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1945-'46 to 1949-'50	Ila Wells ✓
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CLIPPINGS 1885 - 1890

- 2/3/86 Topics for discussion "The Necessity for Teaching Physiology and Hygiene in all Public Schools of the State with reference to influence of stimulents and narcotics upon thehuman system."
- 2/14/86 Topic: "Nervous strains in Girls." Paper presented by Mrs. Dr. Pomeroy of Callanan College.
- 2/21/86 Six petitions against "oernicious literature" presented to Senator Gatch who presented them to Legislature.
- 3/1/86 Paper on Conventional in Art read by Mrs. Judge Cook.
- 3/21/86 In 1886 one of the most popular members of theHouse was Mr. August Anderson of Stratford, Iowa, Hamilton County. He won large influence among his fellow legislators by his manifest good politics and general works. He came to Iowa in 1854 - he was in Des Moines that year when it was a mere villge - he camped one night on the east side of the river and tells now with quiet humor and great relish how he and his sistercrept on theirhands and knees on the old dam over the river to get eggs and meat for their supper from a little store on this side. It is interesting to hear him tell of the wonderful changes in the 32 years.
- 4/11/86 Mrs. J. Ellen Foster returned from Rhode Island where she took an active part in thelate campaign for constitutional prohibition.
- 6/15/86 A Woman's Exchange discussed - more or less like a Register for Employable women as maids, housekeepers, nursemaids, etc. A place to market sewing, clothes, linens, etc. to be sold with the Exchange keeping 10% for expenses and 90% going to maker. An opportunity for ladies with special talents in sewing, cooking, etc. to market their talents and help with family income. About July 15, 1886, an Exchange was set up in a room in the Meek Block on Sixth street, three doors south of Locust (west side) where all may bring and find sale for their handiwork.
- 9/4/86 The mail editors are glad to welcome as co-workers in the newspaper field two Des Moines ladies - Mrs. Mary J. Coggeshall and Mrs. Martha C. Calanan, Editor and Business Manager of Woman's Standard, a new eight page monthly which will champion the cause of women's suffrage.
- 9/19/86 From the Register - General W. T. Sherman arrived in the city yesterday and is spending Sunday as guest of his brother Major Hoyt Sherman.
- 12/8/86 The Des Moines Womens Club meeting at the Women's Exchange on west Sixth Street.
- 9/26/86 Article re interview with Isabella Beecher Hooker at the home of Charles Dudley Warner - a day or so after the death of Professor Stowe.

(Clippings 1885 - 1890 continued)

- 11/14/86 Citizens of DesMoines have reason to be proud of the Women's Exchange for although but three months in existence its home-made breads have won such a reputation abroad t at orders came regularly from Chicago.
- 1/3/87 Meeting held in Good Templar's hall (west Walnut Street)
- 3/2/87 DMWC meeting at YMCA rooms in the Flynn Block
- 4/5/87 Mrs. Governor Hull read very thoughtful paper on "Beauty and Hygiene in Dress." Her paper was one of the most suggestive that has yet been read before the Club.
- 5/12/87 Paper on Christian Science taking grounds against that high toned "ism" was brilliant effort and of course elicited a spirited discussion.
- 5/23/87 Paper on "Women in Politics."
- 12/9/87 Close of Woman's Festival and Bazaar after a successful week.
Toast and Responses: Women in Journalism, Municipal suffrage - Women as Educators, Woman Suffrage a National Necessity. The National Cause is man's - they rise or sink together.
- 11/12/87 Paper on advisability of hanging - all but one voted for capital punishment. Mrs. J. Wyman voted against - her reason - "Capital punishment is a relic of barbarism and if it proves the best way of enforcing the law, that we are not ready for it.
- 1/18/88 Retirement of Mr. Hoyt Sherman as President of the Equitable Life Insurance Company.
- 1/28/88 Dr. Margaret Cleaves elected V. P. of National Association for Advancement of Women at the récent Congress in NYC.
- 7/10/88 Definite contract with YMCA for rooms
- 5/29/89 Special meeting of DMWC was held at the office of Mrs. Gillette
Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation were unanimously accepted and following amendme nts to By-Laws were adopted:
1. Club is a stock company. Number of shares shall not exceed 1000 and the value of each share shall be \$3.00.
 2. Each member shall own one share only, not transferable.
 3. Each member shall pay an annual dues of \$2.00 after the first year of membership.
 4. The stock of any person not paying the annual dues by the close of the fiscal year shall be forfeited.

5. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to elect the officers of the Club and the Chairman of the Committees from its body, to transact all business for the Club and to decide to whom stock is to be sold.
6. The fiscal year shall begin first of October.
7. The Annual Meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday in March.
8. All motions shall be made in writing and handed to the Secretary.

- 6/5/89 Meeting at Savery Hotel. It was moved and seconded that a 25¢ fine be imposed for absence from Board Meetings - the only excuse being sickness or absence from town. Carried.
- 10/9/89 Meeting at Des Moines Club Parlors - room proved to be inadequate.
- 11/6/89 Meeting at Congregational Church
- 5/1/90 Dr. Margaret A. Cleaves starts East tonight to make N.Y. City her permanent home and engage in practice there.

A Bill

For an act to prohibit selling cigars and tobacco to minors

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa;

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, present, or give a cigar or cigars, a cigarette or cigarettes or tobacco in any form to any minor.

Section 2. That any violation of this act shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than twenty dollars for the first offense; And for the second or any subsequent offence, of not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars, and shall stand committed until such fine be paid.

Section 3. That this act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force after its passage and publication in the Iowa State Register and the Iowa W. B. S. M. Messenger, Newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa,

Whereas: It has been represented to the members of the Des Moines Woman's Club, and is fully believed by them, that the smoking of cigars, and the use of tobacco, in its various forms, by our youth weakens the brain power, and injures the health — therefore:

Resolved: That our Senator and Members of the House of Representatives of the 21st General Assembly are hereby requested to use their influence for the passage of an act making the sale of cigars and tobacco unlawful and punishable by fine

Resolved: That the Secretary prepare and forward to Hon. C. H. Gatch of the Senate, to Hon. Wesley Redhead and Hon. J. B. Berryhill of the House, to each a copy of these Resolutions.

Mrs. Callanan Chair

" Andrews

" Dickinson

Woman's Congress held in Des Moines, Iowa October 7, 8, and 9, 1885.
Julia Ward Howe, President. (National Association of Women was originally called The Woman's Congress)

Every northern state except one was represented in the audience on the first day of the Congress. 150 ladies served supper that evening.

The Des Moines Women's Club was the outgrowth of the enthusiasm created among the ladies who attended the Congress.

10/14/1885 Club organized and called A. A. W., Association for the Advancement of Women. Dr. Margaret Cleaves elected first President by 20 ladies present. Organized somewhat after the plan of the New England Womens Club of Boston. Club name to be picked later. Meetings to be held from 1 to 4 PM on alternate Tuesdays. Treasury had \$350, proceeds of tickets sold at door on three evenings of the Congress.

10/27/1885 Mrs. Abdile, elected V. P., S. M. Dickenson, Treasurer. Board of Directors appointed. Picked the name "Des Moines Womens Club."

By laws from New England Womens Club of Boston and New Cent. Club of Philadelphia were read - New England Womens Club were adopted. Art. 1 from New Cent. Club, Philadelphia

Object: Create an organized center of thought and action among women.

2 Furnish a quiet contral place of meeting in D. M. for the comfort and convenience of it's members.

3 Officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and a Board of not less than 10 or more than 15 to be chosen at each annual meeting.

4 Officers of the association shall be ex officio directors and shall have entire charge of the association.

- 5 To become a member it is necessary to be proposed by a member in writing and accepted by the Board of Directors.
- 6 Gentlemen may become associate members and shall be entitled to attend all the general meetings.
- 7 A fee for membership and associate membership shall be \$1.00 annually.
- 8 Fee for life membership and associate life membership deferred for further consideration.
- 9 The directors shall have the right of electing honorary members.
- 10 The annual meeting shall be held on the last Tuesday in September and shall be called by the Secretary either by individual notification or by advertising in prominent Des Moines Papers. (This was later discontinued.)
- 11 Financial year shall begin on the first of October.
- 12 The Board of Directors shall have the right to fill vacancies in their own body.
- 13 Bylaws may be amended at any annual or special meeting by a two thirds vote of the members present the proposed amendment having been presented at a previous Directors meeting and notice of an intention to amend having been appended to the call of the meeting.
- 14 Adopted by Board 11/24/85. The fee for life membership and associate life membership shall be \$10.

Order of Work: 1. Art and Literature
2. Work
3. Discussion
4. Education

11/10/85 16 present. Mrs. Patchin honored the club with first paper in practical suggestions. She suggested a local association or place of exhibition for the advancement of art and the utility of such an association in D.M. She referred to the Art School at Callanan and the artistic excellence of Mrs. Witmer's pictures. Balance in treasury \$5.15.

11/24/85 12 present. Added \$14.15 for dues minus expenditures. Paper by Mrs. Namse from Committee on Work "Dress of Women"

12/8/85 Duties of Committee on Discussion discussed and letter from N.E. Womens Club of Boston read. The Committee is to select topics for discussion and appoint proper ones to lead in discussion. Paper on "Domestic Service" given.

12/22/85 Committee on Education - Interesting pupils in their work, superintendents have hobbies, absolute necessity for short lessons, phonetic, spelling, etc.

1/5/86 Women's Club of Marshalltown asking privilege of membership in D.M.W.C.

1/19/86 Paper on Laws of Iowa and Property Rights of Women. First Club Tea served. Provided by the Committee on Work, honoring Mrs. Haddock of Iowa City who gave the paper. 12 present.

2/2/86 First Club Tea cost a total of \$10.45. Paper on necessity of teaching the laws of physiology and hygiene to the youth of the country with especial reference to the effects of narcotics on human system. Paper fully discussed and so favorably received a Bill was drafted to submit to the legislature. See copies attached.

Vol VI

1891-1892

Vice-president Mrs E. K. Capps

Report of Authors Carnival read.

Vote of thanks to all who labored.

President's Annual report - Wished "inspiration might fall on us that we might do more for humanity.

Club met Oct 14 at 3p.M.

Mrs Rosa Lewis read the able paper entitled the "Worlds' Worship in Stone" (Egypt)
Flowers sent to funeral of Miss ^{Sarah} Yeomande
Tribute to her, involved in the establishment of the "art gallery."

Oct 8. Programmes were given by members of the club. "Living Lamps of Literature" that endures.

President explained the meaning of "Federation of Clubs"

Nov 25. - disposal of funds raised at "Authors Carnival" - placed in general fund rather than art fund.

Paper - "Woman as a Factor in Sociological Reform".

Paper on "Theosophy"

met in the home of Mrs. Plumb.
paper read on Women in Music

Always had a Critics' Report.

Paper on Russia - Concluded they would give a Charitable Base and the present

go to the Russian Relief Fund.

met often in the home

met March 9 1892 at Congregational Church

Oct 10 1891 - Injunction suit

\$597.04 made at "Carnival".

95 ladies are members of the club
66 votes cast.

Voted to join the Federation
Dec. 1891

Paper - Practical Utility of the
Higher Education. Read a paper on
"Higher Ed. of Girls." Paper on
necessity on Higher Ed. of Girls +
Trained Nurses.

"Items of interest pertaining to
"Woman's Work".

met April 27, 1892 - Y M. C. A.

Mrs Macomber in a "most little
speech." - thanked the
Chairman of - Political Economy Committee.

Paper - "Private Umbrella" -
"The Umbrella of Nationalism".

1892 - fees 13.30

Subject - "Old Violini"

The work of the various Committees
for the coming year he in preparation
for the "Columbian Exposition".

Art fund - \$332.85

Oct 1891

Club met at 3 P.M. at the "Kirkwood."
president states the purpose of meeting
"The occupancy of the entire 5th floor."
motion lost - motion to preserve inviolate
the Clubs rights to certain portions of
the 5th floor - motion laid on table

Dec 1 - 1891 - about 35 ladies responded
to the "call for a meeting of the Stock-
holders of the Des Moines Womens Club."
at basement of Plymouth Church.
The object of the meeting to decide
place for future meeting of the Club.

Discuss joining Federation.

The gross receipts of the Authors
Carnival was \$1592.35 - profit
\$597.04.

members ship - Jan 6 - 1892.

Each Candidate for member
ship be recommended by one member
and endorsed by another - Each
member limited to one name
Annually

Program.

\$35. for a single reading
\$25. for expenses.

Stille meeting of M.C.A. June 1, 1892
Review By laws. - Duties of social Com.
defined

ask to consider a better way of electing

Highlights 1895-1896

President--Mrs. A. B. Cummings. Her motto "To Do the Will and Pleasure of the Club."

In October at the Byers' home. Major Byers read one of his original poems.

Some meetings were held in the Ragg Bldg. assembly room.

A committee was appointed to entertain working girls, aided by the Y.W.C.A. The girls were to be entertained every two weeks. Free newspapers and magazines would be given to those girls unable to afford them.

An effort to get compulsory education was brought before the Legislature.

A course of lectures by the Honorable Hamilton Gibson was sponsored by the club. They resulted in a loss to the club of \$96.95.

Mrs. Callahan gave a talk on Women's Rights. She favored an amendment to give women the right to vote. Mrs. Lehman spoke against women's rights.

Honor was given to our Mother Club "Sorosis." Meetings transferred to Central Presbyterian Church.

The Art Committee purchased three pictures from Mr. Gries for \$250.

Dues were raised to \$3 this year by a majority vote.

The big dream this year--a new clubhouse.

A book was sent to the Library in Everett, Washington.

Proper Nutrition became an important project this year.

The Y.M.C.A. offered to rent rooms to the Des Moines Women's Club, on one afternoon a week for \$45 a month. Accepted by the club members.

Chautauqua was promoted by the club.

A "Fete" was held at Waveland Park for children. The \$25 cleared at the "Fete" was divided between the Home for the Aged and the River Front Park fund. \$557.10 was taken in during this year, 651 paid dues of \$2 and 26 paid entrance fees of \$5 each.

Mr. and Mrs. Field gave a landscape in oil to the club.

Mrs. Wallace gave a portrait in water color.

Mr. Williams gave two "copies" (?) to the club.

Women's Club money was invested in city paving bonds to draw more interest.

"Cycle" was the name given an early publication of the club.

In March Mrs. R. R. Peters was elected President.

Miss Jane Addams was invited to give a lecture on Hull House. She was allowed \$25 and expenses.

A motion to change the name of the committee Women's Work to Household Economies was approved.

\$300 was allowed to be used for new furnishings in the club rooms at the Y.M.C.A.

Highlights 1896-1897

Mrs. Peters presided at the September meeting. It was club room at the Y.M.C.A.

It was voted to sub-let the club rooms to other organizations for programs and entertainment, but there was to be no dancing and card parties allowed.

Mrs. Peters asked each members to donate to the china cabinet a cup, a plate and a spoon.

"Summer Afternoon" painted by Prof. Charles Cumming was purchased by the club for \$100, including the frame.

The club voted to open an art gallery to be free for public enjoyment. \$5.6.70 was made from the sale of the city paving bonds.

A vote to purchase a piano was affirmative.

A special meeting was held to decide what the club would do to help with the National Convention of the Women's Suffrage Movement to be held in 1898. It would be chaired by Susan B. Anthony. The club voted to help.

A motion to have a drill for about 15 minutes on parliamentary procedures at every other meeting was approved.

Mrs. D.H. Reichard was elected president at the annual meeting.

A contract was made with the Y.M.C.A. to have the fifth floor as the Women's Club and the Art Gallery.

The members of the club were to run the streetcars on June 24 as a benefit for the Home for the Aged fund.

"The Rose of Iowa" written by Major Byers was sung for the first time by Miss Wallace. She also sang "If Maggie Were My Own," written by Major Byers for his wife who was a member of the club and was in attendance.

A planned June Garden Party was rained out so it became Trolley Day and was held at the car depot.

Highlights 1897-1898

Mrs. Reichard presided at the first meeting. Reporters from the paper came and were very interested in the work of the club.

Major Byers, Mr. Cumming and several other gentlemen attended the club art programs.

"October," an oil painting by Mr. McCord, was purchased for \$125.

Mrs. Flynn was thanked for the engraving, "The Immaculate Conception" by Murillo.

James Whitcomb Riley gave a program which was attended by many.

The new city library was to be built on the River Front. Some club members were unhappy with the location.

A flag was presented to the First Regiment, Iowa National Guard.

A program on Spain had been planned before war clouds hung over the United States, but the program was given anyway.

The women voted to make a flag for the club room. Later one was purchased for \$45.

"Venus de Milo" and the "Parthenon Frieze" were purchased.

Club passed a resolution that the new possessions of the United States be annexed.

A special study of Plato, ~~Socrates~~, Aristotle and the Greek philosophy made up several programs for the year.

In January of 1898 the treasury had a balance of \$314.91. Motion that new city warrants be purchased with our surplus money. Defeated.

Frames for several paintings were purchased and glass to cover many pictures was bought because the smoke of Des Moines was extremely injurious to them.

A special meeting was requested by Mayor MacVicar to inform the women about municipal ownership of the waterworks.

Mrs. Rawson presented a small bust of Dante to the club.

Dues were raised to \$5. 198 members at end of year.

Two receptions were held. The rest of the meetings were serious.

"Not a good hearty laugh for a year."

Tenth anniversary was celebrated. Books for pleasure and instruction were placed in the streetcar waiting room.

Help was given the working girls of Des Moines.

Jan. 27, 1898 a social meeting was held. Women attending the Suffrage Convention were invited guests. Susan B. Anthony spoke to the

women as did several others in attendance. The women urged club members to be active in getting women the right to vote. A reception followed the meeting.

Mr. Amos Hiatt, superintendent of the East Des Moines schools, spoke on the danger of cigarettes.

Mrs. Weaver gave the club a beautiful watercolor painting.
(By Baldwin?)

Club's special interests: Children's Home, Home for the Ages, Free Kindergarten, Social Settlement, Y.W.C.A.

Mrs. W. W. Witmer was elected President at the annual meeting.

Highlights 1898-1899

Mrs. Witmer presided at the September meeting.

The club exhibited its pictures at the Seniors Art Exhibition.

The club took part in Des Moines' Floral Parade.

The Drant Art Exhibit was held in December.

The club purchased "Boy Sailing Boat," by Soysa Pinta for \$120 and a Gue picture was also purchased.

Dr. Smouse was speaker at meeting open to the public.

Art studies were high on the list for programs this year.

A social meeting in June was open to all the Federated Clubs in Des Moines.

The motto for the year is "Use the Women's Club to Help Des Moines."

The by-laws were studied and then revised.

The social event in June was held at the home of Mrs. Rawson, who had large verandahs and beautiful green lawns. The setting and weather were perfect for the large gathering of all the Federated Club.

During 1898-1899 the women collected much art. They collected pictures, rare pieces, tapestries, bronze, carved wood and decorative art.

The Art Gallery was open during Carnival Week.

The club worked for cleaner streets. The ladies swept the street-cars and cleaned alleys and neighborhoods. They interested people in building a public library. They influenced thinking toward a clubhouse. They arranged meeting of the Congress of Mothers and encouraged mothers to become involved in the schools.

The Des Moines Federation of Women's Club was organized in 1899.

Highlights 1899-1900

Mrs. T.M. Walker became the new president officially in September.

The club made \$145.66 from the Reaser Lectures on Art.

The school system was of special interest to the club 1899-1900.

The women felt the teachers were more interested in testing new methods and theories rather than teaching genuine knowledge.

A History Symposium was held at the club rooms in the Y.M.C.A.

Miss Mary Wadsworth, who was a descendant of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, was a guest of the club in January 1900.

Assets of the club now \$2856.73. The by-laws were accepted as revised.

Mrs. Walker was re-elected President for the new year.

DES MOINES WOMENS CLUB HISTORICAL FACTS
FROM MINUTES AND CLIPPINGS FOR YEARS 1901-1905

1/9/1901 Meetings held at YMCA.

Discussed whether club should move into new Library Bldg. for a year or two. Approved lecture and exhibition pictures by Mr. Reasor at cost of \$25. Admission to be 15¢.

2/20/1901 The Club withdrew as members of Mothers Congress.

3/1/1901 Motion to buy Mr. Reasor's picture of "Old Man and Sleeping Child" for \$350.00 Carried.. Club installed electric lights for exhibition.

3/20/1901 Mr. Cumming invited to exhibit his pictures. Club contributed \$10.00 to continue Mr. Cumming as a member of Art Fund Assoc.

4/3/1901 18 members present. Reported 20 books from club members sent to Condo North Dakota library.

Ordered hard wood pedestal from Harbach's for the bronze figure of Joan of Arc. Cost \$20.00

4/20/1901 23 members present Dues of Associate members raised to \$7.00.

7/2/1901 14 members present.

Committee chairmen reported funds for Club House pledged.

Mrs Windsor - \$640. Mrs Clapp - \$1240. Mrs Cummings-\$320.

Mrs Elbert - \$840. Mrs. Durley - \$350.

Letter from Mr. D.R. Mills offering home on Chestnut St. for sale. Board declined.

9/25/1901 Mrs T.M. Walker retired. 126 Club members & 15 visitors.

10/9/1901 Mrs Jenney and Mrs Macomber spoke on Art of City. Discussed Seni Om Sed and concluded they did not want it.

10/23/1901 Committee appointed on Municipal Improvement to study local and municipal problems and cooperate with the city officials in keeping city clean.

10/30/1901 17 members present. Letter from Mrs Atkins offering to sell to club for \$150. a copy of Millet's "Gleaners" by Miss Alic Beckington

Motion to offer PEO use of Club parlors free of rent if they furnish a piano and allow club to use it.

- 11/6/1901 Pres. Baily appointed 72 members to serve on Civics Committee. Program on compulsory education. Prof. Frank Hanna of Highland Park College spoke on "Advantages of a Technical Education", Pres. Adams of Des Moines College presented "Advantages of the Classical Course; and Chancellor Craig of Drake University spoke forcibly in favor of "Electives".
- 11/27/1901 Discussion on buying pictures and there was strong sentiment in favor of originals versus copies.
- 12/4/1901 15 members present
Motion to buy Millet's "Gleaners" lost
Bylaws changed. 1st meeting to be on 1st Wed. in October (16 meetings) no meeting to be held after May 15. Motion to rent Club rooms in YMCA for another year.

1902

- 1/15/1902 Motion for Mr. Cummings to exhibit his picture 2/12 to 2/19 in Club parlors, YMCA
Program: A comparison of writers of fiction.
Jane Austin & Thomas Hardy; Maria Edge Worth and Kate Douglas Wiggen; Washington Irving and Mark Twain.
- 1/22/1902 Voted to affiliate with Iowa State Congress of Mothers.
- 1/29/1902 Social meeting. Guests were Visiting delegates to the Congress of Mothers and Legislative ladies.
- 2/5/1902 Letter read from S. Seymour Thomas, Paris, offering assistance relative to Art purchases for club. Offer accepted.
- 2/12/1902 Program by Art Committee and the opening of the Cummings Art exhibit in the Club parlors.
- 3/12/1902 Auditorium YMCA. Election of Officers. Mrs J.C. Cumming, Pres. Mrs C.L. Watrous, 1st VP, Mrd E.D. Burbank, 2nd VP
- 3/19/1902 Agent of N.B. Collins estate offered for sale the Collins home on 5th St. between Center and Park Streets for \$9500. Committee later turned the offer down as remodeling would be too expensive.
Finance Committee reported \$1300. on hand to be invested at 5%.
- 3/26/1902 Delegates elected to the General Fed. of Womens Club at Los Angeles, May 1. Mrs W.L. Reed and Mrs E.S. Burgen.
Program: "The Battlefield as a Factor in the Development of Races" by Dr. A.B. Marshall

- 4/9/1902 Voted to inform Library Board that the Club desired to occupy rooms in New Library Bldg.
- 5/7/1902 YMCA auditorium. J.B. Weaver spoke on "Civic Pride"; Samuel Strauss on "The City Beautiful" and Grace Clark DeGraff sang.
- 5/21/1902 Met at Knights of Pythias Hall
Mrs E.H. Carter presented the Club with an Orangewood plaque, decorated with poinsette from the 7 members of club who attended the G.F.W.C. at Los Angeles.
Program by Philosophy Dept. Music by Amphion Orchestra.
Mrs F.W. Weitz read paper on "Some phases on Modern Science".
- 6/4/1902 Treasurer reported \$1000. on hand to be invested.
- 6/14/1902 Agreed to renew lease at YMCA for additional year.
- 6/18/1902 Meeting held at home of Judge and Mrs S.F. Prouty.
Mrs Mitchell, chairman of committee on Club House stated that several Capitalists of the city had been visited. They were willing to assist the Club in the erection of a Club House but recommended the women take the matter in hand and do it themselves. Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Baily had secured subscriptions of \$2000. worth of stock at \$25. per share.
- 8/13/1902 Election - 64 members present. Mrs B.F. Elbert elected Pres.
- 9/11/1902 Club was asked to vacate YMCA rooms as they were leased to CCC. Committee appointed reported that Chapel at New Congregational Church could be rented for \$40. per month. Committee appointed to investigate placing works of Art in Capitol Bldg.
- 10/1/1902. Met at YMCA. Finance report \$3635.49.
Committee reported Art collection was removed to State Capitol
- 10/15/1902 75 visitors, 222 club members.
Art meeting and exhibit of fine pictures.
Guests: Visiting DAR's attending State Convention
Samuel Strauss on "Winslow Homer and his work".
August Bilz "Whistler and Thanlou"
C.A. Cumming "Development of American Art"
- 10/23/1902 Some Club furniture sold and Club chairs stored at White Line Transfer.
- 10/25/1902 Voted to form a joint stock company. Shares to be \$25. ea. and that \$10,000. be subscribed.
Moved and carried that no old home be purchased.

1904

- 1/6/1904 Meetings in January held at Yeomen Hall.
- 2/3/1904 Met at Yeomen Hall. 145 members and 119 guests.
W.M.R. French of Art Institute of Chicago on "Wit and Humor of the Crayon".
- 3/2/1904 Election of officers. Mrs J.C.Cummins, Pres.; Mrs Belle Gilcrest, 1st VP; Mrs A.B. Shaw, 2nd VP.
Met at Yeomen Hall the remaining part of year.
- 4/20/1904 Moved to purchase a picture with Art Fund.
Mr. Cummings was empowered to purchase a picture at Louisiana Purchase Exhibition. The Guinier picture
"Entering the Harbor" was purchased for \$550.00.

1905

- 3/15/1905 The Club purchased "Packing the Caravan" by Edward Lord Weeks" for \$1500.00.
- During 1905 the Club met at the Elks Club House.
387 members.
- Had Art Loan Exhibit under auspices of Moulton & Co. of Chicago. The Club purchased "Landscape of Ives and Mr. Moulton presented the club with a DeHoag
"A Cup of Tea".



Erased Bond

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1905-06 Twentieth Anniversary

From Rec. Sec. Annual Report printed in 1906-07 yearbook

- A. All members of depts listed in yearbook - repeated in alphabetical order in membership list.
- B. Art possessions and Gifts listed in Calendar (yearbook)
- C. Entire Board (25) elected annually at the annual business meeting (By-Laws)

"Room Committee" arranged rooms for all meetings. Programs presented by the Depts. only 2 outside speakers for year: one on "Child Labor" one on "Italian Child Life"

- K. Jack London lecture: Held in Central Christian Church. Musical selections all mtgs both vocal & instrumental.
- L. Meetings held in Elks Club House 3 P.M. Social for $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. after programs.
- B. Held free exhibit of Art loan from Chicago of 100 oil paintings; put banner across the street; estimated 20,000 attended in 10 days.

From Board Minutes:

- N. Ray Stancliff reported he could not accept our Art Scholarship this yr "on account of instruction at the Cumming School of Art he could now earn \$15.00 per week." (Oct. 10)
- O. Oct. 28 - Board voted to discontinue stock certificates
Nov. 9 - " " " arrange for frieze owned by Club to be hung in the City Library.
Jan. 27 - Board voted \$100.00 to assist in equipping public baths & laundry @ Social Settlement House.
- K. Held concert by Herbert Stetherspoon (opera singer) in Shrine Temple. Tickets 2754 - net profit \$24.35
- D. Board authorized Social Economics & Civics Com. To (Mar 23) sign for Club on Genl Federation papers asking Congress to make appropriation to investigate industrial conditions of women and children.

- L. Apr. 19 - Board approved + Home Education Committee to take charge of project for donation of books to N. Dakota and Chickasha I.T. (Indian Territory) to aid them in developing libraries.
- E. Non-members could attend programs for 25¢ and total was reported for each meeting.
- C. Members could buy additional yearbooks for 25¢ (noted in front of the book)
- D. Mar. 14 - Board approved asking favorable action of Judiciary Com. on Terat Bill regarding Sunday theatres and Sunday baseball.

1906-1907

(Meetings held in Shrine Temple)

Board Minutes

B - (Oct. 14) Board approved loan of Braun Carbon photographs to Roadside Settlement and Shrine Temple. (Later reported 14 loaned to each.)

(Nov. 21) Board approved all Club pictures in Prof. Cummings studio in City Library be transferred to the State Capital.

F - Nov. 21 - voted that Club's dining room & kitchen property be neither loaned or rented.

D - Jan. 2 - approved selling "Greater Des Moines" buttons for 50¢

Mrs. Arthur Sherman elected a member.

O - Mar. 20 - letter to Board announced that: "The Art Dept. in carrying out its program on Civic Art had unconscientiously infringed on the work of the Civic Dept." There was much discussion of the proper manner to right this mistake.

B - Board voted to build an Art Gallery at Hoyt Sherman House instead of on 5th as previously planned.

C - May 25, 1907 - Contract for lease of Sherman Place approved.

June 12 - Board met to examine & discuss plans for the new addition and alteration of present Hoyt Sherman building.

June 15 - Plans for porch approved as presented; ~~plans~~ to take separate bids on west terrace, porch roof, outside painting, plumbing, cleaning and repairing, heating, tinning, etc. subject to Club approval.

June 29 - Building Com. appointed; Furnishing Com. authorized.

July 15 - Board accepted bid of H. F. Mitchell to erect new building and repair old one (committing cellar under new building) - \$4560.00

Aug. 2 - Accepted bid of Belt & Van Sittert for necessary painting of old and new building \$650.00

Building Com. of Club to be responsible for building:

includes heating apparatus, repairs, buying fuel, hiring janitor and caretaker (\$50⁰⁰ per month or less as necessary).

Aug. 14 - approved \$165⁰⁰ to remove partitions in East room upstairs; \$331.80 for reshingling roof + ~~gutter repairs~~ new guttering; bid of Green & Co. \$475⁰⁰ for hot air heating.

Voted opalescent glass for windows of Auditorium (now Art Gallery)

Furnishing Com. instructed to buy 500 chairs.

D. May 8 - invited P.E.O. State Convention to Club meeting

C. June 5, 1907 - Celebration of new home leased by Park Dept and Art Gallery to be built. Gallery to be open Fri. Sat. and Sundays.

Separate By-Laws for Club Chorus.

D. Donated; \$100.00 to Associated Charities

60.00 to assist in opening a Boys Club.

3.00 To Y.H.C.A. Magazine fund.

From Rec. Sec. Annual Report in 1907-1908 Calendar. (pg. 74)

G. Louise Arwig (scholarship holder) gave Club oil portrait "Italian Boy"; D. S. Chamberlin gave "A Dutch Interior" by Sidney Patten; L. E. Harbach gave "A Bend in the River" by A. Forgy (sp?); Mrs. H. C. Patten presented a bust of Sir Walter Scott which had been in the Sherman home nearly 30 years.

K. By-Laws ~~changed~~ pg. 69

"The fiscal and Civil year shall begin the first Wednesday in October"

The Annual business meeting to be 13th meeting of the year.

J. Art VII § 8 (pg 68)

"any member after 3 yrs. may be transferred to associate membership by payment of ~~\$7~~ \$7⁰⁰ annual dues. A new member may be an Assoc. Mbr. by paymt of \$10 annual dues; an associate

1906-1907 cont'd

Margaret Bishop.

member is entitled to attend all meetings, but is exempt from work and fines; is not eligible for office and is debarred from voting."

pg. 74

I. Through efforts of the president, Mrs. H. F. Ditchell the Club now has a new home at the ~~Hayt~~ Sherman home. The house to be remodelled, refitted, with an auditorium which will hold the art collection of the Club and be open to the public 3 days each week.

BOARD MINUTES:

Oct. 30--FIRST MEETING IN THEIR OWN AUDITORIUM!

Dec. 7--New Club home dedicated: included luncheon for greater Des Moines Committee at 6:30 P.M.; public reception in the evening.

G--Donations reported: Des Moines Gas Co.--2 gas stoves
 Greater Des Moines Committee--mahogany table
 Chase & West--Mahogany hall clock
 Younker Bros.--rug
 Frankel Bros.--Oriental rug
 Robert Bebb--3 doz. roses
 Belt & Van Sittert--Decoration of dining room
 Mrs. Elbert--jardiniere & chandelier
 Davidson Bros.--oak hall settee

D--Jan. 1, 1908--Social Dep't. held Open House for the public 3-10 P.M.; Refreshments were served in the dining room. About 500 callers were received.

C--By agreement with the Parks Dep't this location will be called Hoyt Sherman Place. (Feb. 19)

Apr. 15--post card pictures of the Club House ready for sale
 For her services about the building 9AM-3PM, Mrs. Pickett will be allowed to retain a room in the Club House with the understanding the Club will have use of her piano for rehearsals. (\$25.00 per month)

M--Rental Schedule adopted:

Small Auditorium	\$ 2.00
Clubs--not over 16 members	1.50
Card parties--all rooms of the house	20.00
For luncheons & dinners	20.00
Large Auditorium	15.00
Receptions (without china)	20.00
Silver & china extra	5.00
Auditorium & parlors	30.00

A- Jan. 1908 Excessively large water bill was referred to the House Committee to investigate with company.

C Feb. 12 Rental Committee to inform applicants that there is to be no smoking in Club House, except in the Gentlemen's Dressing Room.

B " " Back porch to be enclosed; dining room furniture to stay in that room.

B " " Pictures loaned to Roadside Settlement house to be placed in the Club house now.

O Mar. 11 Allowed request of Mrs. Pickett for her husband to occupy her room while she recovers from surgery in the hospital.

B May 14 Photograph of "The Cup O'Tea" was sent to the Fine Arts Journal.

M-- By-Laws amended: Seven members of the House Committee to be Renting Section; Property Section to be responsible for the first floor and above; third section (to be known as Contracting Section) to be responsible for basement, including purchase of fuel, heating apparatus, stoves and light fixtures with contract with gas, water and electric companies, also have charge of plumbing and sanitary conditions, and appoint and dismiss all employees.

B June 17--approved the return of Forget pictures to Mrs. Lew Smith as requested.

C Aug. 8 -- DAR Chapter requested small auditorium be supplied with piano and platform for their use.

Board Minutes: From 1908-1909 Calendar pg 55-58
 B - 5 day free Arts and Crafts exhibit
 Lew Stetzel - Art scholarship

FROM BOARD MINUTES:

1908

- G Oct. 7 - Bust of Dante (of Carrara ^{by Romanelli, Florentine Sculptor} marble) presented by the German Study Club (Der Damenkraus) composed of club members, purchased in Italy by Mrs. Macomber
- O Dec. Complimentary recital by Major Byers.
- D " Pottery exhibit by Farr Bros. of Oskaloosa during State Teachers' Convention. Club was open to them to visit.

1909

- B Feb. 3 Held exhibit of amateur artists. Mr. A.H. Griffith of Detroit Museum lectured both afternoon and evening. Event reported in the paper as a big success with 50 entries. Plans made to continue this event annually and Feb. 10 ~~is~~ to be the Annual Art Day.
- K Mar. 22 Program by Ben Greet Players and Russian Symphony was arranged by the Club & held at Roadside Settlement.
- May 12 Had a Childrens' Day program--to be an annual affair. (Discontinued later)
- May 27 Music Day program: matinee in Ingersoll Park, repeated in the evening.
- C Jan. 27 Board to make effort to secure the sideboard formally (formerly) in the house & which had been built to match the dining room chairs. Record Committee acquired old books and manuscripts of value to the Club and placed them in a drawer in the butler's pantry.

- Rec. Sec. Report → J Total membership: 479 213
- "Crowded conditions have made our room too small" average attendance 21
- K Jan. 1 An "At Home" for Club members, their families and friends
- B Added copy of Rembrandt and copy of Valasquez both painted by Prof. Cumming while he was studying at the Louvre. Samuel Adams donated 2 portraits by Marshall Talbot (of Mr + Mrs. Meitkamy) Purchased "Lady in Green" by Mrs. Johansen \$800.00 Proteus Club placed an Innes picture and an autumn scene by John C. Johansen in our collection.
- D Mar. 3--called meeting--voted to stand by the city Federation of Women's Clubs in their efforts for a public playground. (Board Minutes)
- June 18--voted \$10.00 to help on decorating the grounds at Hubbell house for the Federation lawn fete.
- Apr. 28--Discussed need for detention home, and 1 moral law for both sexes. Voted resolution to earnestly request Board of Supervisors to carry out the law relative to a detention home.
- O Sept. Mrs. Pickett retained for \$10.00 per month and room rent.
- A Jan 13--for exhibition of pictures by Mr. and Mrs. Johansen Club paid \$2.00 express charges from New York but the Committee was to notify them that the Club would pay no more. (39 pictures were in this exhibit)
- B Gave \$75.00 to YWCA to furnish a bedroom in their new building.
- B Added 2 pictures to collection: one by Leon Stetzell and one by Katherine Bartlett. Beneficiaries of our Art Scholarship in Cumming School of Art. (Bartlett)
- C Chickering grand piano acquired (for \$600.00)

B - Swedish American exhibit by Messrs. Nyholm, Telhaas & Holberg (May 7th) had many visitors. Art Scholarship awarded To Annie Margaret Loiscamp

Board minutes

Rec. Sec. Report

K Annual business meeting to be the 15th meeting of the Club year. (Bylaws pg. 48)
BOARD MINUTES:

K Had John Kendrick Bangs for a program (Feb. 10, 1910)

G Jan. 5 Mrs. C. B. Abdill presented picture "The Gleaners" painted by Alice Beckinton, a Des Moines girl.

K Met in Princess theatre to accommodate attendance for program by Mr. Ellis, Baritone soloist.

Nov. 10--Board approved having hostesses in Art Gallery: gallery to be open Mon, Sat. and Sunday except when Club is rented for Sat. PM.

G Portraits given by Mr. Adams--no artist names--"Pictures to be properly attended and oiled if necessary" (Dec. 22 pg.13)

C Feb. 28 Ushers now to wear badges.

B " " Art Exhibit to be open in evenings. Season tickets 50¢; open 10 AM; Sunday 2-8PM. Home for the Aged invited Fri. 10 AM.

" " Board appropriated \$3.00 for purchase of Longfellow's translation of Dante

K Mar. 23--Moved Officers' Day to the last meeting of the year "when work and reports shall terminate"

O Apr. 27 - 3Pm -Annual Business meeting: members to bring work, slates and pencils. Board members and officers elected at this meeting. 215 present

May 25--Members wishing anniversary calendar bound in leather may order for 50¢

Rec. Sec. Report in 1910-1911 calendar:

J--Membership 534; 16 regular meetings avg. attendance 225

B-Second Art Exhibit: Prizes: Club \$100.00; Younker Bros. \$25.00; Harris-Emerly \$25.00; Friends of the Club \$25.00

Club brought 36 canvases from Moulton & Ricketts Art Loan Exhibit of Chicago to Des Moines Mar. 1st. It was described in city paper as "Exhibit of finest and most valuable collection of paintings ever brought to the City". From this collection the Club purchased:

Venetian Castles by Thomas Moran	\$2500.00
The House by the Sea by Elihu Vedder	750.00
Late Afternoon by Bruce Crane	500.00

K- Club sponsored a program by the famous Dutch contralto Tilly Koenen.

C- Bronze tablet listing charter members was unveiled & placed in the Club house.

Q- Mutual and Iowa Telephone Companies gave free telephone service in the Club house during the Art Exhibit.

D- During the year the Club welcomed many visitors to the city:

Grain Dealers Convention--reception, program & luncheon

Women Physicians of State Medical Society convened for a day with lunch

Entertained visiting ladies from State Homeopathic Society

With Womens' Press Club and Authors' Club held reception in honor of miss

Boardman, head of the Red Cross Society of the U.S. in Washington, D.C.

Granted use of Club house for State Library Assc'n meeting

" " " " " " National World Meeting of Kindergartners.

O Year Book (1909-1910) pg.51--Had separate ByLaws governing the Women's Club Chorus

" " " " " Limited membership of the chorus to 50

" " Club Motto still in German on frontispiece.

" " Art Collection listed with date of acquisition.

Gifts listed with name of donor.

Braun carbon photographs (15) listed with names of artists & titles.

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Lady - Green (Mrs Johansen)
Potlens → Innes & Co. John Johansen

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Moulton & Ricketts Art Loan & Co.
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Years 1914-1915 minutes (black book)

1914:

A May 23 meeting was fascinating in the number ^{of} names famous in early Des Moines social and community life--Kurtz, Hunn, Waterbury, Cummings, Bierring.

At Sept. 30 meeting of board it was decided to call small auditorium the Helen Sherman Room (it was dedicated to her). Also club said use of room could be allowed to Women's Press and Authors' Club (if no conflict with meeting dates).

At Sept. 30 session it was planned that on Sunday afternoon that tea be served in the Art Gallery, but cost was not to exceed \$2 per Sunday.

Oct. 14 the club offered to be open in co-operation with the Suffrage Board for the State Teachers Convention.

On Nov. 25 the board voted to continue the rate of 10 cents to Mothers' Clubs and teachers for participation in classes conducted by Philosophy and Science Study group.

At Dec. 30 meeting board said it would endorse the Child Welfare Movement and also send request for necessary appropriation by Iowa General Assembly.

1915:

Club endorsed a resolution (from Spokane, Wash. club) that the President of the United States be commended in his endeavor to maintain peace. Copy was to be sent to daily papers. (Feb. 14)

On Feb. 24 the chair was to appoint a committee to look into building additions.

March 31 and April 21d some interesting material on the Art Gallery.

Meetings in 1915:

Dec. 2--Judge S. F. Prouty talked on the government of the city of Washington, presented by Social Economics and Civics department.

Jan. 6--Auld Lang Syne Day. (Could be material for Down Memory Lane program.)

Feb. 3--Dr. James A. Woodburn of the University of Indiana talked on "Our Political Morality."

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May 29--board commended Vice-President ? Wilkins, chairman of the Patriotic Service Committee, on sale of thrift stamps.

July 3--gave \$50 toward equipment for a sanitarium north of the fair-ground being converted into a hospital.

Oct. 9--social department asked if it could serve a simple lunch for 25 or 35 cents per plate once a month. Allowed. First luncheon to be Nov. 13.

Oct. 23--Patriotic Service Committee was asked to continue its Monday afternoon receptions for officers' wives of armed forces. Also there was a request from the Red Cross for cretonne property bags for soldiers. Also it was voted to furnish four-minute speakers at theaters on the new food program. A committee was chosen to draft a protest resolution about the desecration of Merle Hay Road by billboards.

Interesting clippings 1915-1924:

Elizabeth Perkins speaker (1915) on "Woman from the Cave to Congress." (Remember her as a pioneer of women on the political scene?)

Alfred Noyes, famed poet of England, was a speaker. The paper praised the club, said it "achieved a distinct triumph in bringing Mr. Noyes to the city."

At Oct. 24, 1915 meeting members posed as likenesses of famous pictures in Art Gallery.

On April 7 the club had a Fashion Show and achieved a big picture spread in the Des Moines Register and Leader.

Another picture story in the paper for the club's Shakespeare Tree Planting ceremonial in front of City Library.

In 1917 a Service Flag was presented the club and this won a long story in the paper detailing the many services and projects of the organization. 1922:

The ground-breaking for additions to clubhouse garnered several stories with pictures in the paper. There were advertisements paying tribute to the busy members of the Des Moines Women's Club.

Jan. 21, 1923--good story on dedication.

Jan. 23, 1923 a nice feature in Register on past presidents.

I was impressed, entertained by the long and vital history of the Des Moines Women's Club as revealed in plain meeting reports and in big stories in the paper. I truly enjoyed delving into our past.

History of the Des Moines Women's Club

1920-1921 to 1924-1925

October 7, 1920: The opening of the Women's Club on Wednesday began the 35th year of the organization.

A feature of the day was a presentation by Mr. G. D. Ellyson of the painting, "Thompson's Glen" by Gardner Symons. This was in memory of his wife who served as president of the Women's Club in 1909-1910.

February 1922: A group of women of the Des Moines Women's Club had a Cabaret luncheon and Matinee party. Five-hundred women attended. Proceeds went for the furnishings of the new auditorium.

January 2, 1923: This marks the completion of the new building. The plans were by Verse, Kraetsch and Kraetsch and the construction by Charles Weitz and Sons. Mrs. H. L. Carrell is head of the building committee for the Byers Room and the Auditorium.

1923-1924: There was the presentation of the Hawley organ by Carrie M. Hawley in memory of her husband. His varied attainments and noble life meant much to the City of Des Moines.

1923-1924: The building finance committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Eugene Cutler, turned \$5,000 over to the treasurer from many money making projects.

1923-1924: Receipts from rentals from the auditorium amounted to \$12,195.00, the largest amount taken in in history of the Club to date. \$12,225.00 was paid on the bonded indebtedness.

1924-1925: The largest membership in the Club goes on record on this year. There were 1,631 members in good standing.

1925 - 1926 YEAR BOOK

President - Mrs. Henry E. Elliott

- P. 14 Officers of year - Groups
 K8 17 Program "Who Shall Inherit the U. S.?"
 18 Jan. 20th - Oswald Ryan, "American Poetry Since 1900" by Louis Untermeyer.
 April 28th - "The Mission of the Republic" by Dr. S. Parker Cadman.
- Depts. Social, Art, History and Travel, Philosophy and Science, Home and Education, Music, Literature, Poetry Section, Drama Section.
- PP. 46-47 List of pictures and titles, Engravings, Statuary.
 51 List of Byers Collection
 Art Purchase Prize 1925: Miss Alice McKee
 Special projects brought in \$916.51: The Princess Party (Theater); Old Fashion Party and play "Candidia."
- Cooperated in programming with Garden Club, Western Arts, Vocational Education Association, and Little Theater.
- Women's Club continued membership in Paris Women's Club and acquired membership in Polk County Federation of Women's Clubs.

1925 - 1926 MINUTES

- Albert B. Cummins Memorial Fund balance: May 27, 1926 \$1,430.50.
 \$25.00 spent for extermination of "asbestos bugs."
- Byaw The number of members shall be limited to 1800, with a waiting list.
 Change
 Art \$100 purchase prize picture "The Pergola" painted by Alice McKee.
- P. 17 Attendance 2/18/25 518 7 guests
 " 3/4/25 573 11 guests
- K P. 46 "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" secured for Opera Day, October 20, 1926 at a cost of \$1000.
- G P.88 Gift of pulpit from Christian Science Church.
 Picture - Memorial to Mrs. T. M. Walker by children.
- October 21, 1925 - Request to use auditorium by Klu Klux Klan for a state conference. Motion to grant request lost in Board meeting October 23rd.
- P. 10 Moved an additional supply of silver be purchased to complete service for 300.
- Auditorium summer rate, \$50.00. Remodel orchestra pit - raise railing, velvet curtains. Discussed buying radiator covers and water containers for each radiator.
- P. 65 D.A.R. Mmeal tree - planted by Abigail Adams Chapter, Women's Relief Corps of the G.A.R. planted a tree in memory of General William Tecumseh Sherman,

NO SCRAP BOOK

1926 - 1927 YEAR BOOK

President Mrs. Howard Clark

P. 59 Granted a student rate of 25¢ for the balcony for the three last meetings of Club, extending courtesy of the Club to all ministers of the city for Dr. S. Parker Cadman's lecture.

A Purchase prize \$100 to Mr. Kerr Forman for "Silent Mesas."

Starting balance: \$1,020.40

Balance May 12, 1926: \$1,313.27

Total active membership May 12, 1926: 1,539, limited to 1800.

1926 - 1927 REGULAR MINUTES

P. 3 34 contracts let on auditorium \$2,450.00.

Rentals for year \$3,423.54

From year Group earnings \$2,074.81

Princess Theater Party \$340.25.

Indebtedness \$65,000

Paid 27,000

37,500

Total membership 1,449.

G Marble bust and pedestal "Beatrice Cenci" from Florence, Italy given in memory of Mrs. Nathan Kendall by her husband, Governor Kendall.

Dec. 15 Club Chorus sang songs.

A Art purchase prize awarded to Miss Marie Wiley.

1926 - 1927 BOARD MINUTES

Total auditorium rentals \$3,250.00.

Entertainment receipts \$916.15.

G Basket of snapdragons from Kehm Floral to honor officers.

Gift of silver tray, cream pitcher and sugar bowl from Ft. D. M. Federation of Women's Clubs.

June 10 Granted, without rental, use of auditorium to the Disabled American Veterans, for concert given by Madam Schuenn Heink.

Mrs. Deets' salary \$200 per month.

Program costs \$250; \$400; \$150; \$150.

G Accepted frappe bowl from Mrs. Olmstead.

Paid memberships 2/23/27: 1,463, complimentary 5; Junior Members 46 - Total 1,514.

Mar. 30 Voted to bring New York Theatre Guild for 1st Wed. in January. Afternoon and evening two distinct plays. Special price for the two to be \$1000 for the afternoon and \$1500 for the evening. Changed to Jan. 18.

NO SCRAP BOOK

1927 - 1928 YEAR BOOK

- President Mrs. F. E. V. Shore
- K Programs: "When Justice Fails;" "The Epic of Everest;" "The Velieving
Open Mtgs. World;" "Mussolini and the Black Shirts," (characterized by the speaker
as the outstanding statesman in the world today -- a man of destiny,
who saved his country from Bolshevism.)
- Special Theater Guild of N. Y. City presented play. Evening meeting.
Events Everyone paid admission.
- Depts. Art, History and Travel, Home and Education, Literature, Music, Philo-
sophy and Science, Public Affairs - each member assigned to one of
the departments.
- G Items in Art Collection listed.
- J Active membership 1,449 (Honorary 6; Life 54; Junior 48.
- L Princess Theater Party \$340.35; Pledge to Building Fund \$336.25; Other
sources \$22.57 - total \$698.97.
- Art Awards of Annual Art Contest: Purchase Prize \$100- Miss Marie Wylie;
Gold Medal - Harriet Macy; Silver - Mrs. Leland McBroom; Bronze -
Byron Ben Boyd; Honorable Mention - Louise Orwig.
- Music Following the paper "The New Negro Music" given by chairman of Music
P. 75 Dept. and entire program of Negro music was presented by Negro talent,
also, a lecture by Frank Luther Mott on "The New Negro Literature" was
preceeded by the Women's Club Chorus under the direction of George
Frederick Ogden. The Chorus appeared on numerous programs during the
year.
- P. 78 Aimee Semple McPherson held meetings in Auditorium.
- P. 79 Books purchased on Indians for Cummins Memorial Library for year 26-27.
(At City Library.)

1927 - 1928 REGULAR MINUTES

- Attendance 893 (Paid admissions \$48.00); 617 (Paid admissions \$26.00); 470 (Paid
admissions 6); 525 (Paid admissions 19); 552 (Paid admissions 11);
552 (Paid admissions 19); 946 (69 Paid admissions); 450 (12 Paid ad-
missions); 990 (109 Paid admissions); 460 (14 Paid admissions); 1027
(128 Paid admissions). Election.
- K N. Y. Theatre Guild presented "The Silver Chord" by Sidney Howard.
P. 16 Total attendance : 1100 with 116 paid admissions.
- Art Ex. First prize \$75.00 to Mrs. Leland McBroom; Mr. Linn Culbertson 2nd -
\$50.00; Fred Hartsook - \$25.00. Lynn N. Stacy \$100 purchase prize
winner.
- G Harriet Macy presented to Club marble statutory group given by children
of Mrs. W. J. Pratt in her memory.
- Large basket of pink roses given by Kehm Floral to outgoing and incoming
officers.

1927 - 1928 BOARD MINUTES

President Mrs. F. E. V. Shore

Bylaw Motion made and accepted to amend Art. VIII, Sec. 1, Strike out "2"
Change insert "4" to read any members of said Board having been elected three consecutive years is ineligible for election for a period of 4 years.
Change 4 to 3.

Salary of house secretary \$200, same as last year.

Didn't find anything special.

1928 - 1929 YEAR BOOK

President Mrs. A. H. Marshall

Club members assigned to 7 different departments.

P.49 List of possessions.

P. 57 Winners in Annual Art Contest since 1909

P. 59 Club year shortened by 2 weeks with 15 regular meetings. Average attendance: 662; 2 special meetings with approximately average attendance of 630.

Army Wives Special membership for wives of U. S. Army Officers created. New books added to Cummins Memorial Library.

Lease 3 to 5 year lease signed with the First Church of Christ Scientist.
Mrs. Deets house secretary.

G P.60 Gifts given during year.

Early spring breakfast held in April. Program included "Board Meeting of 1950." Total attendance 1200. Guests invited.

Total active members - 1459 (Honorary 5, Life 53, Junior 62)

Art Art Exhibition - 1st prize \$75.00 - Mrs. Leland McBroom; 2nd, \$50, Linn Culbertson; 3rd, \$25, Fred O. Fatland. Purchase prize \$100 - Lynn Nelson Stacy.

M Auditorium rentals - 5 Graduating Exercises were held.

G Gifts - "The Crouching Venus" - Suzanne and the Elders" from Julius Samesh - memory of his Aunt, Mrs. Laura Banish; "Ruth & Dante" from the estate of Mrs. J. H. Windsor; "Steel Engraving of General William Tecumseh Sherman and a Gody's picture depicting Women's styles in 1885 - the year the Club was organized - from Mrs. J. B. Gray; Mirror and brass candlesticks and tray from D. M. Federation of Women's Clubs; Jardiniere from Mrs. Homer Miller.

1885
Styles
Pictured

Mrs. G. W. Bogardus, elected President, thanked the Club for having been chosen and expressed deep regret that she would be moving from the city and would not be able to serve.

1928 - 1929 REGULAR MINUTES

Bylaws Changes made in Articles V, Vi, and X.

Oct. '28 Meetings in Art Room - Tea - Attendance 350.

K Later in October, meetings in auditorium - program "Why Stop Learning?" Attendance 458, 23 guests, 13 paid admissions.

President Marshall's husband died. Not of sympathy read and extended a pledge of loyalty to lighten her burden as much as possible. Admiration for her quiet courage. Unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

also in
minutes -
1908

Mutual Tel. Co. provided free telephone service in Club.
(Santa Cruz (Carrara marble) by Romanelli with green
marble pedestal presented by German Club.
Pictures from Capitol were returned and hung in
Club house as well as Braun carbon
photographs from Roadside Settlement.

yearbook house membership listed with each name in
2 columns 1st - members name opposite 2nd column giving
legal name and address. (Miss & Mrs. etc.)

- 2.00
- 1.50
- 20.00
- 20.00
- 17.00
- 20.00
- 5.00
- 20.00

1928-1929 Regular Minutes, Continued

- K Attendance 993 - 164 Paid admissions. Program: Dr. D. W. Morehouse introduced by William Bebee of N. Y. - illustrated by slides and motion pictures.
- Lowell Thomas - "With Lawrence in Arabia and Allenby in Palistine."
Attendance 619 - 36 paid admissions.
- Edward B. Rowen of Cedar Rapids "Can the Average Man Enjoy Art?"
Attendance 286 - paid admissions \$4.00.
- John Cowles introduced Edward Tomlinson - "The Two Americas.:
Attendance 385 - 6 paid admissions.
- Stella Marek Cushing "The Romantic Story of Czecho Slovakia."
Attendance 511 - 12 paid admissions.
- Feb. 11-B Art Dept. presented winners of Art Contest
- K Dr. W. L. Biering introduced Dr. Henry J. Houghton of Iowa City who spoke "The New Nationalism in China." \$50.00. Attendance 650 - 33 paid admissions.
- Mary Austin spoke on "The American Novel and the Pattern of American Life." Attendance 473 - Paid admissions \$25.50. (School pupils - 10 @ 25¢ each) 14 Federated Club members from Iowa, Kentucky, Kansas, S. D., Missouri, Washington and Washington, D. C.
- Mr. & Mrs. Ongawa - Japanese players - Song, dance and little play in costume. Attendance 759 (45 Paid admissions) 38 Federated Club members from 9 states and Oslo, Norway.
- April 17 300 attended spring time breakfast - 9:30 in dining room - "veritable blooming orchard". Orchestra behind bank of apple blossoms. Adjourned to auditorium. 650 guests.

1928 - 1929 BOARD MINUTES

- Mrs. J. C. Cummins appointed as Trustee of the Cummins Memorial Library.
- Renewed Special Membership for Army Officers' Wives living in city and Ft. D. M. Gave 5 complimentary membership tickets, plus one to Mrs. W. E. Maulsby.
- Mrs. Deets salary of \$200 per month continued with a month's leave of absence with pay. Bought mahogany desk for Mrs. Deets.
- Year Books - \$550 for 1800 copies.
- Organ First Church of Christ Scientist offered to sell organ to Club. Decision made not to buy in view of previous obligations. Mr. Frankel put in organ at no expense to the Club. Organ to be removed at termination of Church's lease.
- Cummins Library now has 800 volumes. This year added 10 copies of "My People the Sioux" by Standing Bear.
- K Motion carried to engage program for next year 12/11/30 - Hallie Stiles, soprano of Opera Conique of Paris. Cost - \$1500.
- Recommended next year's Board provide clerical help for Mrs. Deets.

1929 - 1930 REGULAR MINUTES

President Mrs. Charles N. Pierce

- K 10/16 - Meeting attendance: 751 - 160 visiting Librarians. Mrs. May Lamberton Becker, the Readers Guide of the Saturday Review of Literature, spoke on the "Seasons Novels."
- 10/30 - Prelude: Piano ensemble for eight hands. Attendance: 524, 7 paid, 37 guests from 7 states (Fed. Women's Club).
- 11/27 - 897, \$105.00 paid. 87 adults and 36 student admissions, 25 guests (Fed.) 37 students from Callanan boys Glee Club guests. Count Felix von Luckner lectured on "Friendly Enemies."
- 12/11 - Roosevelt Orchestra under direction of A. E. Edgar, gave prelude. Miss Marie Morrissey, contralto, gave program. Attendance: 708, 22 paid, 8 guests and 32 Federated members from 6 states.
- 1/8/30 - Prelude by North High A Capella Chorus directed by R. W. Jones. Attendance: 418, 16 paid, 21 guests and Federation members. Solos by Mona Cowels and 3 numbers by a voice Trio.
- G Art awards given. Mr. Mathis presented gavel made of walnut taken from the old Thompson residence which formally stood in Union Park.
- K.79 Speaker was J. N. Darling on "Pioneer Sculpture." Attendance: 586, 10 paid, 73 guests.
- 2/19 0 "Antiquing Through New England," by Alice Van LeesCarrick. Attendance: 647, 46 paid, 37 guests from 7 states and England.
- 3/5 - "Russia and the World," by Maurice Hindus, introduced by Stoddard Lane, Minister of Plymouth Congregational Church. Attendance: 653, 16 paid, 13 students, 52 guests.
- 4/2 - Mrs. George Cosson elected president for 1930-31. Attendance: 864; 32 paid, 46 Federation. Russian songs by Kedroff Quartette.
- 4/16 - Annual Spring Party. Rose Lorenz dancers. "Hymn of Joy."
- Total membership - 1,413. Sent flowers in memory of eleven deceased members.
- Total assets: \$31,460.10.
- P.79 Members of Board of Directors from 1885 - 1929 listed.
- Charges: \$1.00 for regular meetings to non-members;
Departmental meetings 25¢ to non-members.

1929 - 1930 BOARD MINUTES

President Mrs. Charles N. Pierce

Mrs. Bogardus resigned as president, Mrs. Pierce becomes President; 2nd V.P. moved to 1st V.P. Motion made and carried that a committee of 3 secure nominations for 2nd V.P. and report at next meeting. The Chairman was appointed by the President and 2 others elected by the Board.

- G President appointed a committee to investigate past Memorial Gifts and the establishment of a Memorial Fund.
- K Kedroff Quartette (Russian male) cost \$700.
Extra pianos furnished by Baldwin Company.
Civic Center Plans - Civic Committee of Federation of Women's Clubs backing and cooperating with City Planning Commission.

1929 - 1930 BOARD MINUTES, Continued

- Art Cummings Art School asked for help in getting on its feet. No longer in Library. Referred to Finance Committee.
- P. 47 Board discussed means of keeping people in front rows of the auditorium from leaving during the Open Day programs and the feasibility of procuring an amplifier.
- P. 68 Scrapbook compiled by Mrs. L. R. Elliott took first prize at the State Federation Contest - won in its class as well as sweep stakes prize.
- G P. 76 Accepted dress worn at Hoyt Sherman Place in 1880 from Mrs. Alice C. Gilbert.

1929 - 1930 SCRAP BOOK

44th Year

- President Mrs. George Bogardus, President, resigned.
Mrs. Charles N. Pierce, President
1,415 members.
- K Article written by Anna Richardson, nationally prominent figure among Club Circles - Opinion: Club women deny societies, gabby, bridge parties and teas. Stronger than ever, but changing for better.
Community Center Plans: sold buttons for \$1.00 each.
- G Marie Antoinette, bronze statue, scene from French Revolution in Reception Room mantel - (fled with her lady-in-waiting from mob seeking to kill her.) Given in memory of Mrs. W. W. Littell, P. P. by her niece, Frances Caldwell.
Women's Club paid to bring Charles Muford Robinson to make survey of city and particularly water front, with a view to its development as a Civic Center.
- 1929 Federation gave \$100 per person, \$3000, to cover cost of preparation of detailed plans in the development of which the Civic Center improvement will proceed.
- K
11/27/29 Program -- Big Splash
Count and Countess Felix von Luckner, "the German Sea Devil" - we will entertain two of the most picturesque personages that have been here for many a year.
One headline: "Women Put to Sea With Count." This was at a time when speakers were interviewed by newspaper reporters.
- G "Thompsons Road" by Gardner Symons, \$3000. Memorial to an early President, Mrs. G. D. Ellyson, by her husband. Famous snow painter stood on the terrace overlooking D. M. river on the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Green, while painting the picture. Mrs. Green is a past president. Symons died in January 1930.
- B "An Old Barn" 1930 won \$100 purchase prize at Art Contest by H. D. Jones. Will hang a year in Hoyt Sherman Place, then as is the custom, loaned for showing in the city schools.

PUBLICITY SCRAP BOOK 1930-1931

- O 3 nominees for each office. 700 members voted. It took two days to count the ballots.
- O Mannequin wearing 1883 gown was displayed at opening day tea.
The gown had been worn at a party at Hoyt Sherman's home. It had been made especially for the occasion in NYC.
- O From Oct.8/1930 column "Over the Coffee". List of 50 who rule Des Moines. (anonymous author)...Mrs. Nelly Deets, Hoyt Sherman's chaperon.
- K Meetings were held both Wednesday's and Fridays.
- K Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of Wm. Jennings Bryan spoke 11/12/30
She was congresswoman from 4th FL district. "Like her father, she is a democrat". Subject - "Opening Doors". She spoke to an audience of 900 people including 104 guests.
She traced the development of women, harking back to pioneer days.
- L 12/5/1930 Exhibit of old and rare etchings owned and collected in France by Evangel Pantayatou. Displayed at H.S.P. under sponsorship of Art Dept. A percentage of sales went to the club.
- L 1/11/31 Art Exhibit of Carl Rawson's art. (Son of member, from Minneapolis)
- B (From Clipping dated 1/13/31) ART RULES: 1st prize, \$75, 2nd prize, \$50, 3rd prize, \$25. No exhibitor will receive more than one prize. Medals also given. \$100 will be set aside for purchase prize for one picture to be property of club. Exhibit lasted 3 weeks.....
Jean Dayton West won 1st prize for "Betty_" (The model was Betty Pierce, daughter of M/M Ray S. Pierce) \$75.
Velma Wallace Rayness won 2nd, \$50 and silver. "Algerian Man's Head"
Fred Hartsook won 3rd prize, \$25. and bronze medal for "Melting Snow". Contest inaugurated in 1909.
- K 4/19/31 History and Travel dept. displayed family album. "The past was revived, memories were rekindled and friends of yesterday haunted and dreams came true with fleeting glimpses of friends."
- K (Part of Loyalty Lark) GRIDIRON DINNER (luncheon) warned all political or club celebrities to wear rubbers and mackintoshes and carry umbrellas as protection from real "soaking" prepared for them. (Luncheon was served to about 800)

PUBLICITY SCRAPBOOK 1931-1932

- J Election - 679 ballots cast for officers, 450 ballots cast for board memb.
(Miss Bonnie Marshall, Pres.)
- F Report given for 30-31 yr. revealed over 5,000 luncheons to club members.
Dept. door receipts - \$117.60
- M Auditorium rentals at \$3,963.67
\$3,972.46 paid to lecturers and entertainers during year.
- M or J 8,096 - attendance during year (members)
Public could attend open meetings for a 'reasonable charge'.
- L Bridge lessons (both contract and auction) 6 lessons for \$2
(non-members \$3.00)
- O August 1931 - voted to drop out of the State Federation of Women's Clubs.
(They had been paying 35¢ per person, per year)
- K Boston English Opera Group - Fri. and Sat. Oct. 30-31
- L Table setting contest - Jury of 5 judges will choose award winners, Dec. 10
- B Annual Art Contest - 3 cash prizes (\$75.\$50.\$25)
Feb., 1932 with 5 judges.
- L Feb, 1932 DM Symphony, at first late winter and spring concerts. Burrell Steer, director and two nationally known violinists, Ilza Neimack and Robert McGrew as new members of the orchestra. DMWC indorsed the project by buying 20 tickets. They were given to L.E. Watters to be given to worthy boys and girls to hear the concert.
- I March, 1932. 10th Anniv of the building of the Auditorium was celebrated.
Pagent in 6 episodes and James B. Weaver gave address.
- L 5 clubs competed in table setting contest at Younkers. (DMWC, Jr. League, Jr. Fed., Garden Club and Bus. and Professional Women) Lasted Tues.. to Sat. (Mar. 1932). DMWC won sweepstakes, popularity, and daily prize. (Article discribing and program in Scrapbook...Mar. 23, 1932)
- O April 1, 1932. Retiring board members entertained rest of board in penthouse of Hotel Ft. Des Moines. Hostesses in costume. Had a series of April fool activities. Mrs. Throckmorton as "Dr. Pain-in-the-Head" held a mental clinic. Mrs. Frank Ely was nurse and Mrs. Fred Wells was maid. The Officers were victims. A boquet of spring veg. (carrots cut as roses and spring onions for lillies of the valley...presented to retiring President (Bonnie Marshall).....

MAY DAY, 5/4/32 "MAY FETE"

Publicity Scrapbook 1932-1933

- J July 1932 - Major Byers of L.A. celebrated his 94th birthday in LA.
Discription of some of the Art. Picture by carved Secretary.
- K Dec. 4, 1932 - Drake U. Concert Orchestra in conjunction with Music Dept.
gave Sunday afternoon concert ("as a courtesy to the public")
- K Dec. 14, 1932 Kendall Community Players (Wed., 2 pm) "The Queens Husband".
- B Jan. 15, 1933. Exhibit of Iowa artists paintings, sponsored by the Art.
dept. Exhibit arranged by Adrian Dornbush, director of summer
school at Stone City, Art center of middle west.
- B Feb. 1, 1933 - Louise Garst M'Broon won first prize of \$75 in annual art
contest. Dorothea Tomlinson Marquis won 2nd prize, \$50. Anna
Brunk, \$25.
- K Afternoon programs all began at 2 pm. Lunch at 12:30. Morning program
was at 11 am.
- K Programs were on Wednesdays and two Fridays each month.
- O Elections one Wednesday.. Results the next.
- K Annual Spring Frolic (Stunt day) 4/5/33
Combination of all depts.
- K Club year ended with Annual Officers Day, April 26. A tea.
Then a May Day breakfast at 9:30 followed by 11 am dual programs
from the Music and Drama Depts.

PUBLICITY SCRAPBOOK 1933-1934 (cont.)

- L Art Forum - Sponsored by DMWC held alternate Fridays, from 10:30 - noon.
Conducted by Adrian Dornbush of Stone City. Discussion of contemporary Art. Open to public as well as club members.
- K Lloyd Douglas 11/15/33
- O Last Poem of Major SHM Byers "The Kindly Man" p.12, Dec. 1933 Bulletin.
- K In Feb. 1934 Bulletin, p.13 ...Article about Women's Congress held in DM in 1885 with quote worth using. "The feeling of caste in America seems to prevent the natural outgoing of kindheartedness from woman to woman. The question of who is she? What is her husband's or father's business: is more frequently asked than what has she done? or what is she herself."
- O "A Prayer" poem by Frank Dempster Sherman Ap-May, 1934 Bulletin (Vol.1 #7)
4/26/1934 Finance chairman announced
- E Club Home valued at \$189,000 with \$8,028 total liabilities.
Total receipts for year \$14,384.26
Disbursements 10,616.00
Bal. on hand at close
of year 754.60
- L (picture, Feb. 3, 1934 Trib.) 100 women were students of by-monthly study club of Art. Dept. Learned Art fundamentals from Adrian Dornbush, instructor, a Cedar Rapids artist.

PUBLICITY SCRAP BOOK 1934 - 1935

- K Ruth Bryan Owen - speaker on Oct. 19, 1934 (Minister to Denmark)
- D Week long food show at Coliseum, with a school from 10-12 each day.
Included table setting contest. Lunch served each day by 6 organ.
DMWC, DM Garden Club, Daughters of the Nile, YWCA, Temple Sisterhood,
and Catholic Women's League. (1st place to Garden Club, 2nd to DMWC)
- O Note the numerous joint parties and projects with groups like Altrusa,
Rotary, etc.
- I * Nov, 1934 Bulletin (Pres. message) Celebrate final cancellation of
(or C) "bonded indebtedness". Relates history.
WORTH COPYING IN OUR BULLETIN 1200 members pd. off \$60,000.
- O The monthly Bulletin's list a page of suggested reading.
- L Home planning Conference held Jan. 24-25, 1935 at Hoyt Sherman Place,
conducted by IA state College with DM architects, DMWC and IA
Federation Housing Administration.
- K Thomas Hart Benton spoke Jan. 26, 1935 (Sat. eve)
Introduced by Grant Wood. Admission 50¢ (Byron B. Boyd called
Benton "A modern Michelangelo!".)
- D "Letter of request was sent to R & T asking that a member of the DMWC be
selected as juror to serve on the 1934 Community Award Jury.
Mrs. Lorraine Watters was appointed."
- J Amended by-laws to include "Wives of regular Army Officers on active
duty at the Post may become members of the Club upon payment of
annual dues only."
- K/L Annual Welfare Day - on a Wed. March 19, 1935. "Stunts", Drama and Music
(Included Heloise Martin, former NY dancer) Mtg. open to public.
- L Card party and White-elephant sale held Feb. 15, 1935. Profit, \$42.27
- G Guest Book was gift of Mrs. Henry B. Hawley in 1914. In 1935, the
board voted to repair book and ordered a box be made to keep it in.
When Mrs. Hawley saw the newly repaired book, she "asked that she
might have the privilege of paying the bill."
(Bulletin, Ap. 1935, p.15)

Minutes, 1930-1931

- J Oct. 15, 1930 - Att. 551, pd admissions, 9. (Included 34 guests from other Federated Clubs - CA, DC, IL, IN, WA, IA, OH, & MO)
- Oct. 29, 1930 - Att. 687, pd adm. 33 seniors, 1 student. (28 guests from Fed. Clubs.)
- Nov. 12, 1930 - Att. 956 - pd adm. \$104.50 (65 guests from Fed. Clubs)
- Nov. 26 - 357
- Dec. 10 - 951 with 128 pd Sr. admissions and 4 Jr ones.
- Jan. 7 - 666 - (\$35.00 in pd. adm.)
- C June 4, 1930, board voted to replace 160 ft. of gutters on Auditorium
Cost, \$72.00 Also, sump pump must be repaired.
- K Program costs ranged from \$75.00 to \$450
- C Need new curtain in Auditorium.
- C Voted to purchase 3 rugs and a stair carpet. Active Carpet fund, \$834.93
- N Voted \$150.00 to Cumming School of Art for Scholarship.
- B 2/11/31, voted that \$100.00 purchase prize be eliminated.
- G 3/11/31, Luster Candlesticks, gift of Mrs. Wm. Stevenson accepted.
- C 4/8/31, House Committee Chrm. reported it had required $168\frac{1}{4}$ yds of
Hartford Saxony Carpet. Carpet \$741.18
Padding 93.75
Total \$834.93
- C 4/21/31, Reported rumor that balcony was not safe. Answered that it
had been inspected and was perfectly sound for any crowd it would hold.
- O 5/27/31, Voted to withdraw from IA State Federation of Women's Clubs
"until such time as they could again afford to belong" Also
voted to give City Fed. "a chance to reduce the dues for the
Women's Club". Protests followed...and discussion.

MINUTES, 1931-1932

- G 7/15/31, Byers China, presented to Mrs. D.W. Smouse by Major Byers, was
offered to club by Mrs. Smouse. Positive response.
- B 1/27/32, voted to hang collection of purchase prize pictures in the parlors
of new Drake Girls dormitory. 4/27/32, voted to allow them to hang
there indefinitely.
- O 3/9/32, Camp Fire Girls requested privilege of ushering at next Open Day
and of introducing their new Secretary.

Minutes, 1932-1933

- J Feb. 15, 1933 - 756 present. Door receipts, \$92.00
- G Nov. 23, 1932 - Moved that a group of oil paintings loaned by friends for an indefinite period, with insurance and cleaning being taken care of by owners, to be hung in the club house. Carried.
- G Feb. 22, 1933 - Mr. T.B. Moore, Jr. had offered to LOAN a statue to the club, all responsibility being born by himself.
- E March 8, 1933 - Moved and carried that Finance Comm. bring in recommendations in regard to reducing dues and admitting members who had dropped out of the club, back into club for dues only, for a LIMITED TIME.
- A * March 15, 1933 - Special meeting of board to consider Nominating report. Only ONE candidate for Pres. and Treas. Lengthy discussion. Many motions - finally accepted report.
- E Ap. 19, 1933 - Voted to reduce dues to \$7.00 (from \$10.00) with half yr. dues to \$4 (from \$5). Also permitted elimination of initiation fee for a limited time.

Minutes, 1933-1934

- K Oct. 18, 1933 - Gardner Cowles, Jr. introduced speaker, Amelia Earhart as "A woman...at home in the universe and unafraid."
- K Nov. 15, 1933 - Speaker Dr. Lloyd C. Douglas "The Flight to Freedom" (Philosopher and Aghor)
- B OR E page 45 (Vol. 17) Ins. listing of 6 "most valuable Byers pictures"
- On the Isar, \$100
- Princess and Parrott, \$200
- Madonna of the Grand Duke, \$150
- Lake Maggiori, \$500
- Monks Head, \$300
- Madona and Child, \$500
- Total, \$1,750.00
- Dec. 5, 1933 Valuation of Club pictures for purpose of increase in security to State Fed. for their \$4,000.00 loan
- B OR E
- | | (value) | (revalued) |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| Innes - Landscape | \$1,500. | \$1,940. |
| Moran - Venetian Castles | 2,500 | 700 |
| Vedder - House by Sea | 1,500 | 800 |
| Foster - Autumn Mood | 3,000 | 1,500 |
| Crane - Late Afternoon | 800 | 400 |
| Frieseke - Le Dejeuener | 1,200 | 350 |
| Weeks - Loading Caravan | 2,500 | 2,500 |

Minutes, 1934-1935

- K Oct. 17, 1934 - Ruth Bryan Owen - Minister to Denmark (\$300)
- B Feb. 13, 1935 - 26th Annual Art Contest
- 1st prize - Harry D. Jones, "Country Gasoline Station"
- 2nd prize - Fred Hartsook, "Winter Silence"
- 3rd prize - Mrs. Gene Dajlon West, portrait of George Olmstead, Jr.
- Feb. 13, 1935 - Louise Orwig, Art Librarian of Pub. Library introduced
- K OR B the speaker
- G March 6, 1935 - Showed box with repaired guest book, also check for \$12.00 from Mrs. Henry B. Hawly for payment of repairs. She had presented book in 1914.

1934 - 1935 Club Year of the Des Moines Women's Club

Proposed budget for 1934-35:

Estimated expenses	14,173.61
Estimated income	13,000.00

Electricity	450.00
Fuel & Ashes	650.00
Art Prizes	150.00
Salaries	3110.00
Bulletin	150.00
Programs	2200.00

- 7/25/34 Invitation extended to 4-H Girls during Fair week to a tea at the Club House. 350 were served on 8/26/34.
- 8/15/34 \$362.25 for 1000 yearbooks - Wallace Homestead - additional for more than 1000 - our actual cost was \$386.00.
- Army Officers wives to be accepted to membership without initiation fees.
- 9/19/34 Rental to Castle Club of series of 12 parties, including service @ \$22 for each party.
- 10/3/34 49th Year of DMWC opened with 800 Club Members present. Program: "Beach Party at the Lido" - a program of music and dancing.
- 10/17/34 1157 persons enjoyed the afternoon program "The Life of a Diplomat" by our Minister to Denmark, Honorable Ruth Bryan Owen.
- 11/21/34 "Festival of Thanksgiving" to celebrate the completion of the bonded indebtedness on the Club House. Paid off the last of the bonds of the \$60,000.00 that the business men of D.M. loaned without security.
- 12/5/34 40¢ luncheons on open days and 25¢ luncheons on departmental days.
- 12/12/34 Speaker Dr. Lawrence Gould, an experienced explorer having been on several major expeditions among them the first Byrd Antarctic Expedition. Fee \$575. 590 present - 14 being house guest. Paid admissions \$19.50.
- 1/2/35 Miss Selma Ekrem of Istanbul, Turkey. "Young Turkey Looks Westward." Fee 125.00.
- 1/16/35 Thomas Benton, mural painter of note, to be here 1/26, to be introduced

by Iowa's own Grant Wood. Fee \$60.

3/6/35 Net rental for Hoyt Sherman Place for 2/35 \$197.50. for the auditorium only \$115.00

Mrs. Henry B. Hawley paid for repair of Guest Book and box for safe keeping.

FIFTH YEARS - 4/24/35 - 4/29/36

5/3/35 \$10.54 allowed to pay bill for Officer's Day Tea.

6/5/35 It was moved and seconded that the window seat in Reception Room be removed. Carried.

7/11/35 Program Chairman presented for consideration several speakers. (Emil Ludwig fee \$475.; Robert Fulton, fee \$125. ; S. Parker Cadman, fee \$300; Agnes De Mille, fee \$350.)

8/14/35 Yearbook should have a gold colored cover. Wallace Homestead given contract for \$345. per thousand.

\$5 per month be allowed for flowers for the luncheon tables.

Board accepted the legacy left to the Club by the late Mrs. Abdill - no note as to what items were.

Mrs. Eleanor Ferguson would like to give a Chinese vase to the club and Art Treasures Committee recommended acceptance.

9/4/35 Committee appointed to purchase new furniture for Reception Room - purchased from Younkers a love seat and four chairs for \$210.00.

Mrs. E. W. Forster employed as Cateress for Club Year 35-36 at \$50. a month.

9/18/35 A bill for \$6.75 for repairing sky light in Art Gallery allowed.

10/2/35 Pageant presented opening day tea depicting outstanding events in the 50 years of the Club's life. More than 100 women took part. 550 members and guests present.

10/9/35 Des Moines Ice and Fuel Co. presented the Coolerator as an anniversary gift. Central National Bank sent a lovely basket of flowers as birthday gift.

Mrs. R. R. Peters, a past president of the club, presented copper lustre

pitcher as an anniversary gift, and a portrait of herself painted by Frank Clifford Ashford as a permanent loan.

Mrs. Tillman did a book of Club History and placed in Archives.

11/13/35 Otis Skinner, the actor, spoke on "Footlights and Spotlights". Fee \$500.

1052 in attendance including 95 students from schools and colleges. Receipts at the door \$147.50.

11/20/35 Board moved and seconded that investigation be made re a safe smoking room for women.

50¢ fee for students to programs on open days.

12/18/35 A Mrs Welpton was authorized to take the small picture of the Monk's Head to Chicago to have it's authenticity studied at the Art Institute - if proper insurance and care were provided. A later report stated the Monk's Head was not a Velasquez.

Memberships were given by husbands or daughters for Christmas gifts, etc.

1/29/36 A bookcase from the Mrs. A. M. Linn estate, a companion piece to the secretary in the office was received. Also an etching done by Mr. Pescheret. Printed programs were done for the Agnes DeMille appearance 3/4/36 - program was cancelled. Miss DeMille unable to come dance - she sent a check for \$160 to cover loss on the contract.

2/19/36 Regular open day meeting of the club was held in the Art Gallaries because of very cold weather and to conserve fuel.

Mr. Gardner Cowles, Jr. was presented to the Club. He introduced Mr. Edward Weeks who spoke upon the subject "The Importance of New Books". Fee \$200

3/4/36 Miss Agnes DeMille failed to arrive for her program. Miss Berenice Holmes took her place. Her concert group and five dancers and pianist gave the program. 661 present.

4/8/36 The daughters of Mrs. S. S. Gillette, a charter member of the club, presented a beautiful silver tray which had been their mother's.
Cornelia Otis Skinner to appear 11/4/36 for a fee of \$350.00.

CLUB YEAR 1936 - 1937

6/16/36 Painting exterior of Club House \$608.50. Repair spouting and painting will be \$788.40.

9/2/36 Two gift tables from a Mrs. Shore and Mrs. Chapman.

9/16/36 Price of luncheons to be 45¢ for open Days and 35¢ for alternate days.
The Gift Committee have accepted some etchings made for Miss Emily Stopp by Jeannette Stewart illustrating her prize winning poem "The Streets of Beacon Hill."
False walls being made for the Art Exhibit.

11/4/36 Cornelia Otis Skinner presented seven monologues. 950 in attendance.

11/18/36 Honorable Agnes MacPhail of Ottawa, Canada, member of the Canadian House of Parliament spoke on "Women in Our Present World."

12/2/26 Clifton Fadiman of N. Y., Book Critic and Lecturer, spoke on "Why Best Sellers Sell Best." Fee \$150.00.

12/9/36 Gifts: silver teapot - Mrs. Gillett
damask cloth - Mrs. Lichty
framed piece of Chinese embroidery from Conger Collection - Mrs. B. O. Tone.

1/20/37 Paul Engle discussed "The Poetry of Modern Life." Fee \$100.00.

1/27/37 Letter from Dr. D. W. Smouse dated 1/6/37, confirming the understanding that the Major Byer's china now in the Smouse Home will go to the DMWC as Mrs. Smouse willed, when he is through with it.
Gift of a 70 year old tablecloth and a cut glass piece were presented by Mrs. Almeda Harpel.

- 2/11/37 Discussion as to whether dues should be raised to \$10.00 and initiation fee to \$10.00 - members polled resulting in practically unanimous negative vote.
- 3/3/37 Lt. Col. Stewart Roddie, a British Army Officer spoke on "Maelstrom in Europe." Proposed budget for 1936-37 Receipts \$13,200.00. Expenditures \$12,715.00.
- 4/7/37 Limiting reservations to May Day Fete to 350.

CLUB YEAR 5/12/37 - 4/27/38

- 6/24/37 Gifts - book case, china closet and table offered by MRS. Otto Wolf of Germantown, Pa. from furnishings of her mother, Mrs. W. W. Wheeler's home. Japanese flower container from Mrs. Huttenlocher.
- 9/8/37 Discussion re installing a stoker, decided to pay \$1208.00 cash rather than finance.
Palms were rented for opening day for stage.
- 10/27/37 Mirror from Mrs. Weepton.
- 12/8/37 Two tables presented by Mrs. Capps.
- 1/12/38 Bill for \$33 for repairing the Byers room furniture and killing the borers in the furniture allowed.
- 3/9/38 1148 members eligible to vote for officers.
- 3/23/38 Coal for 1937-38 \$ 458.00 Savings due to installation of
1936-37 849.48
1935-36 1000.00 stoker, probably.
1934-35 712.00
- 4/6/38 \$940 in dish fund. %10 received from sale of old dishes. Dishes (1824 pieces) purchased from Younkers, \$788.46.
- 4/20/38 16 silver coffee pots purchased for \$157.12 - \$9.75 each.

CLUB YEAR 4/27/38 - 4/26/39

- 5/11/38 Purchase of chairs for Board Room from Davidsons - 2 types -
\$600 and \$488.
- 8/10/38 Erect railings around west and north sides of Byers room at a cost of
\$76.80.
- 1/18/39 30th Art Exhibition - 104 pictures were hung, the works of 48
painters.
Speaker Grant Wood - "Regional Art."
- 1/25/39 Accepted 2 black basalt Wedgwood urns - one from Mrs. Mannheimer
and one from Parliamentary Law Club.
Letter sent to City Council approving and urging the marking of this
Iowa's most historic site at the junction of the Racoon and Des Moines
Rivers by building a replica of the Old Fort, surrounded by a suitable
Park to be used as a museum and community Center
- 3/8/39 Mirror glass for ladies dressing room chosen by House Committee from Mrs.
R. M. Little.
- 3/29/39 Drew Pearson spoke on "The Merry-go-round of National Politics."
Fee \$300.
- 4/5/39. \$25 allowed to type and bind the records of the first ten years of the
Club History from 1885-1895, to be bound in buckram.
Mrs. Hollis Rawson gave fine marble bust of Dante to the Memorial Library.

CLUB YEAR April 24, 1939 - April 24, 1940

- 6/14/39 Purchase of water heater for \$38.
- 8/9/39 Intent to amend to limit the active membership to 1400 with a waiting list.
- 11/29/39 Reincorporate again - first 5/25/89 - good for 50 years.
- 12/1/39 Balance on hand \$5023.91.
- 12/6/39 5000 paper protectors for toilet seats purchased at a cost of \$17.50 from the West Company, company agreeing to provide 11 dispensers.
- Dues \$10.00 - Initiation fee \$7.00-due on Officers Day in April.
- Art Exhibition kept open 14 days, two Sundays included.
- Financial Secretary to be hired. Will keep accounts of the Club and of the various Departments and Committees, have charge of the files and various other duties as required.
- Byers china received from Smouse Estate.
- 10/18/39 Elsa Maxwell spoke on "The Science of Laughter."
- 2/14/40 123 entries in Art Exhibition
- Speaker MR. Julien Bryan, foreign correspondent and press photographer on "I saw Warsaw" - documentary film and Poland taken in 1937 - slides and motion pictures taken during the siege of Warsaw in September 1939
- 3/6/40 Italian statuary from Latta Estate.
- Mrs. Chenoweth engaged as Finance Secretary at \$75 a month to begin 4/15/40.
- 3/14/40 Speaker Major George Fielding Eliot, Military Intelligence Reserve of the U.S.A., a specialist in defense problems. Subject: The International Situation of our National Defense, "The Ramparts We Watch."

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Minutes

- Oct. 2, 1940 Program
Attendance 360. Guests from Mass., Ill., Washington D.C., Wisconsin, Michigan and Iowa
- Oct. 16, 1940 Agnes de Mille and her dance group presented old court dances, American folk and satiric dance sketches of her own composition. Attendance 966, including 90 guests.
- Oct. 30, 1940 Program - Dr. Harry Overstreet, Philosopher, psychologist and author.
- November 27, 1940 - Program, Eva la Gallienne - lecture. Subject, "The Importance of the Theater in our Cultural Life" Attendance, 775
- December 11, 1940 - Lecture by Sterling North. "Trends in Modern Fiction."
Prelude, St. Joseph's Academy String Ensemble

President's Scrap Book - 1940-41

- May 3, 1940 It snowed on the day of the May Day Party. The women phoned Younkers, had someone come out and "spray the air in the dining room with wild rose perfume, thereby creating their own May Day atmosphere."

Luncheons were 40¢

Minutes

- May 22, 1940 Bids for new roofing of Art Gallery - Lockridge, \$138.50; H. B. Buckham \$155.00; Iowa Roofing \$165. This last was accepted with a 15 yr. guarantee.
- Mrs. Deets salary was \$125 a month.
- Rental schedule was given.
- Jan. 8, 1941 Program - Lecture by Roy Scott, Photographer in China for Life Magazine. "China's Comeback".
- March 19, 1941 Program - Lecture by Erika Mann, daughter of Thomas Mann. Writer and actress. Subject "What Price Fascism" Attendance 1122. 256 guests.
- The Board members gave a tea for Erika Mann, Wed. Mar. 19, at Younkers Tea Room. The officers of the Club acted as hostesses. This was after the program.
- April 2, 1941 Program - Nationally known juvenile court judge, Judge Malcom Hatfield, spoke on "Juvenile Delinquency."

Adria Berry

Bulletin

- Oct. 15, 1941 Jan Struther, author of "Mrs Minever" spoke on subject, "Your Country and Mine."
- Nov. 2, 1941 Fred Herzon, Austrian baritone on scholarship at the State University of Iowa gave a concert. They had beautifully printed programs.
- Nov. 26, 1941 Denis Conan Doyle, son of the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle lectured on "Will This War End Christianity?"

Minutes

Sept. 3, 1941 "Mrs. Carrol moved that 1000 Art Catalogues be brought up to date and sold at the nominal price of 10¢"

Bulletins 1941-42

During these years, the monthly Bulletins would carry a "Picture of the Month", or "Our Exhibit of the Month" in which they told something interesting about our art possessions.

Minutes

During the war years the women were very supportive of the war effort. Club moneys were used to buy Bonds and Stamps.

The minutes told of many letters of condolence sent to members who had lost sons in the fighting.

Oct. 29, 1941 Program - Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Former U. S. Minister to Norway lectured on "I Saw the Blitzkrieg Begin". Attendance 1104. 204 Guests.

February 18, 1942 The program was a lecture by Dorothy Draper on "Decorating is Fun". Attendance 945

Bulletins

The meetings at this time were preceded by a musical prelude at 1:45. They were exceptionally fine musical talent from the Universities in the area. At 2:00 the meeting was called to order.

The program budget for the year was \$3000. for the 8 programs, this included the fee for Dorothy Draper of \$250.00.

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Program Nov. 4 1942 - Devi Dja and the Bali Jana Dancers. Pages in the Register were devoted to pictures and a write up of this program.

Pres. Scrapbook 42-43 Much of the Scrapbook was devoted to the war effort of the members of the club

Bulletin, Feb. 1943 - "Mrs. Leslie French, War Savings Bonds and Stamps Chairman, reports sales totaling \$12,839 to Jan. 13."

Article on "The Importance of Saving Scrap" to help the war effort

*1941-42 Attendance down during the year.
71 new members in 41-42

Programs in Jan. '43 included Margaret Brourke White and
Filton Lewis Jr.

Feb. 43 Bulletin "Pictures of the month are exhibited under special
lighting at the East end of the Auditorium lobby."

March 1943 - President's Scrapbook contained a long article from the

April, 1943 The Des Moines Women's Club sold bonds and stamps at
Penny's Store. They manned this booth 5 days a week.
Bond and stamp sales of the Club Members - \$28,020.30

The Presidents Scrapbook for 1942-43 had one whole section on "Women
in Wartime".

to us through the courtesy of Mrs. W. B. Wright.

Dec. 8, 1943 Minutes Bd. of Directors p. 37
Gift of dining table, 6 chairs and buffet from the estate of
Mrs. Will Tones. Mrs. Alice Tone Wells, the donor, and
Mrs. W. B. Wright.

March 29, 1944
"Mrs. Leon Wood of the Women's Division of the State War
Finance Committee presented the Merit Award to the Des
Moines Women's Club, 90% of it's members being regular
purchasers of war bonds or stamps"

April 26, 1944 Gift - Silk Embroidered Shawl from Mrs. Victor Emhoff.

March 1, 1944 Art Exhibit. Open for two weeks. 23 artists exhibited.
52 paintings entered.

Oct. 18, 1944 Program - Teresita and Emelio Osta, a program of Spanish
and American Music and dancing 829 in attendance.

Oct. 25, 1944 - 945 members of the Des Moines Women's Club

Nov. 22, 1944 Minutes Board of Directors p 37
"The bequest to the club from the estate of Mrs. Emma W.
Whisenana consisted in an oil painting by Charles A. Comming
and a Carrara marble bust of Apollo Belvedere."

November 30, 1944 - Program - Ely Clubertson, "organizing for Total
Peace". 576 in attendance

* Minutes - May 26, 1943 A motion was made and carried that at the
annual Art Exhibition "this year" no money awards be given.
The art Scholarships for this year were omitted also.

Adria Berry

Program, Jan. 3, 1945 - Dr. Ruth Gruver, Field Representative to Alaska from the U. S. Dept. of the Interior. Subject: "Women in a Changing World".

March 14, 1945 37th Annual Art Exhibition. 65 entries, 30 exhibitors. Judges: Paul Manship, New York, Christian Peterson and Mrs. Edna O'Bryan of Ames.

Program for that afternoon was Mr. Paul Manship, internationally famous sculptor. His subject, "My Experience in Sculpture."

April 4, 1945 Gift - Large tapestry from the estate of Mrs. Henry B. Hawley.

Program November 28, 1945 - Vincent Sheean - Evening meeting. 1123 present

December 12, 1945 - Ruth Draper, actress 1186 present

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February 27, 1946 The Board set aside \$7500 as a nucleus for the building of a new dining room and kitchen as soon as materials are available.

* Membership (new) 1945 through November 167 new members

1946 January 9 through February 20 - 240 new members

The year closed with full membership of 1400 and a waiting list on hand.

Club Year: 1945-1946

President:
Mrs. Wm. R. Hornaday

A. Anecdotes

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

\$30.00 cash awards to 3 winners

C. Building (additions, remodeling)

Paid out \$670.00 for furnace repair work

50.00 allowed to rehabilitate pictures (Art Possessions)

187.25 for iron grilles for windows

The Club set aside \$7,500 towards building a new dining room and kitchen

D. Community service

The Philanthropic Committee of DMWC made layettes

Gave \$50 to Community Chest

E. Dues

\$10.00 - Life membership \$100

DMWC paid a total of \$711.05 in dues to State Federation (516.40),
City Federation (193.65) and Polk County Federation (1.00)

F. Food service

No records

G. Gifts

Received heirloom sampler from Mr. Tom Drake

@ " pictures from the Misses Laird

" statue from Mrs. F. C. Waterbury

" extension table from Miss Belle Gilcrest

" \$200 from estate of Mrs. E. H. Carter (put into Memorial Art Fund)

" 2 gifts of \$25 each from husbands of deceased members (into Mem. Art Fund)

H. Goals

I. Historical events

WAR ENDS IN EUROPE 5/7/45
Gas rationing ended
Aug. 5 - atomic bomb dropped at Hiroshima
Sept. '45 - Japanese surrendered - WAR ENDS
Fort Des Moines Army Post went out of existence
(Women's Club celebrated 60th anniversary)

J. Membership (no.)

Full membership of 1,400 reached.- waiting list on file

K. Programs (VIPs)

Richard Wright - author of "Native Son" and "Black Boy"
Vincent Sheehan - war correspondent and author
Ruth Draper, actress - James Hebron, criminologist - Iva Kitchell, dance
Col. M. Thomas Tchou, Chinese philosopher humorist
Curtis D. MacDougall, editor and newspaperman
Nora Waln, author "House of Exile", Atlantic Monthly contributor

L. Projects

M. Rentals

Junior Fed. of Women's Clubs
D.M. Garden Club
Chapter Q, PEO
National Music Sorority Mu Phi Epsilon
Final year for Civic Music Assoc (moved to Shrine Aud. in '46-47)

N. Scholarships

O. Miscellaneous

*Reviewed by
Ila Hall*

A. Anecdotes

The year opened with a Centennial Tea, with special music and program on Flower Arranging (E. L. Hodson) (It was Iowa State Centennial)

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

Three \$50 prizes awarded

C. Building (additions, remodeling)

Repaired and painted 8 doors - cost \$177

Fire inspector ordered that front doors into Auditorium must be left unlocked during programs

Mrs. Riddell, chr. of building committee, planned extensive (\$100,000)

remodelling - to include modern and completely equipped kitchen, 2 rooms

on 2nd floor for dining rooms - to increase luncheon capacity from 350 to 500

D. Community service { Also planned powder rooms, improve heating and ventilating,
Planted an elm tree on { and 3rd floor apartment for resident couple.
east lawn in memory of { New drinking fountain at east end of lobby.

WW II veterans, living and dead.

Donated \$75 to Com.Chest, \$50 to Kenny Cottage Program at Ia.Luth.Hospital,

\$25 to Pan American Exchange Fellowship Fund, \$75 to Red Cross Fund

E. Dues

Annual dues \$10. Initiation fee raised to \$15. Price of lunches raised to 60 cents.

Life Membership given for 50 years continuous membership in the Club.

F. Food service

No records. May Day luncheon cost 50 cents.

G. Gifts

Received \$50 from sale of Dresden chocolate set

" Oriental flower container

" Japanese vase from Mrs. Alice Tone Wells

" statue of Hebe from Mrs. Addison Parker

" painting from M/M Dean Schooler

" 4 paintings and etching from Proteus Club

H. ~~Gifts~~ Rec'd portrait of Major HSM Byers, presented by Mrs. J. M. Burrows

Carved dining room suite (table, buffet, 16 chairs) formerly used in Hoyt Sherman Place, offered as a gift from Mrs. Arthur Sherman of California. (Club to pay transportation from California.)

M. GOALS - Remodelling building

I. Historical events

Iowa State Centennial celebrated
Raymond Blank Guild organized

J. Membership (no.)

1500 limit on membership and a long waiting list . Nov. '46 had 1494 members

K. Programs (VIPs).

Normally held one evening meeting a year - Trapp Family Singers this year.
Regular programs: Dr. Ralph Sockman, radio pulpit NYCity, pastor Christ Church NYC
Mrs. Raymond Clapper
Carl Van Doren, editor "The Nation"
Margaret Webster, dir. Shakespearean drama
Arcult Shearby, violinist

L. Projects

Still planning remodelling

M. Rentals

D.M. Junior Fed. of W. Clubs
Catholic Women's League
D.M. Garden Club
Treble Clef Club
Proteus Club

Polk Co. Republican Women
Drake music fraternity
DAR - Abigail Adams chapter

Mrs. E.T. Meredith sponsored a benefit concert for
Iowa Luth. Hosp. - Curt Rogosinski artist

N. Scholarships

O. Miscellaneous

Mrs. L. C. Deets retired April 30, 1947 and was given a gift of \$1,000

Researched by
Jean Haller

Club Year: 1947-1948

President:
Mrs. Harold Gordon

A. Anecdotes

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

C. Building (additions, remodeling)

Replaced skylight - \$992 - A. H. Neuman Bros.
Still haven't remodelled kitchen

D. Community service

\$75 to Red Cross, \$75 to Community Chest, \$50 to Kenny Fund, \$25 to Pan
American Exchange Fellowship Fund, \$10 to Iowa Poetry Day Assoc.
Purchased 12 CARE packages

E. Dues

\$10. \$150 for Life membership (an increase)
DMWC protested the raise in dues to Iowa Federation (50 cents increase per member)
but no adjustment was granted.

F. Food Service

G. Gifts

~~H. Food Service~~

Received the dining room suite of Hoyt Sherman
Received Victorian davenport from Mrs. Edw. Riddell
Received silver tray from Mrs. D. O. Milligan

~~G. Gifts~~

H. Goals

I. Historical events

Mrs. Harold Gordon

Des Moines Art Center nearing completion (Sept. '47)

J. Membership (no.)

Initiation fee raised from \$7.00. Limit 1,500 membership

K. Programs (VIPs)

John Mason Brown

Robert St. John

Hon. Charles P. Taft (son of Wm. Howard)

Chinese Cultural Group

Dr. Harrison Brown on "Atomic Energy"

Dora Jame Hamblin on "Displaced Persons - Our Responsibility"

L. Projects

Style Show - New Utica

M. Rentals

International Sunday School Convention, 3 days @ \$40 per day

Groups renting regularly: Cath. Daughters of America, Cath. Women's League,

Fortnightly Club, DAR - Abigail Adams chapter - Youth for Christ -

Des Moines Garden Club

{ "Ma" Sunday talked about her husband Billy - 1500 attended

N. Scholarships

The year's report shows rentals for 75 clubs other than DMWC
plus 9 wedding receptions, 22 breakfast-lunches-dinners,
24 piano recitals, 8 studio dance recitals,
12 dances, 27 religious services

O. Miscellaneous

Margaret Mellor employed as Exec. Secy. at \$175 a month. Also ^{Resident} ~~Exec.~~ Secy.
at \$125 per month plus living quarters.

*Researched by
Ha Wells*

Club Year: 1948-1949

President:
Mrs. Edward Riddell

A. Anecdotes

Des Moines Women's Club ~~hostesses~~ ^{hostesses} For a day at Younkers "Dream House" - a 9 room colonial house at 4921 Woodland. Admission was 15 cents. For benefit of the Building Fund.

Ads in the bulletin were from New Utica, Younkers, Stearns, Grocers Wholesale, Wolfs, Chamberlain-Kirk-Cline, Jewett Lumber, Frankels, Cornies, Queal Lumber

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

(Mrs. Hiram Houghton of Iowa was president of Gen. Federation of Women's Clubs)

Annually - 3 \$50 prizes

C. Building (additions, remodeling)

D. Community service

E. Dues

The Board voted to withdraw from Iowa State Fed. of Women's Clubs because of financial burden imposed on larger clubs by straight per capita method of assessing dues.

F. Food service

G. Gifts

Received a Gobelin tapestry from Mrs. John Elwell

H. Goals

I. Historical events

J. Membership (no.)

Have 1600 total membership. Average attendance at regular programs, 478

K. Programs (VIPs)

First family night program (for club members, friends and families) was the Des Moines Barbershop chorus.

Regular programs: John Metcalfe, reporter; Hartzell Spence and Harlan Miller, Arthur Bliss Lane, former ambassador to Poland

L. Projects

M. Rentals

Regular club meetings other than Dmwc - 75
22 wedding receptions
20 piano recitals
27 religious meetings
19 lectures and film lectures

Girl Scouts 20th annual meeting
Castle Club
D.M. Adult Educ. film series
and speakers

N. Scholarships

O. Miscellaneous

*Received by
Mrs. Riddell*

Club Year: 1949-1950

President: *Jo Hall*

Mrs. Tom B. Throckmorton

A. Anecdotes

Held organized classes in sewing, metal work, art and cooking, choral and drama groups. Well attended.

Mrs. Gardner Cowles died March 1950, aged 88

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

C. Building (additions, remodeling)

May 1950 - started remodeling - final revised plans completed and to stage of obtaining bids. New heating plant to be installed in summer '49 kitchen improvements o.k.'d and service kitchen on second floor. (Omitted plan for 3rd floor apartment for resident secretary.

Mrs. Riddell, Bldg. Comm. Chr. \$6,250 donated by club members and 5,000 from General Fund

D. Community service

Donated to Community Chest and Red Cross

E. Dues

\$12.50. Entrance fee raised from \$22.50 to \$27.50

F. Food service

Sandwich Bar established to handle overflow at luncheons.

G. Gifts

H. Goals

He Wells

I. Historical events

Mrs. Tom B. Throckmorton

J. Membership (no.)

K. Programs (VIPs)

Page Stone Ballet (Chicago)

Dr. Marcus Bach

Millicent Fenwick (Vogue ass. editor)

Hal and Ruby Holbrook

Margaret Bourke-White, Life photographer and world reporter

Emily Kimbrough - author

Willie Snow Ethridge

L. Projects

Louis Armstrong in a Friday night concert at Hoyt Sherman Place

Held a Loyalty Day for receiving contributions to the Building Fund.

M. Rentals

Merrill Lynch sponsored a series of 5 weekly lectures on money investments, in the Art Gallery - 7:30 p.m.

Formal dance by Drake chapter of Delta Zeta

D.M. Adult Ed. had Hubert Humphrey, US senator and Paul Douglas, US Senator

N. Scholarships

O. Miscellaneous

Recorded by He Wells

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB
1950 CLIPPINGS

- 1949 - 50 Edna Throckmorton - President (retiring)
 Lela Tuller, President-elect (retiring)
 Helen Johnson - First Vice President (retiring)
- 1950 - 51 Cecil Davis & Lela Tuller had requested gift
 of chandelier that had been in the American
 Farmers Mutual offices, 2000 Grand that used
 to belong to J. H. Polk Mansion "Herndon Hall"
 [Des Moines Women's Club replaced American Mutual's
 with a modern fixture.]
- Guest speaker: Mrs. Fred Hunter - Pioneer suffragist
 and member of League of Women Voters was featured.
- Oct. 29, 1950 Norman Thomas debated Dr. Wm. McGovern (Northwestern
 University Professor) on government-provided
 security.
- Dec. 3, 1950 Leonard Howell, City Manager, addressed club
 on Municipal affairs. Groups meeting at the
 clubhouse included: Castle Club for its dinner
 dances; also Abigail Adams DAR; Federation of
 Women's Clubs; Garden Club of Des Moines. Our
 clubhouse was being remodeled at a cost of \$96,000;
 included powder room; coffee urns, kitchen dishwasher,
 refrigerator and stove.
- Dec. 20, 1950 Hal Holbrook (Denison University) and wife,
 Ruby, featured at a meeting in theatre: "GREAT
 PERSONALITIES". Ruth Alexander, economist,
 exhorted us to withstand socialism.
- Jan. 17, 1951 Ogden Nash.
- Feb. 11, 1951 Bill Costello, correspondent.
- Mar. 4, 1951 Edith Davison, our cateress, featured in paper
 - (Des Moines Register & Tribune).

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB
1951 - 1952 CLIPPINGS

President Lela Tuller (succeeding Cecil Davis)
President-Elect Helen Johann
Membership 1600
24 coffee pots pictured (silver) - newly
purchased.
Club chorus directed by Mrs. Stanford Hulshizer
(Emily).

Programs

October 3	Ethel Barrymore Colt, actress - singer Eva LaGallienne, actress Forrest Spaulding, city librarian Ernestine Galbreth Carey, Co-author "Cheaper by the Dozen". Zella Wallace, "One of Des Moines' favorite literary folk".
December	Rose Lorenz Dance Studio.
February 6	Adeline Ogilvie's Dance Studio.
March 5	Dr. Newton Moats of Grace Methodist Church (pastor).
March 12	Robert Shaw, TV producer and writer of "Mr. District Attorney". Herb Owen's painting "Law Bridge" won 1 of 2 first prizes in professional clan at Art Exhibition. Russell Saunders, organist, presented vesper musicale. The Women's Club chorus presented "Gay Nineties".
March 26	Countess Waldeck, novelist, journalist, historian. Kate Goldman (Mrs. Harold) and Archie Leonard did "Anne, the Thousand Days" directed by Verner Haldene of Community Theater. Mrs. F. J. Weertz chaired musical program by Mabel Mon Madden. Mrs. Phineas Henry on "Illustrations in Children's Books".

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB
1952 - 1953 CLIPPINGS

President - Mrs. Albert Johann (Helen)

October 15 Dan Williams, Librarian; Leonard Wood, Artist;
and Harrison Wood, Correspondent.

November 12 Stuart Chase, author; consultant on economic
problems, "Your Money's Worth", "The Proper
Study of Mankind".

February 25 Dr. Virgil Hancher from University of Iowa,
"Three Roles of Universities".

Judges for the Art Exhibition were Dwight Kirsch,
Art Center; Leonard Good, Drake; and Marie Brewer,
Des Moines Schools.

Winners:

Mrs. Arthur Kirk
C. K. Gunnar
Betty Slaughter

April 8 Drake Band, directed by Dr. Gordon Bird, concert,
played "Edge of Night" by Dr. Francis Pyle and
soloist Nathan Jones of Drake.

April 29 "A Phoenix Too Frequent", Kate Goldman, Bothilda
Cleveland and William Fischer, directed by Dr.
James Fiderlick.

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB
1953 - 1954 CLIPPINGS (Scrapbook)

President - Mrs. Maurice Lan (Frances)

Installation: Program: "A Phoenix too Frequent" by Christopher Fry; director (Prof. James J. Fiderlick; cast: Bothilda Cleveland, Kate Goldman and Bill Fisher.

September 4 Mrs. Deets, 87, former secretary in DMWC, from 1920-47, died in California.

October 14 Ann Cameron, Wolf's stylist, presented Fashion Show. Sally Levich accompanied.
Drama Department presented Ralph Senensky, new director of Des Moines Community Playhouse.

October 21 Robert Speed, professor in music at Grandview, presented Hawley organ prelude.
Mr. and Mrs. George Peak showed movies re South Africa which they had visited last spring.
Speaker Lloyd Wendt, author, accused women of making too many material demands upon men, who are really frail creatures dominated by women.
"In 1848 American women began to shop in stores, thus spurring merchandising to new heights.
...If women allow the ego of men to be too much inhibited, they'll have a psychological problem on their hands".

October 28 Mrs. Vernon Seeburger presented a "colorlogue of Mexico". Mary Joyce Lind danced Mexican dances in costume.
For American Education week, Dr. George Hohl director of elementary education, in Des Moines led discussions following film of "Skippy and Three R's".

November 4 Henry and Vera Bradshaw on "Adventures in Writing and Photography" in Wyoming, Great Lakes, and Maine.

November 11 Archie Leonard directed our DMWC women in "The Women" (Clara Booth Luce).

November 18 Gordon Gammack on Korea
Dr. Nyardi, former minister of finance of Hungary and now professor at Bradley University, warned of perils of Communism.

Mrs. Leslie Renquist directed women's club chorus.

1953 CLIPPINGS CONTINUED

Page Two

- December 2 James Duncan, head of Radio Department at Drake, read poetry of Edna St. Vincent Millay.
- Robert Bagley, director Roosevelt High Orchestra, presented musical program, along with Laura Duncan, director of Roosevelt chorus.
- December 9 St. Joseph Academy presented a Christmas Day by a cast of academy kindergartners. Morris Barr lectured on Australia.
- January 6 Rod Gelatt of Radio Station WHO led panel discussion re Explorer Scout Trip to Nahal Canyon, Navajo National Monument in Arizona, little known to white men, high adventure for scouts.
- Margo Heilman, organist, played prelude.
William Clyde Donald, psychologist counselor and minister from Milwaukee, spoke on "How to Get Along with Yourself and Others" and "Humor is a Shock Absorber".
- January 13 Jeanice Williams Noyes read a cutting of "Barretts' of Wimpole Street, Director of Speech at Grandview, wife of Dr. Frank Noyes, conductor of Drake-Des Moines Symphony.
- College Dean (Iowa State) Helen LeBaron, "Women are still being fitted into college programs designed for men. We must decide on education befitting new responsibilities.
- January 20 North High Rope Jumpers
Edna Lazlo, portrait artist
- January 27 Carl Malone, Extension Economist at Iowa State "Citizens Role in Free World".
- Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Bishop at Methodist Church.
- February 3 Professor Andrew White, baritone, professor of voice at Drake University, renowned for his concert and opera work throughout the USA, in a program of song.
- February 9 Benefit performance of "The Women".

1953 CLIPPINGS CONTINUED

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- February 10 Dan Williams, Librarian of Des Moines, on "A Fortune in Your Attic".
- February 17 Mrs. Lloyd White of Kansas City on "Hats, What's Under Them"; and our own Maurine Stanton, designer and decorating consultant and a staff member of Adult Education Department, on "Be Your Own Decorator".
- March 3 Readings presented by Drama Department: Mary Blythe Ungles and Marian Cowper Rae. Well-Known Des Moines performers: Curtis Page, Jim Duncan and Robert Moore. P.M. John Beaufort, drama critic for Christian Science Monitor, "The Play and You", "To the extent that he can do that, he in giving the reader a vicarious sense of what is going on". A critic should try to convey something of the quality of the experience of a particular play.
- March 10 Technical High School Band, directed by Dick Wilson. Edith Webber on book reviews of the latest spring books including Emily Kimbrough, Philip Whyllie, Alice Bryant, Sholem Asch.
- March 21 Art Exhibition Tea Mary G. Brown won first; other exhibitors included Brunk, Good, Macy, Holladay*, Mattern, Owens*, Shane*, Stanton, Alfred Thomas*(2), Wagner, Fairall, Kirk and Meers.
- *winners (Karl Mattern was a judge)
- March 24 Glenn Lull, interior decorator John Dexter, organist at Plymouth
- March 31 Bess Johnson, Smouse principal, participant in Fulbright teacher exchange with Britain in 1952, 1953.
- 1:30 Dorothy Davies Rapp in song. Robert Aura Smith, New York Times, "Psychology of Betrayal" re Asians thinking about their policies and ours.
- April 7 11 - Dr. Keith Huntress 1:30 "Galena Treasures" by John Hodgson, Presbyterian minister there.

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April 21

Mrs. Raymond Sayre of Ackworth, outstanding farm woman and Mother of the Year, Eisenhower's Agricultural Advisory Committee, speaking.

Mrs. James Addison presented program on coronation of Queen Elizabeth, June 2, 1952. Mrs. Addison is English born, came to U.S.A. in 1920.

April 28

Installation of Marjorie Herrick.
Drama Department presented pageant written by Edith Webber.

DES MOINES WOMEN'S CLUB
1954 - 1955 CLIPPINGS

- President - Mrs. Allan Herrick (Marjorie) succeeding
Mrs. Maurice Lan
President-Elect - Mrs. David O. Milligan
Executive Secretary - Mrs. Arch Mellor
Catering - Mrs. F. M. Davison
- May 2, 1954 Installation of Marjorie Herrick.
Boris Goldovsky of Metropolitan - guest artist.
Program - Retiring board gave a delightfully
witty program on "Hats" (probably written by
Carolyn Jordan).
Clippings of deaths included one of Mrs. O.
L. Brownell, mother of Fleta Brownell Woodroff
of gardening fame.
- October 17 Eva L. Gallienne in times and tales of Oscar
Wilde.
- The auditorium was redecorated this year at
a cost of \$31,000.00--sage green curtains, new
spots and speakers, new carpet in foyer, mezzanine,
stairs, and aisles.
- October 31 Howard Orms, director of Playhouse, and his
wife, were present.
Dorothy Daniel, authority in cut glass.
- November 7 Dean Frank Jordan (Drake University) - organ
recital.
- November 16 John Dos Passos, author, (friend of Roswell
Garst).
Des Moines Women's Club presented "The Women"
(also at Ottumwa Women's Club November 29th).
- November 28 Dr. A. F. Voigt, atomic energy scientist of
Ames.
- December 5 Dr. Francis Pyle (Drake University) presented
one of his own compositions.
- Jan. 16, 1955 Rosemary Kuhlman, New York City Center Opera,
"Amahl and The Night Visitors".
- January 23 Edith Webber in book reviews.
Announcement made for Art Exhibition by Chairman,
Harriet Macy.
- February 13 Des Moines Religious Drama Workshop directed
by Cecile Wry.

1954 - 1955 CLIPPINGS CONTINUED
Page Two

February 27 Guri Lie, daughter of Trygve Lie, in "Diplomat's Daughter" (UN secretary general); wanted to become U.S. citizen.

March 13 Leonard Howell, city manager, a.m.
Edmund Gieshart, artist, in p.m. from University of Chicago.
Musical prelude by Myrtle Stewart and Ruth Emmert Fallein (now Crawford).
Art Exhibit - first prize won by Mrs. LaVon Lindblom; professional class by Lynn Stacey, Ann Brunk and Leonard Good; and "special" was won by Herb Owens.

March 22 Win (Mrs. Julian) Bruner gave one of her sparkling talks on the current New York Theatre.

April 3 Drama Department in "Ghost of Rhodes Manor" directed by Luana Chinn (Mrs. Carroll).
Dr. Margaret Westerhof, executive of Des Moines Health Center, spoke a.m.

April 10 Mr. and Mrs. (René) Meredith Willson in a "speak and sing", one of their two personal appearance tours each year (April and October) told about "The Music Man" coming out next season.

April 21 Steve Cebuhar told about his 4 years behind Iron Curtain. He felt U.S. not aware of Communist threat.

April 24 Dorothy Davies Rapp, soprano, Marguerite Rothrock, accompanied Rose Lorenz Studios presented program of dance. Karl Schwartz accompanied.

May 1 Maggie Daly of Chicago, fashion coordinator.
Music: Alice Jordan (Mrs. Frank) piano and organ; Margaret Davis - violin; Lenore Mudge Stull - piano.

Club year: '55-'56

President: Margaret
Mulligan
(Mrs David)

A. Anecdotes

The two-tiered table in kitchen made by

Custodian, Elmer Berg-from old light board on stage
and also he made the incinerator on back drive.

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

March Tea and Exhibition

Aggricultural - Mutual Ins. Assn. Prize "Feed Lot" by Herb
Owens--not a purchase prize.

Prizes in amt. of \$250 to first and second and Hon. Men.

C. Building (additions, remodeling)

Paint Byers room--bought Rem-Rand Typewriter-paint art
gallery, Berg's apt.-installed new light control board back
stage-repaired porch deck and steps. Carpet for balcony and
runway.

D. Community service

Dr. Charles Gutenkauf-"Care of Aging" Sig. Kap. Alumn.
on Geriatrics. Polk Co. Fed. Women's Club Annual May 1956
meeting. Weekend party for Foreign Students.

E. Dues

\$12.50 a year

F. Food service

Published "Cook Book" "From Kitchens of Hoyt Sherman Place"
Mrs. F. M. Davidson-Chief Cateress and Committee of Club
Women. April 1-'56. James J. Kelly and Glen Wallace Comm. Chm.
Bought Coffee Servers
Cook book on sale also at Dahls, Love's and Greenwood Groc.
\$10. for book. at City Library

G. Gifts

/ for Mrs. Albert B. Cummins Memorial Library Book Shelf.
Bernice Setzer Award of \$10.00

H. Goals

I. Historical events

Mrs. David Milligan

J. Membership (no.) 1382 plus new and renewal and Jr.-1610 members

K. Programs (VIPs) Mrs. Julian Bruner, P.Chan. Sidney Harris, Columnist-no show.
 (Play Going-New York '56)
 Haitian Dance Group-Jean Leon Destinf
 Amy Vanderbilt-"Complete Book of Equit.
 John Mason Brown-Contrib. Ed. "Sat. Eve. Review"
 Dorothy Thompson-Columnist

L. Projects - *Cost Book Published - April - 1-'56*
120 Copies Stationery - Club House Stationery sold at 40¢ each 1.00 box
& extra 50¢ dinner - members, 1.00 & hosts - 2.50 ea -

M. Rentals Des Moines Symphony
 Rentals: \$2,214.
 \$8,391.25 for 226 rentals for the year

N. Scholarships

O. Miscellaneous - Young Artists Audition-Voice, Instrumental Concert
 Marjo Brueising--Local girl with Angelairs, Nashville, Tenn.
 (reg. program at Club of "Angelaires")
 KSO Publicity for us, paid in full by station
 Bought American and Iowa Flags for Byers Room

- A. Anecdotes Mrs Hartung raised Gords for table decorations-renting land between Rock Is. and Milwaukee R.R. tracks (Racoon Valley) for \$1.25

Table Dec. of Elephants and Donkey's for election year, One on Pres. table signed by Adli Stephenson-D. and Elephant by Ike and Marie obtained at Boone and Colfax by Mrs. Leo Hoegh, Gov.

- B. Art exhibition (purchase prize) (presented to Mrs. Marken) wife.

- C. Building (additions, remodeling)

Purchase 2nd hand washing machine-chairs
Piano in Byers Room refurbished.
Carpet installed Loge and Stage
New chairs in Balsony-old ones sold
Repairs to Sldg.
Ceiling in basement restroom repaired

- D. Community service

Public Affairs Dept. attended Polk Co. Fed. Meeting

- E. Dues

\$15.00 dues--1350 resident and 76 non-resident.

- F. Food service

- G. Gifts

Junior Fed. gave us Silver Tray
Past Pres. pledged \$25.00 to Art Scholarship
Voted to reestablish Memorial Art Scholarship of \$200.

- H. Goals

I. Historical events

Mrs. DeLoss Markem

New Cut of Club House on Cover of monthly

Bulletin-July 11-'56, Mrs. Marken, Rol Gelatt and Mr. Mestin

J. Membership (No.)

K. Programs (VIPs)

Will Durant, Author "Story of Civilization"

14 members of St. Louis Symphony-71st Year

Floating City "Capt. of Queens"-Harry Grattidge

Folk Lore Around the World Wm. Clauson

Edward Weeks- Ed. of Atlantic Monthly

Robert Joffery Ballett

L. Projects

May Day Theme was Dutch in honor of Mrs. Marken

Calendar's

Salad Dressing

Cook Books

Etching of Club House

Easter Dinner

M. Rentals

177 rentals Total \$8,272.00

N. Scholarships

See "G"

O. Miscellaneous

Need seen for Parking!

Display of color telephones-N.W. Bell - Jan 23rd

Recognition luncheon April 21-57

Letter to City Council from Board to protest manner City Mgr.
Lenord Howell was dismissed from duties, Dec. 5, 1956 Board Mt.

Jan. 9-57, new members wanted smoking permitted during lunch
Board Voted No.

Parking space for Program Chairman in back of bldg. set up.

A. Anecdotes

May Day: 8 day old Grandson "Tom Watters Amend" present to Club and his Grandmother for first time by Ann Watters Amend. Over 1,000 members in tears!

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

200.00 Art Scholarship-50th Anniversary of Art Exhibition - Hazel
250.00 - Art 3x4 - Burton

C. Building (additions, remodeling)

Painting and Repair- Chandilier in Parlor
Chairs in Pres. Dining room - re-glued
Plaster in Organ Loft re-done and organ pipes cleaned
New Roof by Neuman's.
Boiler -comb gas and oil bids--\$2,338.
Lapel Mike for stage

D. Community service

E. Dues

Raise from \$15. to 20. Resident Jur. Members \$1. to 2.- Dues
Club pays 62% of club running expenses.

F. Food service

Salad Dressing
Home Made Mincemeat project - need apples and fruit jars
Bought 10 table cloths and

G. Gifts

Mr. Parnaham furnished stage tree and decorations for Dec.

H. Goals

Established "Future Planning Committee"
Investigate Parking possibilities

I. Historical events

J. Membership (no.)

1600 - at \$15.00 voted to raise to \$20.00 next year

K. Programs (VIPs)

Boris Goldosky-Pianist
 Dorothy Draper-Decorator
 Richard Armour-Satirist
 Dwight Cooke-News Reporter
 Llords Puppets
 John Mason Brown "Seeing Things"
 Roger Williams Pianist-Local boy (Louis Weertz) 2¹/₂ Million

L. Projects

Antique Show by Club members-dressed in old fashioned dresses and held on a Friday. "Autumn Leaves"
 Bridge Party
 Stationery
 Cook Books
 Salad Dressing
 May Day

M. Rentals

Salvation Army Rent Auditorium for 2 days \$125.
 Lost 4 rentals to North High-cutting rentals in half--205 at
 \$7,951.50

N. Scholarships

See "B"
 New York Lawyers Forsythe, McGovern & Fetzner-letter Client
 Will to leave Scholarship to Club for Derserving Girls in
 our City-ref. to Ex. Bod. Walter Selvey wrote letter to
 them-evidently decided not to.
 Scholarship in Math to Roosevelt in memory of Mrs. W. Maynard
 in ant. of \$21.00.

O. Miscellaneous

50 new hostess badges used by Hospitality purchased at .10 ea.
 Ladies worried about bldg. being empty while Bergs on vac.
 One of workmen from Boone stay in it while they are gone.

Club Year:

1958-59

President:

Mrs. Walter Selvy

A. Anecdotes

Life Membership awarded to Mrs. Joel Griffiths—a member since 1908

Cost \$450,000 to \$500,000 to replace bldg at today's rates.

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

\$260 given in Art Ex. awards. \$250 to Prof. and Amature and \$10. to popular award.

C. Building (additions, remodeling)

2 Monroe Tables, 3 313ct. fans, draperies and glass curtians for offices. 23 white table clothes, New cieling in basement area and waterproof walls. Roof tiles repaired, Plated silver tray. repair of oriental rug in recpt. hall.

D. Community service

Represented at Gov. reception, U. N. Day.
Gov. 2nd Conf. on Safety Legislation

E. Dues

\$20. regular and \$35. new members and \$200. Life.

F. Food service

Installed Rince Ejector in kithen dishwasher
2 mobbb carts in kithhen.

G. Gifts

2 checks. Men. Gifts, books in memory of Zella Wallace
3½ yds, pink tea cloth to club by Mrs. Selvy.

H. Goals

Committee set to investigave Philanthropic work, we can do.
Scholarship Fund or Foundation.

1958-59

Mrs. Walter Selvy

I. Historical events

First Literature Scholarship given.
Flaming Festival held

J. Membership (no.)**K. Programs (VIPs)**

Fine Arts Trio
Judge Luther Youngdahl
Anita Colby
Thyra Ferre Bjorn
Shomi Tachibana (Japanese Dancer)

L. Projects

Bridge Party
Flaming Festival
Salad Dressing
Mincemeat
Cook Books
Honey and Strawberry Jam sale
1,000 decks cards, club house on front

M. Rentals

208 rentals \$9,234.00

N. Scholarships

First Literature Scholarship set up.-Ann Bartley
Art Scholarship winner Arlette Gosieski
Both amounts \$200. each.

O. Miscellaneous

Gave Christmas Staff total amount of \$194.
Engineers License paid \$10.
Ice. \$78.55
Safety Bep. Box. \$9.35
Parking on old West Hi. grounds.
Christmas coffee for Jr. Members
Valentine Luncheon for new members
Corsages to staff on officers day.

Club Year: 1959-60

President:

A. Anecdotes

Mrs. Robert D. Jackson

Mrs. Margaret Mellor Hi-lites Club Art Treas. for Jr. Members at Holiday Christmas Coffee.

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

\$250 for Prof. and Amature prizes for Art. Exb. and \$10. for popular award.

Rules changed from D.M. area to cover Polk County

C. Building (additions, remodeling)

Roof and front canopy repaired.

Karastan carpet in Deets and Sherman rooms and stage.

Window shades on Mezz.

Recessed light in Art Gallery and dimmers

18 fans in Auditorium

D. Community service

U.N. Day-Gov. invitation. Club presented Flag of Luxemborg with name plate.

E. Dues

\$20 reg. and \$35. new members and 1.00 for Jr. members

F. Food service

Large Freezer installed

Ice making machine

2 doz. card table clothes

5 doz tea towels

20 large size card tables

repair silver coffee pots

G. Gifts

Iowa Branch-U.S. \$10.00

Xmas Staff total of \$200.

Pier Mirror from Jennie Park Will

Mrs. Jackson gave yellow Tea Table Cloth and 4 smaller ones

Past Pres. gave \$25. to Men. Scholarship fund

Mrs. Lloyd Fugill gave handmade Blue Table Cloth & runner.

Mrs. Jackson gave China Punch Bowl for Pres. Din. Room

as memento to Frances M. Benedict.

H. Goals

Alice Tone Wells gave Bust of Venus-from Italy, brought by her sister.

Years: 1959-60

President:
Mrs. Robert D. Jackson

I. Historical events

Established Scholarship in Music for \$200.
Drama for \$200.

Feb. 10-1960 cancelled Club by snowstorm
Snow on ground for 69 conseq. days-bad snowy winter

J. Membership (no.)

1836 plus 30 Jr. members
Valentine luncheon for new members
New Members work shop

K. Programs (VIPs)

Revere Eric
Julia Bock Miller
Ned Stanford, Wash. News Corresp.
Walter Sullivan
Dr. Preston Bradley
Ralph Nielsen & Audrey Paul -Marlinn String Trio

L. Projects

Bridge Parties	Treasurer Sale
Cook Books	Stationery
Salad dressing	
Candy	
Strawberry Jam	
Smorgasbord	

M. Rentals 166 rentals at \$5,910.

N. Scholarships

Art Scholarship-Angeline Wilcots \$200.
Literature-Carol Parks \$200.

Rules on Scholarship from D.M. to Polk County
Music Scholarship set up
Drama Scholarship set up.

O. Miscellaneous

Food and Rental costs raised.
Theatre Project to New York, "Show Train"
New Grand Piano for Auditorium \$7,250.
Steinway in Art Gallery, signed by Henry Z Steinway
Storey-Clarke Console Piano in Helen Sherman Room \$520.
May Day tickets 1960 sold for \$1.75.

Helen Holt
Sources Cited:
Yearbook, Board
Minutes, Club Minutes
Scrapbook

1960-1961
Diamond Anniversary Year
75th Anniversary
Mrs. E. H. Bierman, Pres.

A. Anecdotes, etc.

Summer 1960 Board Minutes are full of plans for
up-coming 75th anniversary (Board Minutes, 1960-61)

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

Held March 1-15, 1961 (Yearbook, 1961-62 p. 38 and p. 48-49)

Winners:

Professional class	\$50	Wendell Mohr
	\$50	Ruth Wilkinson
	\$25	Lynn Stacey
Non-Professional	\$50	Edna Dahl
	\$50	Barbara Parsley
	\$25	Mary Conant

C. Building (additions, remodeling)

Recessed lighting fixtures in the Byers Room to match
those in the Art Gallery

Upholstered several pieces of furniture (1961-62 Yearbook p.39)

D. Community service (war work)

E. Dues

1959-60 \$15 Initiation (Yearbook 1959-60 page at end of book)
\$20 Dues

Dues money received to April 26, 1961 \$28,973
(1961-62 Yearbook, p. 43)

Raised Initiation fee to \$20 (Board Minutes p.61 &
Club Minutes p.15 (3-8-1961))

F. Food service

Served 9573 members and guests (1961-62 Yearbook p.39)

Miscellaneous meals brought in \$8014.07 1961-62 Yearbook

Raised pay of waitresses from \$1.10 to \$1.15 per hour
(1960-61 Board Minutes p.28)

Recipes were often included in the Bulletins:

califlower salad, French Creme Pie, Orange Kiss Me Cake

On October 28, 1960, a Plantation Dinner was served:

Price, \$2.50 Menu included ham, chicken, and salmon

The price of the May Luncheon was raised from \$1.75 to \$2.00
(Board Minutes 1960-61 p.54)

May Luncheon open to members only, program open also to guests
(April Bulletin p.17)

G. Gifts

Cut glass candlesticks from Alice Tone Wells
(1961-62 Yearbook p.38)

H. Goals

Sources indicate two goals:

1. To acquaint Club members and the community with the background and history of the Hoyt Sherman family and Hoyt Sherman Place, and especially with the history of the Des Moines Women's Club and its association with Hoyt Sherman Place
2. To present outstanding programs to commemorate the 75 year history of the Club, and to exemplify the outstanding programs of preceding years

I. Historical events

Celebrating 75 years, all Bulletins said:
75th Anniversary
Des Moines Women's Club

An excellent history of the first 75 years was compiled and sent to all members of the Club and to many in the community

Cover:

DES MOINES
WOMEN'S CLUB
1885-1961

Inside:

The Des Moines Women's Club
Takes Pride
In Presenting Its Own
Intriguing and Fascinating Story
IN COMMEMORATION
of its
SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
1885-1960

Congratulatory telegrams fill the Scrapbook. (All from
Scrapbook)

J. Membership (no.)

1402 (1961-62 Yearbook, p. 41)

K. Programs (VIPs)

1. Opening Tea, Oct. 5, 1960. "Echoes of the Gay Nineties"
Musical program presented by the staff of Iowa State University
2. Christmas decorations carried out the theme, "Diamond anniversary"
3. The big event of the year was the presentation of Vincent Price on March 15, 1961, at 1:30 P. M.

K. Programs (contd)

3. He presented "Three American Voices: Walt Whitman, James A. McNiell Whistler, and Tennessee Williams." Scrapbook Attendance: 816 members, 314 guests (Club Minutes for March 13, 1961)

Vincent Price later wrote a letter of thanks to Katharine Freel, program chairman, Letter is in Scrapbook.

4. Other excellent programs filled the year

5. Husbands of members allowed for this one year without ticket punch, (Club Minutes p.3)

L. Projects

1. Scholarship Bazaar Nov, 2, 9, 16, 1960 (Scrapbook)
2. Projects also included: Christmas Bridge luncheon, Spring party, sales tables in the foyer. Members sold recipe books, salad dressing, candy and homemade strawberry jam. 515 jars of jam were made. (Yearbook 1961-62 p.39)
3. Scholarship Bazaar took in \$1329.79 (P.7 Club Minutes)

M. Rentals

Auditorium	\$3522.50
H. S. Place	2317
P.A. system	115
Total	5839.50 (1961-62 Yearbook p. 93)

N. Scholarships

copy of Rules and Application form in Scrapbook

Winners:	Literature	Roberta Wells
	Art	Diane Hummel
	Music	Marilyn Jeffers (1961-62 Yearbook p.40 and
	(Closed Music Scholarship)	Club Minutes p.19)

Changes were made to add a Speech Scholarship, to hold the contest one month earlier, and add stipulation Scholarship were to be used within 3 years (Board Minutes, p, 61-62 & 70)

O. Miscellaneous

1. Florence Myers Wallace, members of Des Moines Women's Club, named BPW Woman of the Year Scrapbook
2. Scrapbook contains colored pictures of all Committees, with members identified by name; historical pictures of Hoyt Sherman and his wife etc. that appeared in DM Register & Tribune. Many glossies and several large spreads from local newspaper. Monthly committees were listed in each Bulletin Bulletins also listed some Board actions Mrs. Frank Green, member for 71 years, had pictures in R & T

1961-1962
Mrs. Floyd Burgess, Pres.

A. Anecdotes

Mrs. Burgess told the Board she had met with visitors from Des Moines' sister city, Kofu, Japan. She was presented with a letter from the President of the City of Kofu Federated Women's Club. (Board Minutes p.15)

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

Art Exhibition opened March 7, 1962. Held till 3-21-62. There were 93 entries. (1962-63 Yearbook p.41)

Rules governing the entries were published in the January 1962 Club Bulletin.

Winners: Professional Class	\$50	Karl Mattern
	\$50	Ann Brunk
Non-professional	\$50	Edna Dahl
	\$50	Laurence Fairall

C. Building (additions, remodeling)

New paint in the Art Gallery, Byers Room, and main stairway (1962-63 Yearbook p.37)

D. Community service (war work)

Basic course in Art Appreciation, sponsored by Des Moines Women's Club, Junior League, and Adult Education Dept. of Des Moines Public Schools. Entitled: "Exploring the World of Art." Cost, \$6.00. Term, 10 weeks, September - December 1961. Held on Thursdays at 7:30 P. M. at Hoyt Sherman (Scrapbook)

Executive Committee voted to be part of this, summer 1961 (Board Minutes)

E. Dues

Initiation fee raised to \$20.00 (from added page at end of Dues \$20.00 1961-62 Yearbook)
Dues received to April 1962 \$28067. (1962-63 Yearbook p.47)

Board voted to transfer all accounts over \$9000 to a new account in Capitol City Bank (p.33 Board Minutes)

F. Food service

Luncheons brought in \$7968. (1962-63 Yearbook p. 42)

Miscellaneous meals \$69.1569 " p.47)

Luncheons cost \$1.50.

Voted by Board to automatically make reservations for all Board Members unless canceled (Board Minutes p.19)

G. Gifts

Framed oil landscape from the estate of Mr. & Mrs.
W. J. Laird (1962-63 Yearbook p.42)

H. Goals

I. Historical events

1. Visit from the mayor of Kofu, Japan, Des Moines' sister city (See A. Anecdotes)
2. death of Helen Sherman, daughter of Hoyt Sherman, July 14, 1961, at South Kingston, Rhode Island. She was born in Des Moines, February 6, 1873. She had written a best-seller of the 1920's entitled THE LANE. She had also written a series of children's book, including the Letty Series and the Virginia Series. Obituary is in Scrapbook (from Scrapbook)

J. Membership (no.)

1355 (From 1962-63 Yearbook, p. 46)
83 membership applications were accepted

K. Programs (VIP's)

1. Harry Golden, publisher of the Carolina Israelite and author of the best seller ONLY IN AMERICA, editor publisher and philosopher, appeared November 15, 1961 at 1:30 P. M. His topic: "The Uniqueness of America." Members present, 602; plus 92 guests from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Nebraska-- and Germany. (1961 -1962 Club Minutes p. 5)
2. February 9, 1962 Ann Cameron presented one of her famous Hat Shows (from Scrapbook)
3. February 7, 1962 Don Bolt, commentator, spoke on "Latin America, Powerful Unknown (1961-62 Yearbook p. 12)
4. The theme of the May Day Luncheon was Rhapsody in Blue." Sullie Harand, musical dramatist from Chicago, presented an all-Gershwin program (Scrapbook)

L. Projects

Sold home made strawberry jam, Bower's candy, Hoyt Sherman notepaper, Mrs. Davidson's cookbook, Embling salad dressing (1962-63 Yearbook, p. 43)

Christmas Bridge luncheon, Valentine bridge party and Spring party also brought in money.
Scholarship Bazaar, November 1, 8, and 15, 1961, made \$1641.35

(1962-63 Yearbook, p. 47)

M. Rentals

Auditorium \$4070
Hoyt Sherman 2174.50
Total "6214.50 (1962-63 Yearbook p.48)

N. Scholarships

Bazaars were held on the Mezzanine Nov. 1, 8, 15, 1961.

Winners: Literature \$200. Kathy Serrill
Art \$200 David Legg
Music \$200 Marilyn Jeffers

Added: Closed Speech Scholarship for a Drake student
(Board Minutes p.51 and 61)

O. Miscellaneous

1. Recipes were again included in Bulletins Scrapbook
2. Board voted to omit naming Committee members in
Bulletins (Board Minutes p.58)

3. Theatre Outlook of England presented several
plays at Hoyt Sherman November 7-8, 1961, and
extended this to 5 performances. A repertory theatre
specializing in classics, 18th century to modern.
(Note: Later they had some financial troubles.)

(Scrapbook)

Special note:

Up through this year, The Scrapbooks were illustrated
and embellished with watercolors by Eunice Meers.
These Scrapbooks are a lovely heritage from her to
the Club. Eunice Meers died Dec. 21, 1962
Frontispiece, 1961-62; Watercolor of Hoyt Sherman Place.

1962-1963
Mrs. Charles Barlow, Pres.

- A. Anecdotes
See O. Miscellaneous
- B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)
55th Art Exhibition was held Oct. 31-Nov. 14, 1962.
Printed program is in Scrapbook
Winners:
Professional class \$50.00 Leonard Good (Club Minutes
\$50.00 Robert Friemark 1962-63 p.3)
Non-professional \$50.00 Janice Shotwell
\$50.00 Marilyn Leiserowitz
Moved Art Exhibition from March to October (Board Minutes
Art Exhibition Rules & Regulations p.63-64)
- C. Building (remodeling, additions)
Waterproofing and pointing up bricks on north side.
Hand rails installed (Board Minutes 1962-63 p.38)
\$125 spent on landscaping " p. 59)
- D. Community service (war work)
- E. Dues
1962-63 \$27,589 (.1963-64 Yearbook p. 46)
Raised (Board Minutes p.2)
- F. Food service
Luncheons served 7785 (1963-64 Yearbook p. 42)
Money received \$8521 " p. 63-)
Board moved members must pay for luncheon if not
canceled by Tuesday noon. (Board Minutes p. 4)
- G. Gifts
3 Royal Copenhagen plates, 2 from Josephs, 1 from
Mrs. Leslie Forwyth
Painting by Eunice Meers (1963-64 Yearbook
B Brass samovar and tray from Mrs. Lewis Bolton p. 41)
- H. Historical events
- J. Membership (no.)
1338 (1963-64 Yearbook p. 45)
There were over 70 who had been members 40 years or more.
(Board Minutes p. 36)
99 new members (later reached 100) (Board Minutes 1962-63 p. 50)
Membership limited to 1500 " P.8 & 16)

K. Programs

1. Richard Armour Oct. 31, 1962 1:30 P. M.
Scholar and humorist. Topic "Laughing at Ourselves"
2. Stewart Alsop March 20, 1963
Nationally known columnist. Topic "Looking Forward"
(foreign and defense matters and domestic affairs)
3. Local talent: Ries Tuttle and Frank Miller

L. Projects

- 3 luncheon bridge parties (1963-64 Yearbook, p. 43)
- Sales tables in the foyer
- Sale of home cooked foods
- Decided a new cookbook was needed (Board Minutes p. 46)

M. Rentals

Auditorium	\$5430	
Hoyt Sherman	2170	
P.A. system	130	(1963-64 Yearbook p. 47)

N. Scholarships

Scholarship Bazaar Nov. 7, 1963 brought in \$1660.53
(1963-64 Yearbook p. 46)
(Club Minutes p. 13)

Winners: Art	Beverly Zacherle
Literature	Charlotte Gfeller
Music	Marilyn Jeffers
Drama	Jane Carney

Established a \$200 Closed scholarship in Humanities
for a student at Grand View College (Board Minutes p. 34)

O. Miscellaneous

Eunice Meers, keeper and illustrator of the Scrapbook,
died Dec. 21, 1962. She had prepared two months'
pages for the 1962-63 book.

Newspaper clippings of obituaries of members are at
end of Scrapbook.

Committee members no longer listed in Bulletins each month.

Helen Holt
Sources cited: Board Minutes,
Club Minutes,
Yearbook, Scrapbook

1963-1964
Mrs. J. G. Farber, Pres.

a. Anecdotes

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

5th Art Exhibition held Oct. November 4, 1963
Winners: Professional class \$50 Mary Gibbons Brown
\$50 Lynn Stacey
\$25 Karl Mattern
Non-professional \$50 Ted Stroud
\$50 Gerald Lloyd
\$25 Chaney Rosenbaum
(from Scrapbook and p. 26 December Bulletin)

C. Building

Interior and exterior repairs

D. Community service (war work)

E. Dues

\$26,943 taken in to April 22, 1964 (1964-65 Yearbook p. 44)
Dues remained at \$20 dues, \$20 initiation
Finance Committee revision: Treasurer added as member
of Finance Committee (Board Minutes 1963-64 p.37-38)

F. Food service

7858 meals served (Yearbook 1964-65 p. 40)
\$8020.45 taken in
Price from \$1.35 to \$1.50 for luncheon and
\$1.65 to \$1.75 for dinner (Board Minutes p. 14)

G. Gifts

Italian-made desk from Wilbur Gillette. The desk had
been shipped to America by his aunt, Sophia Stoddard Gillette.
Antiquity was authenticated. (Board Minutes p. 45)

H. Goals

I. Historical events

J. Membership (no.)

1311 (1954-65 Yearbook)

K. Programs (VIP's)

1. October 9, 1963 at 7:45 Meredith & Rini Willson
presented "An Hour of Mirth and Music." Members were
allowed to bring one guest. 1304 attended Club Minutes
2. October 30, 1963 Salmon Rizk presented "America
-- More than a Country."
3. December 4, 1963 Des Moines Symphony under the
direction of Frank Noyes
4. February 5, 1964 Anna Chennault "Women of Two Worlds"
604 members, 60 guests. (Club Minutes p. 10)
5. March 13, 1964 Helga Sandburg "Views from the
Sandburg Studio"
(from Scrapbook)

L. Projects

Scholarship Bazaar Nov. 6, 1963 "General Store"
(from Scrapbook and Oct. 1963 Bulletin)
Brand-new recipe book
Two bridge luncheons and sale of Embling salad
dressing and candy (1964-65 Yearbook, p. 42-43)

M. Rentals

Auditorium \$3500 (from 1964-65 Yearbook p. 45)
Hoyt Sherman 1933.50
P.A. system 150

N. Scholarships

Art	\$200	Donald Grodt
Literature	200	Harriett Ellenburger
Education	\$300	Mary Hagan (Grand View College)
Humanities	300	Diana Welch "
Music	\$300	Marilyn Jeffers (Drake)
Speech	300	Demetria Stevens "

(from 1963-64 club Minutes p. 15)
Changes in number of judges (p. 13 Board Minutes 1963-64)
Raised four closed scholarships to \$300 (p. 50 Board Minutes)

O. Miscellaneous

Club Scrapbook for 1963-64 has an Autograph Album
at the end--programs autographed by speaker or
presenter.

Scrapbook is well illustrated with color snapshots.

Helen Holt Sources cited:
Club Minutes, Board Minutes,
Scrapbook, Yearbooks

1964-65
Mrs. Wendell Bishop, Pres..

A. Anecdotes

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

Held Oct. 21-November 4, 1964

Winners: Professional class	\$50	Dimitri Krushow
	50	Ann Brunk
	25	Stanley Hess
Non-professional	\$50	Darlene Phillips
	50	Ann Hovey
	25	Olga Zans

(from 1965-66 Yearbook p. 38)

C. Building (additions, remodeling)

Properties purchased for a parking lot on 15th St.

D. Community service (war work)

E. Dues

Same as 1963-64

Total received to April 1965: \$25,747

F. Food service

Served 6638 lunches (p. 40 1965-66 Yearbook)
Took in \$8197.93 (p. 44 ")

G. Gifts

No gifts, but Italian desk was restored
(p. 39 1965-66 Yearbook)

H. Goals

I. Historical events

Retirement of Margaret Mellor as Executive Secretary

J. Membership (no.)

1249 (p. 43 1965-66 Yearbook)
\$25,747 received in dues paid

K. Programs

1. October 7, 1964, Opening Day. Bramwell Fletcher
presented a program: "Bramwell Fletcher as GBS" at 1:30.
369 members, 17 guests present (p. 1 Club Minutes, 1964-65)

K. Programs

2. Oct. 21, 1964 7:45 P. M. J. Fred Coots presented "Melodies and Memories: Music for the Millions" He is composer of "Love Letter in the Sand," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town", and musical "Sally, Irene, and Mary." from Scrapbook
3. Jan. 27, 1965 Dora Jane Hamblin, LIFE staff writer
4. Feb. 24, 1965 Beverly Nichols "Laughter in an English Garden"
5. March 19, 1965 Aline Mosby "Report from Europe's Capitals" (All from Scrapbook and Bulletins)

L. Projects

Scholarship Bazaar, "World's Fair" theme. Box lunches were available.
Other projects: Bridge parties, Lobby Shop. Sold salad dressing, candy, nuts, cookbooks.

M. Rentals

Auditorium	\$3690	
Hoyt Sherman	2241	(P. 45 1965-66 Yearbook)
P.A.system	151	

N. Scholarships

Art	\$200	Jean Marie Jones
Lit.	200	Diane Rogers
Music	300	Linda Sue Ferry
Drama	300	Judith Eberline
Humanities	\$300	Roger Pullen
Educational	300	Mary Jane Hagan

(p. 40 1965-66 Yearbook)

1965 - 1966 SCRAP BOOK

President Jan Grossman

Marjorie Newsone, Program Chairman

1965 May Day: Dutch Theme

- L Parking Lot: 130 cards to be parked. Purchased 7 houses and one vacant lot. Goal: Finished by October 1, 1965
Pictures of lots before and after.
- K Mayor and Mrs. Charles Iles had dinner at White House with President and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson, March 30, 1965.
Bazar: "Autumn Carnival" Netted \$1,830.59
- A Mrs. Anderson wrote to Princess Margaret asking for a hat. Declined - Reply August 16, 1965.
Memories written on last page of each monthly bulletin.
- K Programs: Govenor Hughes, Howard Taubman, Princess Rudivoravan of Siam. Taubman was critic for Performing Arts, New York Times, retired end of 1965. Senator Jack Miller: "Report from the Hill".
John Mason Brown, Editor-at-Large of Saturday Review and a judge of the Book of the Month Club.
Mrs. Edith Platzter: "The Continental Woman Today and Tomorrow," wife of Dr. Wilfried, Austrian Ambassador in the U. S.
1966 May Day: "Daisy - Daisy." Luncheon \$2.00.

1965 - 1966 YEAR BOOK

- A The authenticity of two Greek Amphorae and a Burial Urn was established by a letter describing the antiques. A standard was made for one of the Amphora or wine goblet (and a letter framed describing the antiques.
- G Italian desk being restored.
Interior Decoration: Recovered sofa on Mezzanine.
- N List of scholarships awarded on oage 41, also p. 51.
Membership fee: \$40.00 -- \$20.00 initial fee; \$20.00 dues.
- M Young in Heart Committee - new this year. Purpose to give recognition to those who have been members 40 or more years. Ten members called each month to sit at special luncheon table. Introduced by President.
- J 1964 statistics: Membership beginning of year - 1,249.
Average attendance - 399
Attendance May Day '64 - 576
- B Winners in Annual Art Exhibition page 51.
First prize: Dimitar Krustev.

1965 - 1966 MINUTES

80th Year of Club

Benefits for the Parking Lot held all during the year.
\$554.00 paid each month on Parking Lot Contract.
Elmer Berg, Custodian, celebrated 20th year employed by the Club.

1965 - 1966 BOARD MINUTES

President Jan Grossman

Indebtedness on Parking Lot: \$45,000. Payment to be \$450.00 per month.

June 16, 1965 - approved paying \$11,000 for property at 673 - 15th St. for last remaining property needed for Parking Lot. Box was placed in Club House where women could drop money for Parking Lot.

P. 16 June 25, 1965 - Executive Committee and Keck Inc. signed contract for Parking Lot.

June 28, 1965 - Jan Grossman picked up all contracts and recorded all deeds at the Court House on 7 properties and made application for tax exemption for the coming year. Glenn Wallace holds tax certificates on the vacant lot.

P. 18 Information on parking lot contributions, expenses and sale of furniture left in houses.

P. 22 Report of Parking Lot Treasurer

P. 25 Changes in contract for the Parking Lot.

PP. 27, Parking Lot contributions, etc., continued.

31,32 Parking Lot Committee used a Thermometer in Lobby as encouragement in raising money.

PP. 36, 50, 44, 46, -- Parking Lot Treasurer's report

P. 51 Borrowed \$51,000 @ 5½% interest from Iowa Des Moines National Bank.

P. 54 Mrs. Mineck released from the appointment as Treasurer of the Parking Lot Fund. Account to be handled through the General Office at the suggestion of our attorney, Allen Herrick.

P. 54 Full accounting of Parking Lot Fund.

Bazaar cleared \$2,060.02

Luncheon price raised from \$1.00 to \$1.25.

K Has Reveen, Hypnotist, for a week in auditorium. Netted \$1,045.00 for the Club.

107 new members joined to date.

Luncheons cost raised from \$1.25 to \$1.75.

1966 - 1967 SCRAP BOOK

- President Ruth Braucht
(Picture of Ruth Braucht as "Dolly")
Also picture of Ruth's ride in "Victoria" in New York. She drove.
- I Amateur Review, October 27th. Fund Raiser - "What Makes Uncle Sammy Tick?" written by Kathryn Love.
Bazaar Committee gave to Scholarship Fund \$2,086.20.
- K Evelyn Lincoln, Personnel Secretary to John F. Kennedy, "My Twelve Years with John F. Kennedy."
Robert Q. Lewis, "Through My Horn Rims," May Day - Garden Party.
September 26, 1966 - Parking Lot finished for about a year and now the the powers that be wanted to put in Urban Renewal!
- 1966 Woodcut print presented by Public Library to Women's Club in honor of their Centennial.

1966 - 1967 YEAR BOOK

- President Ruth Braucht
- K October 19th - Paul Engle "Poetry and People." He was director, program in creative writing, University of Iowa.
Robert Q. Lewis was noted for stage, radio, TV, night clubs and movies.
- J 65-66 membership - beginning of year - 1206 P.42
- B Art Exhibition - P. 51
- N Scholarships - P. 51
- E Initial Fee - \$20.00 Dues - \$20.00 P. 59.

1966 - 1967 REGULAR MINUTES

- G Two Chinese vases given by Mrs. Robert Colflesh and Mr. Carl Waterbury in memory of their mother, Mrs. F. C. Waterbury.
17th Century desk made in Italy brought to this country by Mrs. Sophia Stoddard Gillette, a charter member of the Club. Given by her heirs. Has been refinished and displayed on the Mezzanine.
Jan Grossman gave an engraved brass tray.
Benefit Bridge parties for Parking Lot held in October, November, January, February and March.
Picture of the month continued to be displayed at the east end of the foyer.

1966 - 1967 BOARD MINUTES

P. 9 Report on Parking Lot account at close of 1965-66 year.

P. 13 Report on Parking Lot special receipts.

May Day ticket price raised to \$2.25.

Opinion from Allen Herrick, attorney, that "If parking lot is leased or otherwise used for profit, it is subject to taxation." Opinion filed with Executive Secretary.

Reports for Officers' Day were mimeographed, handed to members at the door of auditorium.

Home Talent Show tickets sold for \$1.00 each. Profit - \$849.70.

Filled nylon mesh bags for Vietnam servicemen through the Red Cross. Women donated either articles or money.

Marie Burgett held classes in making porcelain flowers from bread, face cream and lemon juice. The method was taught to her in Venezuela. Profit - \$335.29. 71 persons were enrolled.

Elmer Berg resignation accepted as of October 30th.

50 applications were made for Club membership.

Parking Lot Relocation - originally held 116 cars-15th Street widened and our lot relocated on west side of 15th Street. Holds 130 cars.

79 New members.

1967 - 1968 SCRAP BOOK

President Harriet Friedman

May Day - "Garden Party"

May 4th - Daisy Ankeny Green died at 100 years old.

K Program - Hugh Sidey, native of Greenfield, Iowa . Also deputy Bureau Chief for Time Magazine and White House Correspondent. Oct. 1967.

Bill Wagner was morning speaker and evidently was very late, according to a note he wrote to Mildred Vawter, Chairman. Win Bruner filled in with a review of Broadway Plays.

Christmas Bridge Party - tickets \$1.50 each.

Bazaar - "Christmas Village@

K Judge Ray Harrison spoke on "Court Honor Cases."

Jeannette Eyerly, Des Moines author, on program.

Euell Gibbons, Naturalist, author, lecturer, spoke on "A Wild Way to Feast." He was also Nature Editor of "Organic Gardening and Farming."

Edith Webber and Marjorie Herrick gave book reviews.

May Day Highlight - Perle Mesta, First U. S. Minister to Luxemburg (1949-55), internally famed hostess and world traveler, "the hostess with the mostess;" spoke on "Around the World with Perle Mesta."

She was also of "Call Me Madame" fame by Irving Berlin and played by Ethel Merman.

1967 - 1968 YEAR BOOK

59th Art Exhibit, Oct. 22, 1966. 74 paintings exhibited.

G Three new gifts displayed - Rosewood desk on Mezzanine, marble bust, and pedestal in stairwell, hand painted vase in dining room.

Bazaar - Profit - \$2,086.20

P. 39 Insurance

P. 43 Membership end of 1966-67 - 1,188.

Dues - \$20.00 initial fee - \$25.00 dues.

P.46 Bank balance: \$67,083.49.

1967 - 1968 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

K Hugh Sidey spoke on "A Day With President Johnson."

Bazaar Profit - \$3,367.38

Complete Parking Lot report posted on Bulletin Board.

1967 - 1968 BOARD MINUTES

M Rentals for Coffees and Teas raised from 15¢ per person to 25¢. A minimum charge for luncheons was set at \$2.50; for dinners \$3.00. Garden Club rental remained at \$85.00. A coke dispenser was installed in the basement.

G Gift of an antique French Tapestry given by Mr. Larry Smith in memory of his wife, Nina.

1967 - 1968 BOARD MINUTES, Continued

President Harriet Friedman

Antique and Hobby Show held April 4th and 5th. Tickets, \$1.00.

Lessie Garrett hired as Catering Manager @ \$250.00 per month, September 1st to July 1st.

PP. 6 & 7 Salaries and hourly wages listed.

People attending a conference at First Methodist Church were granted permission to use our parking lot.

Life Memberships were given to Miriam Elliott, Edith Davison and Lucy Wisdom, three faithful staff members.

P. 20 Coffee given at Hoyt Sherman Place for members of the Des Moines Junior Women's Club.

May Day luncheon tickets, \$2.25.

G Book for our Library given by Equitable Life Insurance Company:

"~~Portrait~~ of a Prairie" by George Sexton Pease.

Patriarch

President appointed a Service Committee to operate the Check Room from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. An appropriate sign and dish for tips was suggested.

Mrs. Betty Hitchcock was hired as Assistant Executive Secretary at a salary of \$300 per month plus \$5.00 for each evening worked, overtime not to exceed \$50 per month.

It was requested that all publicity to Register and Tribune was to go to the paper directly from Club Office. P. 81 - January - Club news being curtailed.

P. 59 & Amounts of Christmas gifts to employees listed.

P. ⁶⁹₇₅ Complete report on total Parking Lot cost (\$97,180.25).
Total amount still owed as of Dec. 1967: \$43,199.99.

Betty Hitchcock resigned May 1, 1968.

P. 97 Resident members (2/26/68): 975; non resident 71, Jonorary Life members 3 and 1 new Life Member for a total of 47 Life Members and 2 young active members; 64 new members for a total of 1159 voting members.

1968 - 1969 SCRAP BOOK

President Janyce Meadows

Flaming Festival October 8 and 9.

November 6th - Scholarship-Parking Lot-Building Bazaar held.

K Program - "Hlavcek Report" - outstanding news programs in the Middle-west. KMTV - Omaha. Also see Year Book, P. 10.

Beatrice Chesebrought - Scenes from "I Remember Mama". Also January Bulletin, P. 10. She was a Club member.

January Bulletin, P. 27 - Repaired sound system courtesy of Bea Anderson.

K Dwight Kirch, Director of Des Moines Art Center - Feb. Bulletin P. 8.

Clarence and Mildred Pickard - Stint with Peace Corps in India. (Later of Ragbrai Ride Across Iowa Fame) Feb. Bulletin P.20/

Program by Sylpha Snook - March Bulletin P. 15.

Phyllis Brinkly, "American Humorist." April Bulletin P. 21/

May Day Luncheon - \$2.50.

Miriam Elliott, Esecutive Secretary, retired April '69.

New Executive Secretary, Betty Calhoun, Assistant, Madeline Wright.

Catering Manager - Lessie Garrett.

May Day - "Apple Blossom Time."

Price of Luncheons - raised to \$1.35.

New Cookbooks printed.

1968 - 1969 YEAR BOOK

Total membership - 1,170.

Balance in Scholarship Fund 4/24/68: \$9,942.22.

P. 55 Winners in Annual Art Exhibition.

P. 55 Scholarship Awards.

1968 - 1969 REGULAR MINUTES

Flaming Festival, October 8 and 9 brought in \$1,400.00.

Smorgasbord held December 11th.

Bazaar proceeds from previous year - \$4,065.16.

Containers placed on luncheon tables at Wednesday noon luncheons for contributions to Parking Lot Fund. From first of year to February 26, 1969, \$91.07 received in Check Room and \$255.13 from table containers.

1968 - 1969 BOARD MINUTES

- President Janyce Meadows
- P. 3-4 Raised salary of Executive Secretary to \$350.00 per month and hired a new Assistant Executive Secretary, Madelyn Wright) at \$300 per month for 12 months with 2 weeks vacation.
- Raised Lessie Garrett's (Catering Manager) salary to \$315.00.
- P. 5 Raised each Scholarship \$100 - to \$300.00
- Indoor-Outdoor Carpeting installed at auditorium door.
- Price of May Day tickets - \$2.50. "Apple Blossom Time."
- 7 Club Plate - 10 inch - drawing of Club House.
- Bazaar money for "Scholarship-Parking Lot-Building Bazaar."
- G Gift of a sterling silver candelabra from Janyce Meadows.
- Bea Anderson gave new microphone for auditorium and dining room.
- Raised luncheon fee from \$1.35 to \$1.50 beginning January 1, 1969 due to raise in wage of waitresses.
- Letter of resignation from Miriam Elliott January 8, 1969 due to health.
- Parking Lot refinanced - Monthly payment - \$300 with interest @ 7% with right to pay on principal at any time.
- Betty Calhoun hired @ \$375 per month as Executive Secretary to replace Miriam Elliott.
- P. 58 Change in Nominating Committee procedure.

1969 - 1970 SCRAP BOOK

President Corene Williams

- K Earl Wilson, most widely syndicated newspaper columnist in America.
Governor and Mrs. Robert D. Ray. (Mrs. Ray was interviewed on the Governor's Mansion.)
Dr. Kirby Shiffler, Doctor, native of Des Moines, showed and discussed his extensive Lalique Collection.
Flaming Festival - Tickets \$1.50.
Bazaar - Anabelle Wonders, Chairman.
Displayed a different picture each month at the east end of the foyer - November, Mary Gladys Conant, artist.
May Day Party Luncheon - \$2.50.

1969 - 1970 YEAR BOOK

- P. 13 Home and Science Department - "An Adventure in Gourmet Foods." Appetizers, Breads, Coffee, Desserts, Fondues, Meats, Salads and Vegetables. Held 11:00 to 2:00. Open to the public. Admission \$1.00.
- P. 41 Art possessions insured for \$53,365.
- P. 42 Christmas Bazaar - profit \$4,065.16
- P. 43 Lobby Shop - Total Receipts \$2,560.45
Disbursements 3,821.86
Due to cost of plates and new cook books
Indebtedness 1,261.41
- P. 44 Parking Lot - Payments beginning April 1, 1969 \$300 per month.
- P. 45 Flaming Festival, October 8 and 9
Receipts \$1500; expenses \$500; profit \$1000. Tickets \$1.00.
- P. 46 Scholarships - 6 given @ \$300 each, total of \$1,800.00.
- P. 48 Total membership - 1,071. Average attendance 355.
May Day attendance - 1,098 including guests.
Annual Art Exhibition winners listed on pp. 55-56.
New members initial fee \$20; Dues \$25.00.

1969 - 1970 REGULAR MINUTES

- Flaming Festival held October 20, 21 and 22. Result: \$2,666.98.
Bazaar held November 5th - Result \$3,870.50.
- G Chair in office given by Mr. and Mrs. DePuy.
Mrs. Robert L. Anderson presented curtains and bouquet for upstairs powder room.
Hawley Organ needs repairs. President will contact Hawley Foundation for help. Mrs. Henry Hawley gave organ in memory of her husband 32 years ago. Hawley Foundation responded by doing the repairs at a cost of \$2,523.50.

1969 - 1970 REGULAR MINUTES, Continued

- G Repairs to sound system in auditorium given by Rose Lorenz Schwartz. Mrs. Anderson paid for sound system in dining room to be checked.
- A young law student and his wife occupied apartment in Hoyt Sherman Place. Furniture and other household items given by Club members.
- P. 13 Parking Lot relocation to west side of 15th Street. Due to re-financing city paid \$7,100 to make up for additional interest the new loan necessitated.

1969 - 1970 BOARD MINUTES

- Bylaws printed separately from Year Book. Bylaws have salmon colored cover. 1000 books were printed.
- Membership Committee recommended that gold cards be issued to 50 year members and silver cards for life members.
- P. 7 & 17 Recommended a Projects Planning Committee be names to coordinate the money making projects.
- PP. 23, 29, 46, 52, 65 -- Parking Lot negotiations: While Parking Lot was being redone Committee negotiated with City to up-grade Women's Club property by removing retaining walls and gates at 15th and 16th and Woodland and bring concrete work to the building up to standard.
- P. 75 85 new members as of January 7, 1970.
- PP. 81, 82 Raised dues \$10.00 to Dues \$35.00 and initial fee \$20.00.

Helen Holt
Sources cited: Club
and Board Minutes,
Yearbooks, Scrapbook

1975-76

President: Mrs. Lawrence Dutcher

- A. Anecdotes
- B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)
Winners: Professional class: \$60 Leslie Becker (p.45
40 Tom Rosborough 1976-77
Non-professional \$35 Mary Ann Carney Yearbook)
15 Jody Flammang
- C. Building (additions, remodeling)
Interior decorating, ladies' rest room; floor
refinished in Byers Room. Presidents' Dining Room:
wall paper and new curtains. (p. 43 1976-77 Yearbook)
New bathroom installed downstairs (p.19 Board Minutes 1975-76)
Gwan Znerold appraised Art treasures (p. 23 ")
- D. Community service (war work)
- E. Dues
\$35 dues
\$20 Application or initiation (found on back page of
Yearbook)
Money received: \$28,752 current year
2070 subsequent year (1976-77 Yearbook
p. 39)
- F. Food service
Total income \$24,842 (p. 40 1976-77 Yearbook)
Club luncheons 16,886 "
Holiday Lunch cost \$3.00 Scrapbook
- G. Gifts
- H. Goals
- I. Historical events
- J. Membership (no.)
930 p. 38 1976-77 Yearbook
\$5.00 to be given to members bringing in new
members (p. 47 1975-76 Board Minutes)
- K. Programs (VIP's)
1. November 19, 1975 Dr. Stuart Straever, Professor of
Archeology, Northwestern University, presented "Early
Man in the Midwest"
2. Jan. 7, 1976 Howard Myers and Lucia Perrigo
presented "Magnificent World of the Mountain King"
3. March 21, 1976 Literature Dept. presented
"Historic Moments -- a Bicentennial Salute to Our Country"
4. April 21, 1976 Estelle Sinclair Farrar presented
"Heyday of American Fine Glass" *over*

L. Projects

Bazaar November 12, 13, 1975 (p. 10 1975-76 Yearbook)
Antique and Collectors Show Feb. 20-22, 1976
(p. 12 1975-76 Yearbook)
Special projects raised \$7451
Bazaar raised 6169 (p. 39 1976-77 Yearbook)

M. Rentals

Auditorium \$15,632
Hoyt Sherman 1146.50
Total \$16,778.50 (p. 39 1976-77 Yearbook)

N. Scholarships

Art \$500 Barbara Sink (Roosevelt)
Drma 500 Michelle Hensley (Roosevelt)
Literature 500 Victoria Larson (Valley)
Music 500 Edward Pagliai (Hoover)
(p. 45 1976-77 Yearbook)

O. Miscellaneous

Bi-Centennial Revue held October 31 and November 1.
Open to the public (p. 10 1975-76 Yearbook)

Revized Ly-Laws and Standing Rules (p.21 1975-76
Board Minutes)

Church painting appraised at \$90,000
(p. 45 and 52
Board Minutes)

1976-77
President: Mrs. Howard Taylor

A. Anecdotes

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

Winners: Professional class	\$60	Dennis Adams
	40	Eleanor Bauer
Non-professional	\$35	John Marshek
	15	Mary Tallman

(1977-78 Yearbook p.90)

C. Building (additions, remodeling)

Brick terrace repaired; walls painted in Byers Room,
Art Gallery, and Mirror Room. Stained glass window
re-hung in Byers Room

D. Community service (war work)

E. Dues

\$31535	current year
1325	Subsequent year
\$32860	total

(1977-78 Yearbook p. 39)

Back of 1976-77 Yearbook: Dues \$40
Application 20

F. Food service

Total income	\$25480
Club luncheons	17590

(1977-78 Yearbook p. 41)

Gifts

Four paintings accepted from the will of Mrs. Raymess
(1977 Board Minutes p. 12)

H. Goals

I. Historical events

Moved and carried to order 1000 Centennial Booklets written
by Kathryn Love in honor of the 100th anniversary
of Hoyt Sherman Place

J. Membership (no.)

925 (1977-78 Yearbook p. 38)

K. Programs

1. October 20, 1976 Joy Hodges presented "An Hour of Joy"
2. February 2, 1977 Michael Murphy replaced Jean Michel Cousteau and presented "Project Ocean Search"
3. Lucia Perrigo and Howdee Myers presented "Shadow of Splendor"

(all from Scrapbook)

L. Projects

- Flaming Festival Oct. 26-27, 1976 (1976-77 Yearbook p. 10-12)
Bazaar November 6, 1976
Antique and Collectors Show Feb. 25-27, 1977
Special Projects brought in \$13,391
Bazaar brought in 5,462
(1977-78 Yearbook, p. 39)

M. Rentals

- v \$19,538 1977-78 Yearbook p.39
Rental on Auditorium raised from \$350 to \$400
for Civic Music and Des Moines Symphony

N. Scholarships

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| Art | \$500 | Kevin Seiberling | (S.E. Polk) |
| Drama | 400 | Michelle Maynard | (Saylorville) |
| Literature | 500 | Paul Ginkel | (Valley) |
| Music | 500 | Bruce Brubaker | (Hoover) |

Riddell Scholarship \$800 to Claudia Morrissey
(1977-78 Yearbook p.90-91)

O. Miscellaneous

Scrapbook contains pictures of BiCentennial Parade

Historian's report is in Scrapbook

Board Minutes of November 17, 19 give status of
Heritage Fund

1977-78

President: Mrs. Vern Killion

A. Anecdotes

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

Professional class:	Willis St. George	\$60
	Clarence Nelson	40
Non-professional	Bertha Jones	60
	Charlotte McConeghey	40

(1978-79 Yearbook p. 90)

C. Buildings (additions, remodeling)

C. Community service

Art classes, January 19-21, 1978. Cost, \$15 per day.
Teacher, Inga Chase

(Club Minutes Jan. 4, 1978)

E. Dues

\$30,415	current year
5,597	subsequent year
\$36,012	total (1978-79 Yearbook p. 40)

Back of yearbook: Dues \$40
Application 20

April 12, 1978 Board Minutes: Board recommended
raising dues to \$50.00

F. Food service

Total income	\$31,943
Club luncheons	18,511 (1978-79 Yearbook p. 42)

Board moved raising luncheons from \$3.25 to \$3.50

G. Gifts

H. Goals

I. Historical events

Held a Centennial Festival, celebrating one hundred
years of Hoyt Sherman Home. Held October 26-30, 1977.
Open to the public. The first day was Old-Fashioned
Day and members were appropriately dressed.
There were Seminars on quilting, patchwork, caning, etc.
Also a Quilt Show was featured.

November 13, 1977 Open House at Hoyt Sherman.
Admission 50¢. In recognition of placement of
Hoyt Sherman House on National Historic Register
(from Nov. 2, 1977 Board Minutes
and Scrapbook)

J. Membership (no.)
871 1978-79 Yearbook p. 39

K. Programs (VIP's)

1. Vera and Henry Bradshaw presented "Travel in Poland"
2. Muriel Bach portrayed the lives of six well-known women
3. Ron Cook presented "The Benefits to Mankind of Space Travel"
4. Jeremy Cooper of Sotheby's presented "Inside the London Antique Market"

(all from Scrapbook)

L. Projects

Special projects brought in \$9394.00 (1978-79 Yearbook p. 40)
Bazaar was held November 9-10, 1977
Antique and Collectors Show was changed to March 31
and April 1-2, 1978 \$1.50 admission

M. Rentals

Building \$22924 (1978-79 Yearbook p. 40)

Board moved raising rentals thus:

From \$350 to \$375 for Civic Music

From \$350 to \$400 for Des Moines Symphony (July 3, 1977

Board Minutes)

N. Scholarships

Art \$500 Christopher Harrison (Tech)

Drama 500 Katherine MacKinnon (Roosevelt)

Lit. 500 Laura Herman (North Polk)

Music 500 Kevin Karantz (Ankeny)

Olive Riddell Scholarship \$1000 to Ann Maurer

(1978-79 Yearbook p. 91)

O. Miscellaneous

Spring, 1978 Board Minutes:

Board members were asked to write an essay on
"Why I Joined the Des Moines Women's Club"

Heritage Fund goal set at \$250,000 over a 4-year
period

1978-1979

Miss Frances Brewer, President

A. Anecdotes

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

Winners: Professional class	\$60	Judith Whipple
	40	Thomas Rosborough
Non-professional	\$60	Brita Saunders
	40	Alice Becker

(1979-80 Yearbook p. 48)

C. Building

July 12, 1978 Board moved to repair the steps

D. Community service

E. Dues

\$50	Dues	
20	Initiation or application	(back of 1978-79 Yearbook)

Dues received: \$28,413 current year
2,205 subsequent year
\$30,618 total dues (1979-80 Yearbook p. 44)

F. Food service

\$32,059	total income	(p. 46 1979-80 Yearbook)
17,811	club luncheons	

G. Gifts

H. Goals

I. Historical events

June 28, 1978 Board agreed to ask for a Federal Grant of \$43,800 as part of the expenses of \$17,000 for a new roof and \$70,091 for heating system

Also: Board moved to increase insurance of building contents from \$80,000 to \$100,000 (June 24, 1978 Board Minutes)

J. Membership (no.)

779 (1979-80 Yearbook p. 40)

K. Programs

1. October 4, 1978 Paula Bishop presented "Upstairs at the White House"
2. November 5, 1978 Joy Davis presented "Life and Style of Agatha Christie"
3. March 7, 1978 Howdee Myers and Lucia Perrigo presented "The Legend of a Lost Crown"

L. Projects

Bazaar was held November 8-9, 1978

Antique and Collectors Show was held February 23-25
1979

(1978-79 Yearbook p.11-12)

Special projects brought in \$6723

Committee projects " \$9367

(1979-80 Yearbook p.44)

M. Rentals

\$24,153 (1979-80 Yearbook p. 44)

N. Scholarships

Art	\$500	Julye Green (Roosevelt)
Drama	500	Heather Heusinkveld (Roosevelt)
Literature	500	Leslie Ann Walther (Valley)
Music	500	Tom Hudson (Hoover)

Olive Riddell Scholarship

\$1000 each to Alicia Lee Bosch (Boone)

Patricia Stadler "

(1979-80 Yearbook p. 47)

Fannie Brown Memorial Scholastic Merit Awards

\$500 in Art to Christopher Harrison

500 in Music to Bruce Brubaker

O. Miscellaneous

November 29, 1979, Claudia Cackler spoke on "The
Restoration of Sherman Hills"

1979-80

Mrs. Wilson Forker, President

A. Anecdotes

B. Art exhibition (purchase prize)

Winners: Professional class	\$60 Robert Hagins	49
	40 Robert Schuler	1980-81
Non-professional	60 Stephanie Gilmore	Yearbook
	40 Elaine Anderson	

C. Building - additions, remodeling

D. Community service (war work)

E. Dues

\$50	Dues	(back page of 1979-80 Yearbook)
20	Application	

\$31,265 current year

1,178 subsequent year

\$32,443 total (1980-81 Yearbook p. 43)

F. Food service

Total income \$34,745

Club luncheons 15,843 (1980-81 Yearbook p. 47)

Gifts

Painting, vase, and stand were presented on May Day
by the Business Women's Home Bureau board.

H. Goals

I. Historical events

J. Membership (no.)

712 (1980-81 Yearbook p. 40)

K. Programs

1. November 7, 1979 Carole Bramley presented "Norman Rockwell"

2. January 23, 1980 Dierdre Stanforth presented
"A Cinderella Story: The Restoration and Recycling
of Old American Buildings"

3. February 20, 1980 Des Moines Ballet

4. March 5, 1980 Dr. Hetty Hoyce presented "Pompeii--
Its Culture and Its Customs"

5. April 12, 1980 Phyllis Brinkley presented
"The Joy of Daring to be Yourself"

(Scrapbook)

L. Projects

Bazaar for Scholarships was held November 14, 1979 from 9:30 to 5:00

Antique and Collectors Show was held February 22-24, 1980

Admission, \$1.50 (1979-80 Yearbook p.11-12)

Also sold cook books

Special projects brought in \$4872

Committee projects " \$9983

M. Rentals

Total received \$22,533 (1980-81 Yearbook p. 43)

April 16, 1980 Board approved raising rates

from \$450 to \$500 for Auditorium

\$50 to \$60 for Art Gallery

N. Scholarships

Art \$500

Steve Canine

Drama 500

Donald Simpson

Lit. 500

Michelle Mason

Music 500

Judy Lynn Valentine

(1980-81 Yearbook p. 48)

Aolive Riddell Scholarship

\$1000 to Sally Jane Kennedy

1000 to Mary _____ (?)

O. Miscellaneous

History of the Des Moines Women's Club

1980-1981:

F. E. Church's painting, "Sunrise in the Catskills" is now resting in the vault at the Iowa Des Moines National Bank.

A part of the heritage of Hetty Sherman Place was brought out by William Wagner, architect, who removed coats of paint in the hallway revealing some stenciling which appeared at one time on the walls and ceiling of the original house. A square of the stencil was left to view as it really was in 1877.

Reinhold Carlson gave one of the most interesting programs this year on the "Early days in Des Moines." This was put on by the History and Travel Dept. Mr. Carlson has been very active in Des Moines in public affairs. His father came to Des Moines from Sweden.

History of the Des Moines Women's Club

1981-1982:

Tom Hudson gave the opening day program. He won the 1979 Hoyt Sherman Music Scholarship. He is now working on Cello at Drake University and is a member of the Des Moines Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. J. Gray Sweeney of Grand Rapids, Michigan revealed to us that in our outstanding collection of art paintings is Frederick Edwin Church's "To the Memory of Col. 6." In addition are Thomas Moran's "Venetian Castles," William Trost Richards, "Landscape" and Elihu Vedder's "House by the Sea." Another important possession that he mentioned was J. A. Fergy's "Confluence of the Raccoon and Des Moines River". This is an important gem for local history.

Equal in importance to the Church painting, Mr. Sweeney gave exceptional importance to Jacob Jordean's "Lot and his Daughters."

The Music Dept. presented Judy Currie in her demonstrations of Aerobic dancing. This started some sessions of aerobic exercises at the Club with the women.

Regal stamps were collected to purchase card tables.

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placed in command—take charge.”

—*Norman Schwarzkopf*

Wednesday

29
July

History of the Des Moines Women's Club

1982-1983:

Heyt Sherman Old Fashion Bean Soup became the real profit making item this year. It was sold at the Iowa State Fair, at the Women's Club and at Dahls Grocery Store. The profit this first year was \$5,006. Two tons of beans were used and sold for \$1.50 a bag.

The Flea Market netted \$560.31.

The profit from the Antique Seminar was \$1,377.18

Phase I of the restoration project of Heyt Sherman Place included the following: Tuck pointing bricks, Copper gutter and down spouting, New roof on house and Byers Room (including new Sky Lights).

New concrete terrace along the front of the building.

Installation of Victorian lamp posts in front of the building.

Phase II was the Dedication ceremony. Mayor Pete Crivaro and other City Council members were here.

December bridge party brought a profit of \$1,225.29

The Holiday Fair - Bazaar - brought a profit of \$6,700.00

Florence Irving became the chairman of the one million dollar drive for the preservation of Heyt Sherman Place.

Iowa Legislature ladies were entertained.

The profit from the Antique show was \$4,512.79.

The Photography Salon which was called "Shutter Snappers" had a successful exhibition.

The Quilt Show had a profit of \$2,020.60

History of the Des Moines Women's Club

1983-1984:

This was year for the Victorian Bedroom. It is to be called, "Mrs. Sherman's Bed-Sitting Room." It was furnished by hard working members and donations from members.

The main Powder Room received new wall paper and new cushions.

The mirror room got new wall paper.

There are new round tables in the dining room and not the former long narrow square folding tables.

"Landscape", a painting by William T. Richards has been restored which was possible through a gift from Henry Hewitt in memory of Gladys Hewitt. The restoration of the frame of the painting was a gift from Jack Porter and family.

Bus trip have started and are a fund raising project for the club.

There was a Reseration Benefit Auction and a Gourmet dinner.

There was a Drama Dept Supper Theater called "From Soup to Nuts" which was successful.

Easter Fantasy, the Spring Card Party, had a profit of \$1,000.

There was the usual Spring Fashion Show featuring Madeline Shepard's clothes.

There were the Scholarship Awards.

There was a Barbecue Fund Raiser and the profit was \$1,800.

The May Day party made a profit of \$1,411.34.