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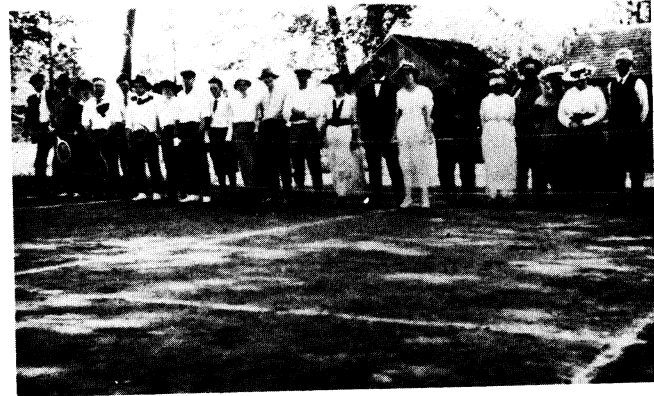
Klover Klub

The Klover Klub was organized in 1895 as a study club, with eight charter members.

Later there were several family relationships, Mrs. Henry Weeks and daughter Nelle Gray; Mrs. Susan Jaroleman and daughter Norma Neff, also daughter-in-law Luella Jaroleman; Mrs. Carrie Deming and daughter Katie; and Mrs. Titus and daughter Kathryn.

The club existed for over twenty years and was noted for their annual dinners.

*Submitted by
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Tennis Club, around 1921, folded in 1922 or 1923.



The Klover Klub, from the left, front row: Ida Noble, Josie Robinson, Katy Deming, Nelle Gray, Unknown, Kathryn Titus and Unknown. Christine Herbold, Norma Neff, Luella Jaroleman, President, Clara Weeks, Susan Jaroleman, Maude Weishaar, Ernestine Gerton? and Josephine Ewing.

S.S.S.S. Club

In October of 1937, Mrs. Grainger (Avilda) Buck of Rhodes called a meeting of some friends and relatives. It was the evening that the S.S.S.S. Club was organized. The members were; Avilda Buck, Kathryn Tribby, Nellie Gregg, Agnes Buck, Donna Ose, Frances Buck, Lucille Cheville, Helen Johnston, Edra Campbell, Rita Figgins, Hulda Ringold, Dorothy Tribby, Ethel Buck, Grace Wendel, Helen Buck, and Marvel Gray.

The purpose of the club was to invite new teachers of the school to join in order that they might become better acquainted in the community and with the childrens parents.

S.S.S.S. the 4 S's are S. for sixteen, S. for sandwiches, S. for study and S. for sociability. The S. for sixteen members changed from year to year as long as the school remained in Rhodes. After this the teachers from the West Marshall District were invited. The S. for sandwiches changed, just as did the sixteen, but study and sociability have remained big.

The club meetings are the second Thursday of the month.

The programs were varied, there were chalk talks, reading of plays, many fine stories, various demonstrations, slides, science, flower arrangements, hair styling, painting, and the fun afforded each of us by having been a "Secret Sister".

There was a decided change in the club during the war years of 1942. It had to economize. It did away with all the frills, (nut cups, place cards, and even reduced the dues).

One of our good time meetings was, "The Hard Times", party held in Rhodes Opera House, with an attendance of one hundred members and guests. Hard time costumes were much in evidence. A grand march was led by Helen and David Buck, after which prizes were awarded for the Best, (or the worst costumes) for the children and the adults. Those displaying too much affluence were forced to pay a forfeit. The Virginia reel, square dance and old fashioned games were enjoyed by old and young alike. Refreshments were served in appropriate manner with napkins of newspapers and bread wrappers for plates with tin cups much in evidence. Altogether a very enjoyable occasion.

One very special program was given by Mrs. Karen Kroon, a noted harpist who holds a masters degree in the harp. She had taught lessons on the instrument at Western University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and had played in symphonies at home and abroad. She was a first grade teacher in State Center.

Another special musical program was given for the Club by Mrs. Dr. Bowden of Melbourne, who performed for us on the marimba.

We celebrated the club anniversaries every ten years from its beginning in 1937.

Our membership in 1982, was fourteen, including only one active teacher, one honorary member and



The 1982 S.S.S.S. Club, from the left, front row: Greta Thomae, Louise Hix, Lois Buck and Ruth Buck; Second row: Helen Buck, Lucille Cheville, Ethel Buck and Francis Buck; Back row: Adria Gibbs, Dorothy Guthrie, Margaret Holcomb, Lois Ellis, Margaret Richeson and Delight Ward.

three retired teachers. Including sixty-eight teachers, wives of teachers, friends and relatives there have been a total of one-hundred-five who have belonged to S.S.S.S. Club. of the sixteen charter members four remain active.

Many lovely spring parties, interesting meetings and programs have been enjoyed as may be drawn from this original verse by Miss Agnes Buck.

Poem by Agnes Buck — 1939

The meetings of the 4-S club
Are very hard to beat.
And their very worth while programs
We are willing to repeat;
We meet, eat and chatter,
Then to study and to sew.
There are many subjects,
We discuss whenever we go.

*Submitted by the Four Charter Members
Ethel Buck, Helen Buck, Frances Buck
and Lucille Cheville*



The M.W. Club, from the left, front row: Roger Gray, Amelia and Warren Buck, Frances Buck, Loren Bentley, Bertha Rattray, Martha Work and Grace Wendel; Second row: Marvel Gray, Caroline Bentley, Agnes Buck, Ora Ethington, Josie Robinson and Elva Robinson; Third row: Ann Buck, Nellie Pester, Edna Bentley, Helen Buck, Myrtle Wendel, Gertrude Darling and Mae Green; Back row: Della Wallace, Avilda Buck holding Barbara, Amber Buck, Dorothy Johnston, Etta Floto, Agnes Mead and Caddie Tribby.

M. W. Club

In September 1925 a group of ladies met at the home of Etta Floto. It was decided to form a women's club for social good times with friends and neighbors. The name of the new club was to be "Merry Women", but some time later changed to "Married Women", hence M.W. Club. The first officers elected were Etta Floto, president; and secretary Marvel Gray. The meetings to be held the third Wednesday of each month at the home of the members. The membership number was set at eighteen, but soon increased to twenty-four. Those in attendance at the first meeting and becoming members were; Etta Floto, Amber Buck, Josie Robinson, Marvel Gray, Norma Neff and Caddie Tribby.

At times the meetings were so large that they had to be held in the Rhodes Opera House or the Masonic Hall, as there would be between sixty to two-hundred

family and friends invited.

Until 1945 the group met with a pot-luck dinner, and then changed to afternoon and evening get-togethers to accomodate new working members.

Entertainment thru the years included, readings, solos, skits, plays, forty-four demonstrations, book reviews, speakers and contests. Of late five-hundred have been enjoyed.

Though the club has enjoyed many good times it never forgot the needs of the world around it. Boxes and ditty bags were filled and sent to service men and toys were sent to the Salvation Army. Money donations have been sent to the Juvenile Home, Red Cross, Overseas Relief, Iowa Childrens Home, March of Dimes and Care Packages. M.W. members have collected donations for the Cancer drive and planted flowers in the local cemetery. It has been a club with many pleasant memories and also outside service.

Present members are as follows; Hazel Allen, Ethel

Frances Buck, Helen Buck, Lucille Cheville, Alice Ginter, Bernice Gray, Dorothy Guthrie, Louise Hix, Betty Pickard, Ildra Rohrer, Viola Vogt and Delight Ward.

*Submitted by
Delight Ward*

The Friendly Neighbors Garden Club

In February of 1933, Florence Wallace invited her neighbors in for a social time assisted by Elizabeth Bear. These ladies decided to organize a club, south and west of Rhodes. The first officers were; Florence Wallace, President; Elizabeth Bear, Vice-President and Hazel Allen, Secretary. Thus the F.N.G. or "Friendly Neighbors Garden Club" was born.

Charter members were; Florence Wallace, Elizabeth Bear, Hazel McKelvey Allen, Nova McKelvey Adams, Mrs. Mary (Dan) Bear, Dollie Luing, Mable Eatwell, Maud Hale, Addie Callahan, Nellie Pester, Mrs. Fred Gardner. A few years later other ladies joined; Ethel Luing, Carrie Noble, Violet McKelvey, Hope Bear, Lorraine Beavers, Bertha Wiltsey, Frances Haas, Grace Klatt Hoy and Myrtle Whistler.

The F.N.G. club was organized for women only. The members enjoyed cards, games, lessons on many things including flowers and gardens. September was flower show month, and each member invited a guest. The flowers were from each member's own garden.

Sometimes a member would call others and say, "It's a pot luck at my house." What a feed! In the early years the get-together was for a co-operative luncheon on the first Friday of each month. Soon after organizing the F.N.G. club, monthly family card parties were started in the evening with husbands and all our kids, quite a bunch.

Instead of cards, seasonally we would have picnics, watermelon feeds, weiner roasts, fried chicken



The F.N. G. Club members in 1946, from the left; Bertha Wiltsey, Violet Bear, Adria Gibbs, Ilma Bear, Eva Thomas, Francis Haas, Helen Richeson holding Sharon, Ethel Luing and Mary Bear.

suppers, and oyster stews made in a wash boiler by Don Luing at their home where Howard and Goldie Eldridge now reside.

Our present F.N.G. club has eleven members. We hold a card party once a month for the family. One night in December is set aside to eat out.

This year of 1983 is the 50th anniversary for the club, and we are participating in the town celebration.

One of the original members, Nova McKelvey Adams who is ninety-three years old or young, has made us a quilt to raffle off as our money contribution.

The present members of the club are: Hazel Allen, President; Betty Pickard, Vice-President; Adria Gibbs, Secretary; Violet Brittain, Harriett Good, Frances Haas, Goldie Thursby, Fern Richeson, Lucile Schuler, Ethel Wright and Lucile White.

Some of our members live in the town of Rhodes. We welcome all previous members. Come and play cards.

*Submitted by
Hazel Allen*

The Eden Country Club

August 9, 1933, ten neighbors met at the home of Edna Wignall to form a neighborhood club. Those present who became the Charter Members were; Mary (Henry) Walters, Edna (William) Wignall, Elsa (Earl) Milligan, Lela (Walter) Hayes, Elizabeth (Edward) Tuttle, Ester (Charles) Haddock, Wadena (John) Schelker, Agnes (Irvin) Mead, Della (Theodore) Schmidt, and Ora (William Sr.) Wignall.

Elsa Milligan submitted the winning name and the club became the Eden Country Club. The club met the second Tuesday of the month and were all day meetings. Members helped the hostess with whatever needed to be done, such as hemming towels, tying quilts, mending, and etc. In the last few years, the months of June, July and August were dropped and they now meet in the afternoons only. Over the years the club started to make and tie quilts which were given to fire victims in the community. The present membership still boast one of the orginial charter members in the person of Edna Wignall of Rhodes. One other charter member is still living, Mrs. Elsa Milligan of Collins, Iowa.

The members of the club today are Pauline (Tom) Borton, Anita (Paul) Borton, Lorraine (Reid) Beavers, Alice (James) Beavers, Velma (Delbert) Schmidt, Norma (Merlin) Klaas, Frances (Henry) Klaas, Sue (Thomas) Kilker, Joan (Robert) Haskel, Bernice (Llyal) Gray, Mary Ellen (Jack) Gray, Susan (James) Freland, and Lois (John) Buck. Through the years we have had 103 members. The club will make a quilt for our contribution to the town. We are honored to be able to celebrate our fifty years at the same time that Rhodes will celebrate their one hundred years and may we both have several hundred more.