

History of the Junior Club --- a Lusty Infant

One Year Old and Going Strong—A Large Membership Among the Younger Women of City

By FERN JAHRIG

Have you ever wanted something badly? As a child perhaps it was a new toy; as a young girl, a new party frock, as a young man, a new car. Whatever—it was very important to you. That's the way a group of young women in Plattsmouth felt in the spring of 1939. They felt the need of a closer contact and association with other people their age in the community. They wanted to know the girls they passed on the street every day. With this incentive, they set forth to organize the "Plattsmouth Junior Woman's Club," and this club was federated in March of 1939, being now one year old at the time the Federation is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary.

Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom, the local Senior club president, invited all girls interested in forming a new club to come to her home March 6, 1939, for the regular meeting of the Plattsmouth Woman's club in order that this matter might be discussed. Mrs. John Beeten, of Douglas, Nebraska, the First District president, was asked to come to this meeting to tell the girls something of club work. She urged that they federate immediately as many of these Junior clubs were being formed throughout the country.

The organization meeting was held March 28th. Mrs. Sundstrom sponsored the group and aided them in preparing and adopting the necessary constitution. The following officers were elected:

Miss Wilhelmina Henriksen, president; Miss Edith Solomon, vice president; Miss Fern Jahrig, recording secretary; Miss Gertrude Vallery, treasurer.

Many of the people in this club attended meetings first as guests. Perhaps a certain meeting was inspirational to them, or maybe they went home with the bridge prize from the party and then they felt they too must be a part of something as worthwhile as the club has proved to be. The membership has gradually grown and there are now fifty girls in the organization. This membership includes teachers, young business women and homemakers.

The Plattsmouth Woman's club has been very kind in helping the Juniors in every way and means possible and it is through this first organization that the Juniors are enjoying the Golden Jubilee celebration.

Possibly you know what this new club has been doing the past year, or it may be you would like to know.

The Juniors hold two meetings each month. A program meeting on the second Monday and a social meeting each fourth Monday.

Prior to the "Golden Spike" celebration in Omaha last April, a group of Golden Spikers came from Omaha to visit the club. The same evening, the club had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Ray E. Rice of the Lincoln School of Commerce, who spoke on "Office Conditions in Foreign Lands." This was especially interesting as the club is composed of many business women.

One of the most delightful guest speakers the group had the pleasure of hearing was Nadine Bradley of the World-Herald staff of Omaha, who brought a colorful message on "Historic Mexico."

On June 12th, Miss Florence Hathaway, of Van Sant Business School, Omaha, was the speaker at a program devoted primarily to office

training. Her topic was "The Demands on the Young Business Woman of Today." She brought some facts very beneficial to the girls.

One evening was given over to community business and Mr. Milo Price addressed the group on a topic all are interested in, "Plattsmouth."

The Juniors had a trip through Utah, Oregon, Wyoming and Yellowstone National Park. This was afforded them through the medium of colorful slides presented by Mrs. William Evers, who with her family toured the northwest last summer.

One meeting was given over wholly to home economy. Miss Florence Smith of the Home Economics department of the University of Nebraska spoke on the subject "The Gracious Hostess."

November 13th, Elmer Sundstrom, county chairman of the Red Cross, met with the club and discussed quite thoroughly the production phase of this work. At this same meeting, "Safety in Driving" was presented to the group by two Nebraska Highway patrolmen.

One of the Juniors seems to be a globe trotter, so Miss Florence Leamy told the organization about her trip around the world, which gave the other members the wanderlust.

Miss Helen Porter, of the County Assistance office, visited the club on January 8th, and told of her experiences while in Europe. At the same meeting, Miss Pearl Staats, instructor in the Plattsmouth High school, reviewed for the club the book "All This and Heaven, Too."

Lincoln's birthday was observed by an address given by Attorney William A. Robertson, who spoke on the life of the "great emancipator."

On March 11th, Mr. E. G. Ofe, certified officer of the Red Cross First Aid station located in Plattsmouth brought the facts of this humanitarian work. His talk was both instructive and entertaining.

Mrs. R. C. Shellenbarger, chairman of the Golden Jubilee of the Senior Woman's club, and Mrs. E. H. Westcott have addressed the Juniors at various times relative to the Golden Jubilee. It is through these ladies that the younger club has learned much of the organization and functioning of the General Federation of Women's clubs.

Many local artists have been guests of the club and have brought to this young organization a wealth of good entertainment.

The Juniors were guests of the Plattsmouth Woman's club at the annual banquet May 1, 1939. During the summer of 1939 the group enjoyed a picnic at the Country Club, an early Sunday morning breakfast, a swimming party followed by a watermelon feed, and a theatre party.

In January this merry group of Juniors enjoyed a bobsled party and despite the cold weather eighteen girls went for the ride. Hot coffee and doughnuts topped this evening's program. There have been many card parties at the hotel, which have always been well attended.

The community at large has recognized the Juniors, in that they, with the Junior Chamber of Commerce, were asked to sponsor the ticket sale for the King Korn Carnival dance July 28, 1939. The club also decorated the King Korn Carnival hall room for the dancing party honoring the king and queen. The Korn Carnival committee requested the girls to present the "Pageant of the Brides." Twenty-seven Juniors participated. The reigning queen of Korn Land is Gertrude Vallery, club treasurer.

The Juniors in closing their first year are exceedingly happy to be a part of so great an organization as the "General Federation of Women's clubs" and they feel particularly fortunate to join in the Golden Jubilee celebration.

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unity. Club workers are constantly changing; old officers step out and new, earnest, yet often inexperienced workers step in. The magazine, with its fund of practical information, can impart an invaluable element of stability to Federation work.

The editor of our Nebraska Club Woman at present is Mrs. Oscar Warp, of Minden. It is with great pleasure we present greetings from her below:

From Mrs. Warp

To the members of the Plattsmouth Woman's club and all their friends. Greetings:

When a woman reaches the age of fifty, she doesn't care to publish the fact. Quite the opposite is true. She has her hair "crimped," buys new and stylish clothes as often as she can afford them, and she makes a ritual of cold-creaming the wrinkles away so she can compete with her daughters and grand-daughters in youthful looks.

Somehow, we don't blame her for wanting to preserve a fair measure of youthful looks, but each of us who has reached the half-century mark knows deep in her inmost heart that she hasn't but few years left in active service. That thought brings a twinge of regret for all the things we might do, were we permitted a longer span of youthfulness.

What a difference when an organization such as our General Federation of Women's clubs attains the age of fifty.

No need for her to have a "permanent"—she IS permanent, so long as women crave enlightenment and are interested in the better things of life.

No need for her to have stylish new garments—she is as new as tomorrow in her plans for constructive work, her outlook on life, her ideals—witness her theme, "Adjusting Democracy for Human Welfare." She is on the march, militantly, for a better future, a stronger nation, a nobler democracy and women—two million strong—are marching with her.

As for the old "wrinkles" she had at first, they have long since been cold-creamed away with loyalty, devotion, generosity, and sacrificial giving of time, talent and title. New wrinkles, such as expanded program, adult education, added departments, have revitalized the original Federation almost beyond recognition of those who gave her birth. Who shall say that all this rejuvenation, all this splendid effort is not worth while?

If one woman has been developed into a fine leader—as we are sure many Plattsmouth women have; if one community has been made a better place in which to live—as we are sure is true of Plattsmouth; if one state has been enabled through uniting her efforts with those of the clubs of other states, to catch a greater vision—as we are sure Nebraska has done; if one nation can build its citizenry into a force for justice, mercy and peace—as we are hoping our nation has, then who shall say that Woman's clubs are not profitable? Who shall say that our accomplishments are stupid? Who shall say we have worked ineffectively? Who shall say these fifty years have been lived in vain?

In Nebraska, as in all states where Women's clubs function, we have aimed for better CITIZENSHIP; HOMES better equipped spiritually, morally and physically; EDUCATION in all its diversified branches; a keener appreciation of FINE ARTS; a clearer conception of INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; JUNIORS in training; a keener insight into LEGISLATION and its bearing upon our commonwealth; a balanced, forceful PRESS and PUBLICITY department and a CONSERVATION of life—whether plant, wild-life or human. In addition to all this, we have established a Scholarship Loan fund which has helped hundreds of youth in Nebraska as well as the nation, to a higher education.

That one thing—if all the other good were blotted out—would justify our existence as clubs, but when added to all the other splendid accomplishments, even the "doubtingest Thomas" must grudgingly admit there is much of worth in an organization which has withstood the forces of fifty years of opposition.

Think of it! Fifty ears of struggling along on dues barely sufficient for the merest existence—fifty years of overcoming almost unbelievable opposition—fifty years of heartbreak over man's inhumanity to man—fifty years of bitter, glorious adventure which is this year being climaxed by "parties" everywhere, honoring not only our General Federation with financial gifts for the carrying out of

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Federated Women's clubs in every state, District of Columbia and Alaska—also in seven foreign countries.

G. F. W. C. FACES FORWARD AT START OF SECOND FIFTY

RELIGION IN THE LIFE OF TODAY

Living in a world, surrounded by thoughts of strife, jealousy, greed, and selfishness, as we are at present, it is not surprising that we sometimes hear it said, "Where is the religion of today?" But this is the question of the pessimist. Religion is everywhere today. We could not get away from religion today, if we tried. It permeates and forms the basic principle of every worth-while movement of our times, and who will say that we do not have many more worthwhile movements today than have ever existed in this world?

We might also say that there are more influences at work to undermine and loiter Christian ideals; but these influences have fewer followers than our religious organizations have. By religious organizations we mean, any organization that is motivated by the teachings of Christ, and has for its ultimate aim, the upbuilding of its adherents and the world. In other words, we mean the Christian religion. The organization which is strongest in number, and carries the widest influence is the church. There are many cults whose influence is of narrower horizon.

Religion that is worthy of the name is an active religion, for religion is not just a system of belief—"Devils believe and tremble."—(James 2:19)—Nor can religion be self-contained. The illiterate "shouters" of the south, are only showing us that religion must have outward expression. In this world of need and suffering, a follower of religion has ample opportunity of expression. It is the religious people who are carrying on most of the humanitarian and philanthropic works today. For the most part, this is being done in a modest and humble manner, though there may be some who carry a Pharisaical boast, who need to learn the Publican's prayer.

Good works are needed, and they are a natural expression of religion—"The branch that bears no fruit is cast away, while the branch that bears fruit, is purged that it may bring forth more fruit"—but nowhere are we told that good works is religion.

"Too much joy is sorrowful. So cares must needs abound; The vine that bears too many flowers Must trail upon the ground." "Too much sun makes a desert." In our doing big things today, we are in danger of forgetting that religion is also a condition of heart. A religious life can not be nurtured by continually indulging in charitable works, but must be deepened by worship of, and communion with God.

"Take time to be holy." We need soul culture, like the plant needs water, if our religious life continues to radiate beauty and fragrance.

Religion in the life of today is the same as the religion of any other day. Like its Founder, it is "the same, yesterday, today, and forever." There is no need for our faith to waver; no cause for our hearts to be downcast, so long as the spirit of Christ is at work—for His spirit conquers.

MRS. H. G. McCLUSKY.

have in any way contributed to the success of this, your Jubilee birthday party, a bit of a toast!

Here's to the past and its memories of happiness complete! Here's to the joy of the present And all that makes life sweet! And here's to the happy future. When present plans and schemes Will unite in glad fulfillment Of all your dearest dreams!

Sincerely,
MRS. OSCAR WARP.

You can buy extra copies of this Golden Jubilee edition at 5c each or 50c per dozen. Phone your requests to 340-W or buy at Book Store.

Now to the Plattsmouth Club, all its faithful members, and all who

It is the sincere desire of the editor of the CLUB WOMAN to give you a magazine worthy of such a magnificent organization; to bring you news not only from Headquarters but ALL quarters; to encourage you in your study of the whole fascinating program of our Federation; to make you all publicity conscious; and to give aid in all possible ways. To this end, we beg your co-operation.

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As County Officials, we congratulate the progressive Federated Woman's Clubs of the county for their many worth-while accomplishments.

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