

WOMAN'S CLUB ORGANIZED HERE IN 1929; AN ACTIVE ORGANIZATION

Mrs. Lorah Lipp First President; Gave Library

The Mount Pulaski Woman's Club was organized in 1929.

A group of women met at the home of Mrs. George Rupp in the late summer of 1929, with the 17th district president, Mrs. Natalie Pegram of Lincoln; Mrs. J. A. Patton of Atlanta, county president, and Mrs. Frank Woland of Beason, to discuss the formation of a club.

An organization meeting later resulted in Mrs. Lorah Z. Lipp being elected president; Mrs. G. F. Wait, vice-president; Mrs. Paul E. Beidler, secretary, and Mrs. John Hershey as treasurer.

Mrs. Lipp was president for the first three years, and attended every county, district, and state convention during that time that she might learn the fundamentals of running the club in the proper manner.

The club has had many active units during the years. Art study was interesting to many over a period of years, and a very successful art show was held in 1939.

A club chorus first under the direction of Mrs. Lipp and later Mrs. George S. Connelly as director, had many concerts, and gave added pleasure to many programs.

The Woman's Club had the only recognition of the Centennial year, 1936, when they sponsored a pageant at the high school. Mrs. Paul Beidler was president of the club and with the executive board started interest in doing something to commemorate the Centennial. Gene Clear must be given much credit for cooperating with the club in this project.

The Garden Club has flourished through the years and has caused many to beautify their home grounds. At one time the club sponsored the planting of roses all over the town. Trees were planted in the square in 1937, and today afford excellent shade for those who enjoy sitting in the park. The Garden Club has promoted the planting of pink petunias for the Sil-Tennial year to give an attractive bit of color to the landscape.

There have been flower shows almost every year that were noteworthy. This Sil-Tennial year will enjoy one on Friday, July 28, 1961, and will be especially interesting. 150 tulip bulbs were planted on library grounds.

A book club, under the department of Literature, has flourished and has many interested members.

The Girl Scouts were first organized and sponsored by the Woman's Club, during the term of Miss Sciota B. Horn, 1937-38. The club is still vitally interested in the welfare of the Scouts.

In the second World War, bonds were sold by the club members, as well as purchased by them. There was knitting and sewing for the Red Cross, as well as quilting and sewing for Bundles for Britain.

The club has sent a high school student to music camp each year. The first one during Mrs. Ellis Downing's term (1945-1948). And this Sil-Tennial year Miss Sue Ingram is the lucky one.

The club entered the community achievement contest sponsored by the Sears, Roebuck & Co. and received a citation.

The County Elementary Teachers' scholarship is supported by the local club and Jim Romer enjoyed receiving one of the scholarships.

Landscaping of the Library ground was another project of the club, as well as tree planting in the city park in southwest part of town.

The club supports many projects, Red Cross, Polio Fund, Veterans' Administration Service, Christmas Baskets, and any other project that may come up.

The federation projects include an Indian Scholarship to which the club has shown much interest.

The many department chair-

men of the club have always endeavored to bring educational programs to the club.

For the past few years the club has sponsored the Heart Fund Drive and has been quite successful.

The officers and members have taken a great interest in the Sil-Tennial and was the first organization in town to select a Sil-Tennial Lady, giving Mrs. Paul Beidler the honor of representing them. The first meeting of 1961 in January, was a publicity program dealing in ways and means to publicize the Sil-Tennial year. In March, 1961, the county convention was held here and Sil-Tennial theme was used to publicize the year. In April the club was hostess to the 17th district convention, and the members wore their Sil-Tennial costumes and attracted much interest from the visitors.

The club will always be grateful to Mrs. Lorah Z. Lipp, their first president, for so generously providing a permanent meeting place in the Muldoon Memorial Building.

Present officers of the club, in 1961, are:

President: Mrs. Eugene Kretzinger.

Vice-President: Mrs. Robert Wurth.

Secretary: Mrs. Elmer Schaffnacker.

Treasurer: Mrs. C. E. Hildreth.

Former Presidents Of Woman's Club Organize in 1948

The Former Presidents of the Mount Pulaski Woman's Club, formed a club in 1948. The first meeting was in May of that year at the home of Mrs. G. F. Wait and the second meeting at the home of Miss Sciota Horn in Dec. of 1948.

On Jan. 29, 1949, at the home of Mrs. Paul Beidler, Mrs. Wait was elected president with Mrs. Paul Gruber, secretary-treasurer.

It was planned to meet the fourth Saturday of each month of the club year with a picnic during the summer.

Each member to entertain in order of their term of office.

These rules are still in use in 1961.

This Club through the years has raised money for many projects to improve the club room in Muldoon Memorial Building. Among those accomplishments were buying chairs for club room having cabinets built in kitchen. Purchase of folding screens, tea cart, dining tables and chairs, buffet, tea and coffee service with two service pitchers. Two coffee urns, glass plates and cups; also electric clock and lace table cloth. \$80.00 was paid toward new piano.

Two recent purchases were a new light fixture over tea table and a door mirror near coat racks.

The current president is always invited to the meetings and the former presidents are always willing to help if she has a problem to solve.

This club promotes all things for the good of the community and endeavors to keep the memory of Mrs. Lorah Z. Lipp, our benefactor, fresh in the minds of all club members.

Initial membership included: Mrs. G. F. Wait, Mrs. Paul E. Beidler, Miss Sciota Horn, Mrs. Wilbur Stoll, Mrs. Paul A. Gruber, Mrs. Henry Christensen, Mrs. George Underhill, Mrs. Ellis Downing, Mrs. L. L. Hargis, Mrs. Oswald Brooker and Mrs. George Connelly.

Present membership includes the above with the exceptions of Mrs. Underhill, Mrs. Christensen, and Mrs. Connelly, plus Mrs. Edward Ruwe, Mrs. William Myrick, Mrs. A. J. Lyons, Mrs. Herbert Shellhammer, Mrs. George Volle, Mrs. Merritt Williams and Mrs. Elmer Schaffnacker.

Mrs. Eugene Kretzinger is the current president and is always a guest of this club.

Jr. Woman's Club Organized in 1934

The formation of a Junior Woman's Club in Mount Pulaski was sponsored by the Senior Woman's Club in 1934 with 24 charter members.

Preliminary plans were made at an organization meeting held at the home of Mrs. Florence Obcamp, president of the Woman's Club. At an organization meeting the following officers were elected:

President: Geraldine Wible

Vice-Pres.: Mary June Barnes

Secretary: Helen Brooker

Treasurer: Ceres Glose

Historian: Lucy Jane Ellis

Publicity Manager: Jean Wible with assistants, Vera Gasaway, Dorothy Curtis and Bertha McVey. Telephone Committee: Emagene Buckles and Jessie Ruth Myrick.

The first board meeting was held at the home of Geraldine Wible with the various chairmen appointed:

Public Welfare: Georgiann Zimmermann; Literature, Jane Underhill; Publicity, Jean Wible; Social, Jean Hahn. Mrs. Dolph Stan-

ley was the choice for adviser, to be assisted by Mrs. Charles Ey, Mrs. Ward Harper and Mrs. Wilhelm Kautz.

The Mount Pulaski Jr. Woman's Club has always been a very civic-minded and active organization. Their object thru united efforts is to promote the welfare of our community.

During the past years they have sponsored the Brownies, contributed to the support of Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts.

They, with the cooperation of the Park Board sponsor a Halloween Party each year for the school children of the community.

They give a \$300.00 Scholarship each year to a local high school graduate attending nursing school or college for elementary education.

They have been very active in the "Clean-up, Dress-up" campaign preparing for the 1961 Sil-Tennial Celebration.

The club received a citation from the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Sears, Roebuck Foundation in community achievement contest.

President: Mrs. Miriam Johnson
Vice-Pres.: Mrs. Nancy Dittus

Secretary: Mrs. Shirley Holmes
Treasurer: Mrs. Doris Cates

FORMER PRESIDENTS

Geri Zimmermann	1934-35
Bernice Laughery	1935-36
Dorothy Bender	1936-37
Georgiabelle Messinger	1937-38
Virginia Broerman, completed the year	
Virginia Jackson	1938-39
Marcella French	1939-40
Betty Hickey	1940-41
Dorothy Ralph	1941-42
Rhoda Walker	1942-43
Bettie Taylor	1943-44
Shirley Allspach	1944-45
Mary K. Milligan	1945-46
Cozetta Slack	1946-47
Dorothy Myrick	1947-48
Audrey Wermtz	1948-49
Betty Sams	1949-50
Eileen Froehlich	1950-51
Jean E. Haynes	1951-52
Lucille Kelly	1952-53
Joan Wolf	1953-54
Isabelle Schaffnacker	1954-55
Pauline Rothwell	1955-56
Dorothy Brooker	1956-57
Jeanette McVey	1957-58
Carolyn Buckles	1958-59
Joyce Scroggin	1959-60
Pearle Jo Richner	1960-61
Miriam Johnson	1961-62



Looking Forward To The Future-

As one of the youngest members of our city's business community, we look forward to the future and our place in the Mount Pulaski of Tomorrow.

In the short time we have been here, we have tried to make our stores the finest possible. We pledge to continue to offer the best merchandise possible in both our ladies apparel shop and our men's store.

As Mount Pulaski celebrates its Sil-Tennial, we take this opportunity to say Thank You for your patronage and to congratulate our fine city on its 125 years.

HUSTON & PAOLONE

LADIES' APPAREL

MEN'S STORE

