year's work.

In 1921 the club bought bulbs for the oak near the band stand, and arranged the first community Christmas tree and exercises — and they have cared for that work ever since. Recent years a special tree has been put up, and Public Service has very generously lighted it and part of the Mall.

Town had no plans for carrying on relief in those days, so the Club assumed that, supporting entire families at times, and regularly raising money for Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, treats for the children.

Along health lines, they have sponsored clinics for babies, for pre-school age little ones, for pupils, and secured a T. B. clinic through their efforts in selling quantities of Red Cross stamps.

The library, the Club's outstanding accomplishment, was started shortly after the club commenced to function. It managed it, and paid all expenses for a time, members taking turns as librarian; all management is still in the hands of the Club, and money contributed yearly. The City Council now furnishes an amount each month toward supporting it.

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Club Members Very Active For Club House Dedication

Members of the Avon Park Woman's Club have been preparing for the past week for the formal dedication of the new Club House and the installation of officers elect.

Several committees named by the president, Mrs. Fred Stevens, have been devoting much of their time so that today's dedication might be a great success.

In charge of the luncheon for members of the club are: Mrs. W. H. Kempton, Mrs. J. M. McCord, Mrs. C. P. Turner, Mrs. Lula Bass, and Mrs. H. E. Godwin.

The club house decorating committee consists of Mrs. A. C. Wester, Mrs. Harry Jackson and Mrs. Daisy Ten Eyck.

In the reception line at noon will be: Mrs. W. M. Reck, Mrs. W. H. Yates, Mrs. G. P. Thayer, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Mrs. C. S. Donaldson and past presidents, now members of the club.

The program committee is composed of Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. Ola L. Head and Mrs. Fred Stevens.

Every member has the privilege of inviting a guest for the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

LEADING WOMEN OF AVON PARK CLUB MEMBERS

Club Activities Conducted Through The Officers And Committees

The leading women of the City of Avon Park are active in the affairs of the Women's Club. Officers and committees include women who are public spirited and civic minded.

The affairs of the club are handled by a group of the city's leading women which accounts for the splendid achievements recorded by the organization.

Headed by Mrs. Fred Stevens, who is serving her second term as president, the club has:

Mrs. S. Y. Hartt as first vice president.

Mrs. M. V. Pilcher, second vice president.

Mrs. G. A. Stebbins, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Ola L. Head, recording secretary.

Mrs. Lester Armstrong, treasurer.

Mrs. W. A. Davison, registrar.

Mrs. W. M. Reck, historian.

Mrs. Blanche Williams, parliamentarian.

The club works mainly through committees of which the following are standing:

Club House: Mrs. S. Y. Hartt, Mrs. C. D. Noland.

Building: Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. W. C. Touchton, Mrs. Ola L. Head, Mrs. E. G. Todd and Mrs. L. H. Park.

Program: Mrs. George Scott McKnight, Mrs. S. Y. Hartt and

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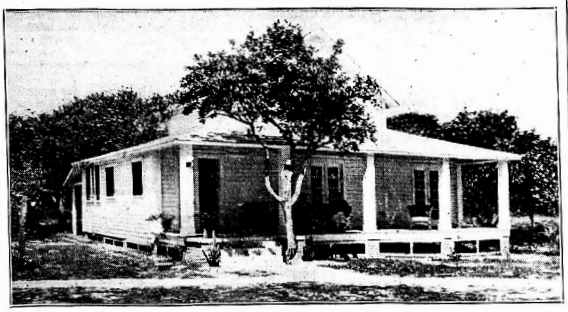
NEW HOME OF AVON PARK WOMAN'S CLUB



The new club house of the Avon Park Woman's Club which is being dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. Owning their own home has been the aim of the club for a number of years and this dream has now come true through the cooperation of club members and Avon Park and it's citizens.

ANNUAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Dedication of Club House
MAY 7, 1937

11:00 A. M. Business: Reports of officers and committee chairmen.
12:30 P. M. Luncheon—Members.

P-R-O-G-R-A-M

2:30 P. M. Dedication.

"Begin: To begin is half the work. Let half remain
Again begin this, and thou wilt have finished."

Welcome, Mrs. Fred Stevens.

Response, Mrs. Julia Mason Smith.

Song: "America the Beautiful."

Pledge to the Flag, lead by Mrs. William A. Davison.

Invocation, Rev. R. I. Brown.

Dedicatory Service, Mrs. Blanche Williams.

Prayer, Rev. A. C. Elliott.

Vocal Solo, Miss Linda Mason, accompanist Miss Laura Neil Leonard.

Address: Mrs. Grace M. Chute, F. F. W. C., "Winning Women."

Collect lead by Mrs. Ola L. Head.

Violin Solo: "The Old Refrain," William Chaddock, accompanist Barbara Betts.

Intermission:

Presentation and introduction of officers elect, Mrs. Fred Stevens.

Installation Ceremony, Mrs. D. L. Hagan, Vice-President Section 9.

Piano Solo: Miss Laura Neil Leonard.

Closing Song: "Suwannee River."

The Advertising Committee Thanks All For Assistance

The Advertising Committee wish to express their sincere thanks to all those in Avon Park and elsewhere who have helped so generously in buying advertising in the "Woman's Club Section" of "The Sun" and "The Times." It is only through cooperation that worth while things can be accomplished and we feel it was through pulling together that this section is the success it is—a six page section instead of the four page one as originally planned.

We wish to thank all those, who, for some good reason, preferred not to advertise but, in order to help, made cash donations directly to the club.

To the Tampa Tribune and Jacksonville- Times-Union boys who are willing to give a half-hour of their early morning sleeping time to distribute 500 additional copies of "The Woman's Club Section," the committee says, "Thank you for your spirit of co-operativeness and help."

To the two editors, Mr. Hetherington and Mr. Beckett, this committee owes a debt of gratitude for the splendid and patient way they have aided these new "advertising managers."

To the Avon Park Woman's Club: The committee has struggled hard this past week that you may breathe in peace for the next six months and our hearts are with you for a long, happy, and prosperous life.

Faithfully,
Mrs. M. E. Covington
Mrs. C. E. Lanier
Mrs. D. G. Perry
Mrs. M. V. Pilcher
Mrs. W. C. Touchton
Mrs. E .G. Todd, Chmn.

YOUR CLUB

Live clubs are not made
By women that's afraid,
Lest somebody else gets ahead;
When everyone works
And nobody shirks
You can raise a Club from the dead.

And, if while you are doing
Your best to help,
And your sister is helping out too,
Your Club will be
Just what you want it to be.
It isn't your Club, it's YOU.

If you want to belong
To the kind of a Club,
Like the kind of a Club you like
You need not slip
And start on a long, long hike.

You'll only find
What you've left behind,
For there's nothing that's really new
Its a knock at yourself
When you knock at your Club
It isn't your Club, its YOU.

—Selected.

WHAT WE NEED

This touching little poem tells the story:

a little more tenderness
a little more creed
a little more giving
a little less greed
a little more we
a little less I
a little more laugh
a little less cry
a little more flowers
to enlighten life's load
and fewer on graves
at the end of the road.

Guy Kirk.

In jealously there is more of self-love than of love to another.
—Rochefoucauld.

Special Section Honors New Home Of Woman's Club

This section of the Avon Park Times and the Avon Park Sun is issued in connection with the formal dedication of the new club home of the Avon Park Woman's Club and as a special feature of this event.

Under the direction of and largely through the personal effort of the club president, Mrs. Fred Stevens, a large portion of the club items of interest were gathered and a large part of the advertising in this section was sold by a committeed headed by Mrs. E. G. Todd, chairman, Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. W. C. Touchton, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. M. V. Pilcher, Mrs D. G. Perry, Mrs. W. M. Reck and Mrs. W. A Davison.

These ladies devoted a greater part of last week in making this edition a financial success as the club's building fund will benefit from commissions allowed by the newspapers on the advertising.

Building Committee Extends Its Thanks

The Building Committee wishes to take this opportunity to again thank the many friends of the club who have so generously donated of their cash, work and time to make our building and grounds so attractive.

Mrs. M. E. Covington
Mrs. E. G. Todd
Mrs. C. E. Lanier
Mrs. W. C. Touchton
Mrs. L. H. Parks
Mrs. Ola Head.

What frenzy dictates, jealously believes.—Gay.

Woman's Club Head Makes Report For The Past Two Years

New Club House Is One For Which The Club May Be Proud

The Avon Park Woman's Club boasts a building of which the club is very proud. It is a monument to civic beautification. The structure has facilities for all club activities and social functions.

The property consists of a large corner lot at Verona and Pine streets, 190 by 240 feet. The former residence was remodeled by Farnell and Son from architectura designs by L. H. Park and is the admiration of the public.

The landscaping will be done by the Garden Club. There are about 60 orange and grapefruit trees of full bearing size, occupying about half of the property.

Three French doors open out from the main room onto the large porch across the front. The main room has ample seating capacity and is well lighted and ventilated. The kitchen and serving room are well equipped with electric range, hot water, lights and other modern conveniences.

Over the front entrace hangs the sign, "Woman's Club."

The Art Club, the Christian Science Church and the W. C. T. U. hold meetings here and the Tourist Club has the privilege of the building extended to them.

WOMAN'S CLUBS ORIGINATED IN U. S. A. IN 1868

First Organized Following Dinner To Dickens In New York City

It was prior to March, 1868, that the Press Club of New York offered to Mr Charles Dickens a dinner which was to be given at the close of his reading tour in this country. The somewhat churlish treatment accorded to Mrs. Croly's application for a ticket, and subsequently, to other ladies who applied for an extension of the same privilege upon the same terms as men, suggested to Mrs. Croly the idea of a club composed of women only, that should manage its own affairs, represent as far as possible the active interests of women, and create a bond of fellowship between them, which many women, as well as men, thought at that time would be impossible to establish.

Mrs. Croly imparted her idea to Mrs. Charlotte Wilbour and Miss Kate Field. Both were at once interested, and Miss Field begged permission to communicate it to Mrs. Henry M. Field, and it was agreed at the same time that Mrs. Croly should endeavor to secure the cooperation of Mrs. Professor Botta.

On the first Monday in March, 1868, a meeting was called at the residence of Mrs. Croly, at which the following ladies were present: Mrs. C. D. Wilbour, Mrs. Botta, Mrs. H. M. Field, Miss Kate Field

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Mrs. Stevens Presents Interesting Record of Accomplishments Made By The Avon Park Club.

Mrs. Fred Stevens, as president of the Avon Park Woman's Club for the past two years, in giving this report covering the club's activities, says, "I have found the club a field for service, as it is intended to be."

For the year 1935 and 1936 the club worked through the departments and standing committees of the organization, stressing the welfare work. A children's clinic was held and follow up work done, food clothing and medicine furnished, Thanksgiving season gifts, children's story hour during the summer, over 200 toys rejuvenated and given to children, one scholarship furnished, $50 donated to the library and book showers, temperence education for the colored schools with books and magazines to the colored children.

Christmas treat for children.

The programs each month were along the lines of current topics and world interest.

A fine arts exhibit was held and from the program an art club was formed. The pictures were local. The school children, both white and colored, enjoyed this.

The club enjoyed the annual picnic and the tourists were entertained.

Musical program and guest day at Pine Crest.

The matter of a club house came up again and as at this time the club was homeless, each member determined to make an 18 year dream come true.

The year ended with the annual meeting and luncheon at the Jacaranda Hotel and installation of officers for 1936-37 by Sectional Vice President, Mrs. D. L. Hagan.

The year 1936-37 began at the installation this year as the purchase of a club house seemed the paramount need. The room in the city hall which had been occupied by the club since the hall was rented, was now needed for the WPA sewing room, so the club property was stored and special meetings were held during the summer while the details of the purchase of club property were worked out. Finally the way cleared up and finances arranged and the contract let by late fall. Club parties during the summer aided finances and these, with the cooperation of club friends, made the way possible.

The monthly programs have been unusually interesting and instructive this year. Welfare address by Dr. Spangler. At the first meeting, October 7, Mrs. Kellum, state president and Mrs. Hagan, section nine vice president, surprised us. Educational, Dr. Stanley Reeves. Christmas theme for December, Christmas tree and Christmas baskets furnished.

In January a visiting artists day was held at Pine Crest with talent from sections nine and 12. This proved so enjoyable it has been proposed for an annual affair by the section. The club also sponsored the Red Cross seal sale in January.

The February program was a travelogue by Mr. Redfield of New

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Greetings From Governor Cone

AVON PARK WOMENS' CLUB
AVON PARK, FLORIDA

It gives me great pleasure to extend to the members of the Avon Park Womans' Club my hearty greetings and congratulations on the dedication of their fine new Club House. This contribution to your community will remain a monument of your energy and integrity for many years and be a source of great pleasure to all.

The splendid accomplishments of the women of today in both civic and commercial life are becoming more and more evident and I am proud of your wholehearted efforts in developing and upholding the ideals and principles of good government.

Wishing you many pleasant as well as instructive meetings in your new Home, I am

Cordially yours,
FRED P. CONE,
Governor.

Past Presidents of the Woman's Club of Avon Park

Mrs. H. Stevenson - -	1919—1921
Mrs. May Walden - -	1921—1922
Mrs. E. O. Williams - -	1922—1923
Mrs. W. M. Reck - -	1923—1925
Mrs. O. L. Bardill - -	1925—1927
Mrs. Paul Rumpsa - -	1927—1929
Mrs. Ferd de Anguera - -	1929—1930
Mrs. M. E. Covington - -	1930—1931
Mrs. W. A. Davison - -	1931—1933
Mrs. M. V. Pilcher - -	1933—1934
Mrs. S. E. Booth - -	1934—1935
Mrs. Fred Stevens - -	1935—1937

Read the Ads

CLIFF'S CASH MARKET

Fancy Florida
BEEF, PORK and VEAL
Buy it and keep your money in Avon Park

DON'T FORGET
"Say It With Flowers"
— on —
MOTHER'S DAY
ORR, the Florist

Woman's Club Head Makes Report For The Past Two Years

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York. The Fine Arts Department, assisted by the Art Club, had local pictures exhibited at Miami, water color by L. H. Park, oil by E. N. Griffith. Both artists received prizes and by these exhibits Avon Park ranks with Tallahassee, the two cities honored by Mrs. Taylor Bradford, F. F. W. C. for art activities and cultural art. This brings to Avon Park this fall a state art exhibit.

In November the state board of the F. F. W. C. met in Avon Park, 150 of the state's most prominent women assembled here, headed by State President, Mrs. Gertrude Kellum. Avon Park did the usual in extending hospitality and a second time brought forth the thanks of the F. F. W. C. for the pleasant stay here.

I attended the state federation meetings in Melbourne and Tampa, sectional nine meeting at Lake Wales and Winter Haven, 16 local club regular meetings, 10 special meetings, 16 executive meetings, wrote 120 letters and 77 postal cards.

In February the club moved into the new home and a reception was given to the public. "Cooperation," was the evening's theme.

The lecture in March by Dr. H. S. Wirsching, Chicago, his subject, "Our Nation."

The April subject was "Women's Legal Status in Florida," by Judge S. C. Ives.

The main objective for the past year has been accomplished. The club is preparing for a new year of unusual club activities under the splendid leadership of the new president, Mrs. M. E. Covington with the following officers: Mrs. Paul Garber, first vice president; Mrs. E. G. Todd, second vice president; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. A. Stebbins; recording secretary, Mrs. Oh Head; treasurer, Mrs. Lester Armstrong; registrar, Mrs. S. Y. Hartt and the slogan, "A membership of 200 progressive women of Avon Park."

The Garden Club, a department of the Woman's Club, has enjoyed the privilege of the plant study of our wonderful Mall.

A COLLECT FOR CLUB WOMEN

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face—
Without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.
Let us take time for all things;
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward, and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are at one.
And may we strive to touch and to know the great common woman's heart of us all, and,
Oh, Lord, let us forget not to be kind!

—Mary Stuart.

"DEDICATORY SERVICE"

President: We have met today to dedicate this building and just as "Home ain't a place that gold can buy or get up in a minute; afore its home, there's got to be a heap o' living in it." So with this club house today, we are not so much interested in the materials that have gone into it, as the ways in which it will be used. Think of the importance of friendship in every day life. Thoreau says: "It will make a man honest, it will make him a hero, it will make him a saint."

Everyone can have a friend
Who himself knows how to be a friend.

Response: We dedicate this club house for the promotion of true friendship.

President: Every true club woman should be civic minded and so we hope to continue to take an active part in all civic and national welfare.

Response: We dedicate this club house for the promotion of American citizenship and public welfare.

President: The fine arts have a great place in our modern civilization and are receiving recognition in every State as never before. One is not educated until he has taken time to sense the world of beauty as found in music, painting, architecture, sculpture, gardening, and literature. There are great character building values in the knowledge of the fine arts.

Response: We dedicate this club house to the development of mental power, personal talent, and the growth of personality.

President: Kind words for others always lift, encourage and sweeten the passing days. The time calls for a re-dedication of things which must never be neglected nor forgotten; Brotherhood for instance, that is an ideal actually being scrapped in large sections of the world, but a world without brotherhood would be little better than a jungle, since it is by nature of things both cornerstone and foundation without which any world society we build is doomed to topple.

Response: We dedicate this club house for the study and promotion of peaceful international relations.

President: Every good cause is lost if it has no youth in its ranks. "The foundation of any State is the education of its youth."—Diogenes.
Our Club must stress the education and training of the coming generation.

Response: We dedicate this club house to be used for the promotion and preservation of true American ideals.

President: The world is a great workshop in which there is no place for drones. There is plenty to do—evil to put down; good to be built up; work for all to do.

Response: We dedicate this club house to be used for the promotion of all good deeds.

Interesting Data From Bygone Years

The following exerpts are taken from the Avon Park Press, April 12, and July 12, 1918, and may serve as source of information as to disposition and disposal of the Town's Liberty Bond.

"The Liberty Bond is now paid for and is deposited in the First National Bank, drawing interest at 5 per cent . . . It has been suggested that this bond be a nucleus for a sick fund. The bond will be turned over to the city fathers at the exercises on the Fourth of July, with instructions for its use, which will be for whatever purpose the citizens think is wise and good."

"On the rostrum were seated W. C. Touchton, Mayor; George F. Kellogg, president of the Board of Trade; Rev. W. M. Pickard and G. E. Bennet, of Sebring; Dr. Murrish and Mr. W. M. Reck of Avon Park. President Kellogg was in charge of the exercises.

"He presented to Mayor Touchton for Avon Park, the Liberty Bond which the ladies had bought for a neucleus for a town benefit. Mayor Touchton accepted the bond in a few well chosen words. He suggested that the audience show its appreciation of the bond by rising."

He that does not know those things which are of use and necessity for him to know, is but an ignorant man, whatever he may know besides—Tillotson.

Give sorrow words; the grief, that does not speak, whispers the o'erfraught heart, and bids it break—Shakespeare..

"The Bride Wakes Up"

and comes here for her Groceries to tickle the palate of Hubby

Spry — Lux — Rinso — Lipton's Tea — Sno Sheen Cake Flour — Knox Jell and Gelatine — Lifebuoy Soap and Pillsbury's Best

STEBBINS' CASH GROCERY

Then--

For those delicious steaks, roasts, cutlets and chops and the bacon, sausage and cheese, she steps back to

CARTER'S MARKET

PHONE 5 AVON PARK

Our Best Wishes to the Woman's Club and Congratulations on the opening of their New Club House.

AVON PARK DRUG CO.
The Rexall Store

Try the Rexall Store First. Courteous and Competent Service.

PHONE 22 AVON PARK

ARTHUR E. GREGORY
"INSURANCE WITH SERVICE"

Ware's Service Station

PUROL GAS - TIOLENE OIL
Tires, Tubes, Batteries

FIBRE AND ELASTIC
Seat Covers
Introductory Offer 25% Discount

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EXPERT LAUNDRY WORK
PRICES REASONABLE
Satisfaction Guaranteed
Call for and Deliver
MRS. W. O. SKIPPER

CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes to the Woman's Club
M. E. COVINGTON

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to WOMAN'S CLUB
F. W. SHOCKLEY

MRS. JAMES B. COEN, Jr. Will continue classes in piano through the summer months

Best Wishes to the Avon Park Woman's Club
MID - STATE HOTEL

G. D. GODWIN
Agent
Standard Oil Co.

COMPLIMENTS OF
Hinkle Grocery
847 So. Verona Ave.

J. M. McCORD, Manager
Blue Goose
Appreciates the business given to him by the Growers in having their fruit packed at home, thereby creating employment for home labor.
Thanks.

BEST WISHES to the AVON PARK WOMAN'S CLUB
Fred Stevens
PLUMBING

MATTIE W. TOMPKINS
Fire and Automobile Insurance
PHONE 39
Brickell Building

Compliments to Avon Park Woman's Club
JARRETTE'S Highlands Barber Shop

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WOMAN'S CLUB
JACARANDA SERVICE STATION

A Toast
to
The Avon Park Woman's Club

May your membership increase, your good works continue, and the new Club House prove a real blessing.

Sincerely yours,

PARK THEATRE
VIRGINIA WELKER, Manager

Sincere Congratulations To The Woman's Club On Past Accomplishments

May your splendid work continue through future years!

Mandis Dairy
Established 1922
No. 2 Jacaranda Arcade

See
"The Bride Wakes Up"
And all the Pretty
House Dresses

The Bride realizes the importance of looking attractive when working around the house You, too, can look your best by wearing one of our lovely new house dresses.

A wide range of models in new, gay and colorful materials and designs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WOMAN'S CLUB

Abrams
Avon Park, Florida

Compliments
of
Palmer & Palmer
WEST MAIN STREET
Opening Date
to be
Announced

Compliments
to the
Woman's Club
From
D. B. Farnell & Son
Building Contractors

Patronize the Advertisers

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
AMERICAN OWNED
Cafe
Regular Meals 30c
SPECIALIZING IN
CUBAN SANDWICHES AND
SPECIAL SUNDAY DINNERS
PRIVATE DINING ROOMS
JIMMIE LUXTON & KENO
ALWAYS HERE

Congratulations
TO
Avon Park Woman's Club
JACARANDA HOTEL
C. E. CRABTREE, Manager

Why Serve Moth Banquets ?
During the month of May we will, upon request, seal all your cleaned and pressed clothes in moth-proof bags—at no extra cost.
Ragsdale's
PHONE 52

WITH BEST WISHES
TO
THE WOMAN'S CLUB
OF AVON PARK
AVON PARK CITRUS
GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Woman's Clubs Originated In U. S. A. In 1868

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and the hostess.

Mrs. Croly, on being asked to state the object in view, briefly recounted the facts in regard to the treatment of women members of the press by the New York Press Club, and said her idea was to supply the want of unity and secular organization among women. Many women, she herself among the rest, wished for a more intimate companionship with women that is, with those whose deeper natures had been aroused to activity, who had been seized by the divine spirit of inquiry and inspiration, who were interested in the thought and progress of the age, and in what other women were thinking and doing. No plan of work had been laid down, or system of organization, because these must be the outgrowth of what were felt to be the wants of the membership, and the first thing to do was to consider a basis.

Mrs. Botta recommended "taking the bull by the horns" and calling it the "Blue Stocking Club." This was opposed on the ground that it would tend to make it too strictly literary. The club, it was felt, must be homogeneous—hospitable to women of different minds, degrees and habits of work and thought—it must be representative of all women, not of any special class of women, for the idea of clubs for women was to rid them of the system of exclusion and separation. A note of invitation was agreed upon, signed by all present, Miss Kate Field acting as secretary, and a number of names suggested to whom it should be sent. In the meantime, Miss Field announced her immediate departure for Boston, where she was to attend the Charles Dickens lectures on behalf of the New York Tribune prior to his coming to New York. During this absence Mrs. Wilbour consented to act as secretary pro tem.

The second preparatory meeting was called for the succeeding Monday, at the same time and place, in the afternoon, at Mrs. Croly's house in West Fourteenth Street. But previous to its assembling and during the intervening days, many events occured which threatened to "nip" the new organization in the bud, and postpone the work it was destined to do for women. Among these were letters of withdrawal from Mrs. Field and Mrs. Botta, the former on the ground of immediate and long-continued absence from the city; the latter, the opposition of her husband. Miss Field, as anticipated, was absent in Boston. This defection left the burden of responsibility upon the shoulders of Mrs. Croly and Mrs. Wilbour, who determined to carry it the best way they could.

At this period no one of those connected with the undertaking had ever heard of a "Woman's Club;" or of any secular organization composed entirely of women, for the purpose of bringing all kinds of women together to work out their own objects in their own way.

The originator specifically disavowed any specific object, asking only for a representative woman's organization based on perfectly equal terms, in which women might acquire methods, learn how to work together for general objects, — not for charity or a propaganda.

This declaration of principles was the cause of much abusive criticism, as well as failure to obtain aid and sympathy. Had SOROSIS started to DO anything, — any ONE thing, from building an asylum for aged and indigent "females" to supplying the natives of Timbuctoo with pocket handkerchiefs, it would have found a public already made. But its attitude was frankly ignorant and inquiring. It laid no claim to wisdom or knowledge that could be of use to anybody. It simply felt the stirring of an intense desire that women should come together — All together, not from one church, or one neighborhood, or one walk of life, but from all quarters, and take counsel together, find the cause of failures and separations, of ignorance and wrong-doing, and try to discover better ways, and more intelligent methods.

In 1868 the Sorosis Club of New York was organized — Sorosis the mother of clubs. The Greek word, Sorosis means heap or bunch. The Latin Sorosis means sister.

In 1889 Sorosis was 21 years old and this birthday was celebrated when 61 women came together, with high necked dresses, tight basques and dresses that swept the floor. Here a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and the General Federation of Women's Club was born, women from 17 states attending this first Federation meet. The key to club work was given here "Unity in Diversity."

The Federation was one of the first to read the meaning of Recreation. It was a pioneer in its passionate appreciation of the rights of Americans to own their own natural treasure of outdoors; They began the fight for National Parks, free forests for birds and wild flowers and wild life began with the federation women.

Many years later, the president of the National Forestry, Association turned to the Women's Clubs to help him in a vital piece of legislation. The appearance of the Gerneral Federation on the field was like the appearance of the American boys on the battle field of France, it turned the tide of battle.

The federation early took up the cause of women and children and was instrumental in establishing the Children's Bureau in Washington and to suggest the first chief, that wonderful woman, Julia Lathrop to the Department of Labor.

Human kindness led club women to interest themselevs in prisons, in delinquents, in defectives, ugly diseases, white slave traffic, commercialized vice, child labor, disordered marriages and divorce laws became not separate interests, but interlocking conditions that must be fared.

Today women in the United States form a balance of power and are found holding positions never dreamed of by those early club women.

The Florida State Federation was organized February 21, 1895 at Green Cove Springs, Florida; was admitted to the General Federation of Women's Club January 25, 1898, and was incorporated April 12, 1915.

Mrs. Roberta C. Lawson, a full blooded Indian Princess and a most wonderful women is our head. Her slogan is "Education For Living" and the Federation motto is "In all things unity; In all things liberty; In all things charity."

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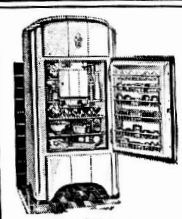
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For sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace—
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If your life is unselfish, if for others you live,
For not what you get, but how much you can give;
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the flowers to wither at the
north wind's breath.
"The stars their time to set, but
thou hast all seasons for
thine own, O Death."

—o—

We realize that while in life, death is in our midst and while some of us have never felt his paralyzing hand, others have passed through affliction's veil of tears, and surely all of us need the guidance, the wisdom and love of our Heavenly Father, to do our duties as they come to us, that we may be prepared to answer the summons when we are called.

There are vacant places in our club, the thought of which brings many sweet memories, but as time is a great healer, we become reconciled, knowing God doeth all things well.

We will not forget those early women with a vision which is today realized. Their names, their faith, their love shall lie on memory's page all bright and clear. God called them, their work was done, how soon their earthly race was run. They have gone.

They left to us the task and this hour today. We have only a memory of what has been, but never now can be.

This poem was a favorite of our first President, Mrs. Stevenson:

"Sunset and eevn star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of time and place
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And the sun is always shining, and the fragrant flowers grow,
You'll find a band of women it will do you good to know,
Our Avon Women's Club.

CHORUS:

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Our Avon Woman's Club.

We love this little City, with its spirit strong and true,
We love the moving palm trees and the sky above so blue;
Our love and loyal service for her we'll ever do
Our Avon Women's Club.

CHORUS:

RESOLUTIONS FOR CLUB WOMEN

(By ETHEL B. BOOTH)

I will be in my place on time.
I will pay my dues promptly.
I will endeavor to attend the club meetings more regularly.
I will learn the "salute to the flag" and the "Club Collect."
I will remember the flag should be placed at the right of the president.
I will help the presiding officer by making motions promptly.
I will learn to state my motions in the fewest words possible.
I will refrain from criticism.
I will speak to the "stranger within our gates."
I will do all I can to encourage the distribution of good literature.
I will learn the subsidiary motions in their order of precedence and remember which are debatable.
I will make my report short, concise, and clear. If it contains a recommendation I will remember—before taking my seat—to move its adoption.
I will be charitable. Each member has a right to promote measures in which she is interested and to defeat those she disapproves.

Note: Reprinted by request from the January, 1931, Clubwoman GFWC.

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The city attorney, S. C. Pardee, also waived his right to collect attorney's fees, as foreclosure suit had been instituted. For all this we are sincerely thankful. The present membership consists of:

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CLUB NOTES

AMERICAN HOME

Let us visit the home of today. There, after the sun goes down we have electric light all over the house. Instead of the family being at one table, each has his or her own table and lamp; in the place of the story read together, they go to the movies. Mother doesn't sew buttons on Junior's clothes, because today they are fastened with zippers, and the red flannel petticoats which she used to make for all the daughters are not even replaced, and father rarely shares the news with the family for the radio supplies the highlights of the news today.

Let us take from the homes of yesterday, into the home of today, those hours of companionship and family discussion, when all the members of the family shared with each other their thrills, problems, joys and sorrows. Because of this there was less crime and fewer divorces. At these home conferences each has an opportunity to express his or her own opinion, as well as to listen to the opinion of others. Occasionally it would be enjoyable to hold these conferences before the open fire, and also in the outdoor living-rooms, appointing a member of the family as the leader.

AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

No government can be wholely effective that is strictly man-made and man-manned. It is true that no woman had a part in the framing of the Constitution by which this nation was established. But it is also true that even before its ratification certain changes were impending. And ever since its adoption amendments have been before the people for their consideration. At least we know that, had women been a party to its framing, certain amendments would have been included in the original document.

In answer to the criticism often made that women have shown little of that peculiar genius which should characterize a legislator, we admit that only a few have distinguished themselves in such careers. There is little doubt that this has been due in a great measure to a lack of understanding of the fundamentals necessary for such leadership. It is a significant fact that for approximately fifteen years, the General Federation has advocated a serious study of forms of government, of laws, of national issues, and of the Constitution of the United States.

THANKS FOR FLOWERS

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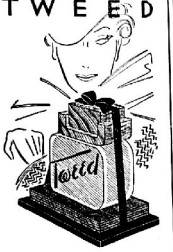

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MRS. FRED STEVENS, President,
AVON PARK WOMAN'S CLUB,
AVON PARK, FLORIDA.

MY DEAR MRS. STEVENS:

To you and your fellow club memebrs I want to extend greetings and congratulations on the splendid work you have done in creating such a beautiful and useful clubhouse.

I well realize that this has not been an easy task and that it has been only through the persistent efforts of your membership and the splendid cooperation they have shown at all times that this has been made possible.

Again I want to congratulate you and express the hope that your club home may be a real center for the social life of the community.

With best wishes, I am
Very truly yours,
J. M. LEE,
Comptroller.

Historical Review Of The Activities Of Woman's Club

(Continued from Page 1)

Different outsiders have remarked that if the Club did nothing else, the library alone would justify it's existance.

Later a part time librarian was employed, the Club meeting this extra expense — now a regular librarian is on duty.

Interest in making Avon Park a "City Beautiful," was aroused, different years putting on very successful improvement contests, giving prizes for best yards, front yards, back yards, vine-covered porch or fence, hedge, grass parking, etc. "Plant exchange" days were arranged.

Also it planted and cared for shrubbery around the school building, having it watered all summer after planting.

Organized a Study Department, a Mother's Department, Music Department, Junior Woman's Club, Junior Music Department, Woman's Chorus and the last, a very successful Garden Club.

In cash, beside library, local and state objects, it contributed $200 toward school playground equipment; $300 to the Mall; organized and paid all expenses of Girl Scouts as long as a scout master could be secured for them; revived Boy Scouts and gave them $200 they needed immediately, and other donations to them; $10.00 prize in Safety First put on in the schools; many charity cases helped. Monthly donations toward feeding undernourished (supplied orange juice before feeding was undertaken); regular yearly checks to Girl's Home, Children's Home at Jacksonville. Endowment Fund, Royal Palm Park; $200 toward furnishings for new library room.

A scholarship fund was established the fall of 1928, to loan to worthy Avon Park girls desiring an education and not able to meet all expenses.

Among other things:

Employed part time nurse for a time; planted over 100 trees in accordance with program of beautification in honor of bi-cientennial of birth of George Washington, this registering the Club in the National Tree Association; also planted a royal poinciana in the Mall, with a fine celebration, on the actual birthday; yearly sponsors "Children's Story Hour" during summer vacation; gave croquet set and locker for public use; urged beneficial action in many state and national laws; assisted in Red Cross drives; put on Baby shows; cooperated with American Legion in big July 4th celebration, canvassed all merchants to get them to decorate; also arranged rest rooms for women and children, with ice water, cots and kiddie koops, hostesses in charge all day.

When Ridge Board of Trade had a meeting here, the Club furnished refreshments; helped get glasses for child needing them; hold get-acquainted receptions for teachers each fall; held Art Exhibits.

Sponsored Clean-up Campaign, which later brought about collection of rubbish and garbage.

Petitioned for Avon Park to be made Bird Sanctuary.

Assisted Moore Haven people after hurricane, later assisting Red Cross force that came in.

Put on Tag Days for library and other things.

Collected books for library each year.

Urged enforcement of quarantine laws, laws keeping pool-rooms and "drink parlors" free from curtains and shutters, enforcing truancy regulations; keeping old discarded autos from roadsides.

Made every effort to save the Jacaranda, "The most beautiful tree in Florida," among various authorities in vain — but one mile of Jacaranda's probably resulted from the sacrifice of that one.

Entertained the State Federation of Woman's Clubs March 14th to 17th, 1933, over 300 delegates present, a feat never before attempted by so small a town. The members pronounced it one of the best and loveliest meetings ever held and were lavish in their praise of all arrangements, the social features, the perfect plans for the entire period — so pleased, in fact, that two years later the State Board intimated very openly that they would enjoy holding their meeting here, so a cordial welcome was extended to them.

Section Nine was also entertained, 75 sectional and state officers and members attending.

These are a few of the many things accomplished by the club. To review the many entertaining and instructive meetings, the delightful social affairs, the varied programs, the names of distinguished speakers from all over the country, who have given us talks on their travels in foreign lands, on their special work or professions, would lengthen this article beyond the limits.

Also to give credit to the many members who have worked so faithfully and efficiently, so tirelessly, through the years, would require a biography of each one.

Then the many members and young women of town and school, who so graciously furnished music and other entertainment for the regular meetings, deserve special personal mention that can not be given now.

The Club has met in Masonic Temple, in members' homes, in the brick school auditorium, in the "Annex" that stood near it, and in the hotel parlors, till City Hall was erected, and a bright room on the second floor was granted to it. Here it felt settled and furniture was purchased.

Last year the Club was urged ta take advantage of Federal Housing. The dream house of many years had vanished with the loss of the hard-earned money some years ago, this now seemed to promise a home the Club could call "My Own," so various properties were inspected, the choice finally falling on the corner of Verona avenue and Pine street, an attractive lot in a good location, with an old house that seemed to have some possibilities.

This week the Club is dedicating the building that has developed from those possibilities, an attractive resting and working place of its very own. We trust the celebration and the information about the Club's aims, objects and accomplishments, its interest in home, in church, in school, in town, in anything that will benefit the comunity, will attract so many of the women of our town who yearn to do their bit along these lines, that an addition to the house will be needed very shortly to accommodate all these co-workers.

A word more — what you give out, returns to you many fold. The club members themselves have always been greatly benefitted by this association for unselfish effort for others. Close friendships have been formed, harmony has prevailed, all look toward the club as a big family with many mutual interests — may it live long and continue in its altuistic work.

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