

eyes unto the hills." Mrs. Harriett Polk spoke on "Homes in out-of-the-way-places in Ireland." Pipe organ music and singing varied the day's program. Dinner was served at the church.

Mrs. Demarius Brown of Indianapolis gave, "A Pilgrim to Athens," and made very real impressions of the people and places she saw on her visit there. Mrs. Horace Burr gave readings which were much enjoyed. It was decided that the Federation Convention should be open to all interested. Treasurer's report showed Mrs. Brown's fee was \$5. and expenses, and there was a balance of \$24.70.

1910 - 1911

The Fourteenth Annual Convention was held May 13, 1911 in the IOOF Hall at Knightstown at 10:00 a.m. Seventeen of the eighteen clubs responded to roll call with quotations from Henry County's poet, Benjamin S. Parker. All members of Federated clubs were requested to register. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. E. E. Sowash; Vice-President, Mrs. W. R. Wilson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Sowash.

Miss Carrie Weaver delighted the audience with some violin numbers. These were followed by a recital of several poems by B.S. Parker by Miss Etta Butler.

The afternoon attendance was about three hundred. Music was given by Mrs. Thomas Mcquire and Mrs. Will Bunch. Mrs. Guy Wagoner entertained with readings. The Middletown Ladies Quartet gave two selections.

The main event was an address by Mrs. Demarcus Brown of Indianapolis, who discussed her trip from Athens to Sparta last fall. The treasurer's report showed a \$29. balance.

1911 - 1912

The Fifteenth Annual Convention was held at Spiceland May 18, 1912 in the new Town Hall. Sixteen clubs were represented. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Jennie Unthank of Spiceland; Vice President, Mrs. Ralph Wagoner of Knightstown; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Leone Pierson of Spiceland. An interesting musical number was a piano quartet, eight hands, given by ladies from the Athena Circle and

the Woman's Club of Middletown. Mrs. Mary Litzenberger of the Athena Circle gave readings and Miss Olla Davis of the Athena Circle gave lovely vocal music.

A fine contribution for the afternoon session was a scene from "Winter's Tale", presented by members of the Avon Club of Knightstown. The address was given by the state president, Mrs. Felix T. McWhorter of Indianapolis. The message was inspiring and encouraging. The treasurer's report showed \$31.40 balance. In closing, three vocal numbers were given by the Ladies Quartet of the Hoosier Bard Club. These early programs consisted mostly of local talent.

1912 - 1913

The Sixteenth Annual Convention was held May 17, 1913, in the Methodist Church at Lewisville. "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung and the Lord's Prayer repeated. President, Mrs. Jennie Unthank, spoke briefly on "Opportunity."

Roll call responses from twenty clubs were on Riley. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. W. R. Wilson; Vice-President, Mrs. Inez Jefferis; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Jesse Bowers.

Mrs. R. M. Elrod of the Shakespeare Club gave a paper on "Influence of Fairy Stories on Children." The day's music was given by Mrs. Edwin Ratcliff, Mrs. J. B. Blain, Mrs. Harry Jennings, Mrs. Harry Stretch, and Miss Louise Millikan; also Miss Pray and Miss Elliott of Knightstown. A short story written by Mrs. Jessie May Wagoner was read by Miss Binford.

The main address was given by Demarcus Brown, State Librarian, on "World of Men and Books," emphasizing educational advantages obtained by reading good books. For the first time the resolutions adopted beside the customary courtesy type included "Resolved: that we encourage all efforts made by Women's Clubs for the advancement of women." The treasury balance was \$33.65. Mrs. Brown was paid \$7.

1913 - 1914

The Seventeenth Annual Conference was called at 9:30 a.m. in the Presbyterian Church, New Castle, May 9, 1914. After a short talk by the President on the advantages of federation, the roll call responses were given on "Bright Sayings of Bright Women."

Elected officers were Mrs. A. O. Morris, President; Mrs. Wayne Wallace, Vice-President; Mrs. M. S. Reddick, Secretary-Treasurer, all of Knightstown. Each club gave a two minute report of the year's work. Mrs. Mary Litzenberger gave a reading. Music was provided by Mrs. Marietta Kem and Mrs. Charles Hass.

Mrs. Bertha Pratt King of Terre Haute spoke on "Women Through the Ages," which was historical. It was urged that women break into broader fields of activity and keep alive. Mrs. Marion Barnard and Mrs. Hilda Polk gave afternoon music; also a Ladies Quartet from Middletown. A resolution favored women's suffrage. Expenses were \$32.08 including \$14.50 for the speaker, leaving \$21.57 in the treasury. Mrs. Mary Barnard, President.

1914 - 1915

The Eighteenth Convention was held in the new Presbyterian Church, Knightstown, May 1, 1915. "Language of Spring Flowers" was the roll call response of the 19 clubs represented. Officers elected were Mrs. Ware Painter, President; Mrs. G. W. Wallace, Vice-President; Mrs. A. A. VanMeter, Secretary-Treasurer, all of Middletown. Clubs reported on their year's work. The convention theme was, "The Old Order Changeth Yielding Place to the New."

This was cleverly emphasized by Sue Elliott and Bessie Pray, who gave old songs in old costumes. Miss Elliott showed the Cottage Parlor type of music, closing with a lullaby; Mrs. W. W. Wagoner gave "Backlog Reveries," which told much of the home and early social life. At the noon hour, an exhibit of old quilts and coverlids was enjoyed.

Afternoon, a debate "Resolved that industrial education is a necessary factor in our public school system" was presented with the affirmative, Mrs. Margaret Wright, and the negative, Mrs. Lizzie Williams. Miss Carrie Weaver gave examples of old time 'fiddlin'. Mrs. Grace Julian Clark, past state president, spoke on "Women's Place under the New Order." She received \$12. Balance in treasury \$19.57. Mrs. A. O. Morris, President, Mrs. M. S. Reddick, Secretary-Treasurer.

1915 - 1916

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting convened May 6, 1916 at 9:30 a.m. in the Methodist Church at Middletown. Nineteen clubs responded with quotations from Indiana authors. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Margaret Wright; Vice-President, Mrs. Ardella Ratcliff; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Myrta Bailey, all of Spiceland. Motion was made to amend the Constitution, Article III, Sec. 2, A-B to elect officers by ballot.

Music included a duet by Mrs. Morgan and Miss Pyle of Knightstown; other selections were given by Mrs. Ratcliff, Mrs. F. A. Wisehart and Mrs. Stout of Middletown; Mrs. D. S. Wiggins, New Castle, and Mrs. Will Bunch. Readings were given by Mrs. Eva Roebuck of Wabash on "Real Things of Life." \$1. was paid for janitor service, the church being free. Mrs. Ward Painter, President, Mrs. A. A. Van Meter, Secretary-Treasurer.

1916 - 1917

The Twentieth Annual Convention was held in Spiceland Friends Church May 12, 1917, with Mrs. Ward Painter, presiding. Each guest was tagged with her name and club. Mrs. Elizabeth Hill Williams prayed earnestly for world peace. Two new clubs, Loyal Neighbors of Spiceland, and Country Social of Knightstown were welcomed. A vote of thanks was extended to the Spiceland Friends for free use of the church.

Five-minute talks from each town represented were enjoyed. One topic was: "Is woman's place in the home made more secure by woman's suffrage?". Another was, "Suffrage; What will Indiana women do with it?"

Dr. Sherman Davis of Indiana University gave the afternoon address on "Franchise for Women and its Responsibilities." He said that from 1903 to 1917 there had been a 100% increase in insanity and mental defections.

The financial report read: Cash on hand, \$15.75; dues received from 22 clubs \$22.; Total \$37.75. Disbursements: Program \$2.75; tags and ribbons \$1.50, janitor and fuel \$1.50, lecturer \$18., phone \$1.50, stationery \$1.40, total \$26.45. Balance \$11.30.

Good music was enjoyed. Elected to office were: President, Mrs. Arthur Johnson; Vice-President, Mrs. Joe Greenstreet; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Goldie Coburn. Lewisville extended invitation for the 1918 convention.

1917 - 1918

The Twenty-First Annual Convention was held in the Methodist Church at Lewisville, April 27, 1918. Responses were on club work and many good and helpful ideas were exchanged. The morning program included discussion of "Needs of the Hour with World War I Needs". Mrs. Maurice Goodwin spoke on the Red Cross; Mrs. Virginia Cory on Food Conservation; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Spiritual and Moral Needs.

During the noon hour, a short after-dinner program on Club Reminiscences was given by various members. Mrs. Culla J. Vayhinger, State President of the W.C.T.U. gave an inspiring address on conditions among the soldiers in camps and how they could be improved. Lovely solos were given by Miss Sue Glidden and Mrs. Clara Bunch. A resolution recommending that clubs help in controlling contagious diseases in schools was adopted. Officers were selected by the Executive Committee. President, Mrs. A. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Goldie Coburn.

1918 - 1919

The Twenty-Second Annual Session was held in the Methodist Church in New Castle. The executive session met March 26, 1919 with Mrs. Milton Lamb, presiding. The Constitution was amended to include all educational, civic improvement, and philanthropic clubs in addition to the Literary, Art and Musical clubs. A committee was appointed to have copies of the new Constitution printed at this meeting for all Federated clubs if finance permitted. Officers elected were Mrs. L. C. Wink, President; Mrs. Elmer Smith, Vice-President; Miss Grace Howard, Secretary-Treasurer, all of Knightstown.

The 6th District President, Mrs. J. D. Larrimore, was guest speaker. She emphasized the necessity for clubs aspiring to affiliate with the Federation to gain breadth and thought and knowledge of associations. Ladies requested a lady speaker rather than a man for the next convention. It was voted to send flowers to Mrs. Benjamin S. Parker, First President of the County Federation.

Again the Constitution was to be changed. Mrs. Charles Winterbotham made final report on Women's Department of the Council of Defense. The whole county assisted in this service. Mrs. Gronlef, the morning speaker, urged playgrounds; meetings of mothers and teachers, (the forerunner of the PTA); make strangers feel at home in your community, (Newcomers club now). Dinner music was enjoyed at noon. An able speaker in the afternoon stressed good war work of organized women. The treasury balance was \$8.60.

1919 - 1920

The Twenty-third Annual Convention was held May 8, 1920 in the Presbyterian Church at Knightstown. Excellent music was furnished by Federated Women present, which seemed to be the custom of the times. Responses to roll call were quizzes on the subject of the day's program, "Citizenship School."

At an Executive meeting held April 9, 1920, it was decided to have this school with a practical demonstration of voting. Two booths were to be set up - one for machine voting and one for the Australian ballot system.

The afternoon speaker, Mrs. Lincoln Lesh, Muncie, spoke on "League of Women Voters." She said, "The war for suffrage is over; although we have captured the ballot, we must not allow men to say that we are not broad-minded." Officers elected were President, Mrs. W. F. Ferrell; Vice-President Mrs. G. L. Swain; Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. William Graves, all of Middletown. Money on hand \$6.40.

1920 - 1921

The Twenty-fourth annual Convention climaxed the year with a very interesting session held in the Sixth Street Christian Church in Middletown. Two excellent speakers were heard. At the morning session, Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, State President, urged the county clubs to affiliate with the state organization and suggested that all church, civic, and social clubs do the same, since it is only through a strong organization that the things worthwhile can be successfully accomplished. Good musical talent was in evidence. Afternoon, Mrs. Harry Dalbey of Richmond, 6th District President, again urged the clubs that were not affiliated to become

part of the District Federation. Kate Milner Rabb was the principal speaker. She spoke on "Romance in Indiana History," stressing the state's varied population and its geographical position which add to its greatness. An outstanding resolution was:

"Resolved that we as a Federation, desire an all-time Health officer for Henry County." New officers were President, Mrs. Paul Miller; Vice-President, Mrs. Will O'Hara; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Harry Shively with Mrs. S. W. Province assisting, all of Mt Summit. Treasurer's report: Credit, \$26.40 - Debit \$26.40.

1921 - 1922

At an Executive meeting held in Mt Summit Christian Church March 1, 1922, we note the Collect was read for the first time and America was sung in unison. It was voted to have a speaker for the morning program at the convention, and a musical and pageant in the afternoon. These were to be sponsored by the Mt Summit Woman's Club. A letter from Mrs. E. C. Rumpler stated that a County President must come from a State Federated club. Eighteen clubs responded on "What clubs have done in the past year." Tuesday Club of Springport affiliated with the state in 1922, also the Woman's Home. Mrs. Elizabeth Langston was elected President for the coming year.

The afternoon speaker was Mrs. Torrance of Evansville, the new State President. She asked the ladies to sing the Indiana Slogan in club meetings. This seems the first time this slogan was used and recorded. She stated that Indiana ranked first in club work and that it is the only state wherein the clubs care for the Riley Memorial. Julia Nelson of Muncie, State Representative, stated: "Women are needed as badly in the Legislature as they are in church or clubs because of the lack of moral laws." The Henry County Federation is 25 years old.

In the resolutions, it was recommended that the members of this Federation realize their duties by taking part in the Primary. The convention was held at Mt Summit, April 29, 1922. The treasury balance was \$1.00.