

1922 - 1923

Thirteen clubs met in Executive session at the home of Mrs. Blanche Haskett in Straughn, Feb. 7, 1923. Mrs. Paul Miller urged prompt payment of dues to lighten the burden of the county officers. It was decided that each club respond at the annual meeting with an original poem.

"The doings of the present Legislature" were informally discussed.

The Twenty Sixth annual Convention was held in Straughn, April 28, 1923 in the Christian Church. Eighteen of the twenty-one Federated Clubs were well represented. Mrs. I. S. Langston presided. Officers elected were Mrs. Isadore Wilson, President, Agnes Kirk, Vice-President; Myrtle King, Secretary-Treasurer, with Etta Griffin, assistant.

An eight minute talk on "A Woman's Duty to Her Club" was given by Mrs. C. A. Jackson of New Castle. Mrs. W. C. Van Nuys spoke on "Relationship between club and community."

The Domestic Science class of the high school served the luncheon and the high school orchestra provided dinner music. Many readings and beautiful music were enjoyed during the day. Mrs. Charles Sewell of Otterbein spoke on "The Will of Women." Mrs. Bailey moved that the Federation as a whole do away with formal resolutions and informally express appreciation and thanks of visiting clubs to the sponsors of the entertaining club. Motion carried. Adjourned at 3:30 p.m. to meet at Spiceland in 1924.

1923 - 1924

Seventeen club representatives met with Mrs. Isadore Wilson in Spiceland March 8, 1924. Fourteen clubs paid dues of \$1. each. Mrs. Wilson gave seven points to be answered by each club and sent to her before the county meeting. These were: 1. Name of club and when organized. 2. Number of members. 3. Line of work. 4. Outside work. 5. Any special work. 6. Are you affiliated with County, District, and State and date of affiliation with State. 7. Name of President and Secretary for 1924-1925. Blue River Country Club was received into the Federation. It was decided to have responses on "Bits of Local History."

The Twenty-Seventh Convention was held in the Friends Church in Spiceland, April 26, 1924. Twenty of the clubs were well represented. First grade of the Public School gave opening exercises. Words of welcome were spoken by the President. New Castle and Springport both invited the next year's convention. Springport was chosen because the convention had never been held there. Officers elected were President, Mrs. Grace Benedict Springer; Vice-President, Mrs. Josephine Mell-ette; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Sally Holmes.

The question concerning the President coming from a State Federated club was again discussed which was undecided at the 25th convention. The New Castle Federation of Clubs furnished a quartet, "Medley from the South". The Spiceland high school furnished dinner music. Miss Marie Card of Liberty, District President, spoke in the afternoon and Mrs. J. F. Edwards of Indianapolis, entertained with "A Chronicle of Hoosier Life," assisted by Miss Scanland, Miss May Dorsey and Mrs. Spradling. Other good music was enjoyed.

#### 1924 - 1925

The 1925 Executive meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Elza Springer, President, February 21st, 1925. Plans for County Convention were discussed. Mrs. Springer appointed Mrs. Margaret Miller as the first Publicity Chairman of Henry County. Again it was recommended that copies of the Constitution and By-Laws be sent to the various clubs. Five delegates offered numbers for the program.

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention was held in the Christian Church at Springport, April 14, 1925. The meeting opened by singing America, followed by the Federation song, Indiana. Fourteen clubs responded to roll call with "Echoes from Everywhere." Mrs. Springer appointed a Resolution Committee. New Castle's invitation for 1926 was accepted.

Officers elected were President, Mrs. Pearl Keesling; Vice President, Mrs. Alice Faught; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Walter Van Nuys. Question of having the President come from a Federated club was postponed for another year.

Mrs. Walter Saxon, District President, spoke on Federation work; this being the first meeting where the District Department Chairmen spoke on their respective departments. In the resolutions it was recommended that Henry County Club women observe April 23 to May 3 as American Forest Week; that our schools train home-makers as well as Home Economics Specialists and teachers; that the distribution of obscene and licentious literature be regulated.

Mrs. Demarcus Brown, of Indianapolis, gave an outstanding address on "A Corner in Alla Baba's Garden." Mrs. Pearl Keesling did not serve.

1925 - 1926

February 27, 1926, the Executive Committee of the Federation met with Mrs. E. E. Kemp to arrange for the County Convention program. County District Chairmen were appointed and nineteen clubs were represented by 23 members present. It was voted that members not come from the same town in which convention is held. May 1, 1926 was set for the 29th annual convention at New Castle in the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Mary Stretch opened the meeting with an organ prelude. Much good music was heard during the day. Mrs. Robert Hicks spoke on "Child Welfare and Delinquent Children." Short talks were given by various department heads.

District President, Mrs. Walter Saxon, Falmouth, spoke on "Federation Work in Community Service" and also discussed publicity. Officers named were President, Mrs. E. E. Kemp, New Castle; Vice President, Mrs. E. C. Morgan; Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. E. E. White, Knightstown invited the convention for 1927. The treasury balance was \$5.14. In the resolutions, the Study of Principles and Policies of Candidates and not Men," as the science of government and further resolved not to favor any alteration or amendment of the 18th amendment to the national Constitution.

1926 - 1927

Mrs. Hoyt Hardin entertained the Executive Committee at her home March 12, 1927. It was decided to hold the County Convention before the District Convention, and the date decided on was April 16.

The Thirtieth Convention was held in the Presbyterian Church at Knightstown. Lunch was served by ladies of the church for 65¢. The District Convention was announced for New Castle, April 21-22. Speakers were to be Mrs. Sheehen, State President, and Dean Paul McNutt. The date of the County Convention was changed to May 7th. The County Federation pledged its support and help to flood sufferers; to investigate whether slaughter houses can legally be placed adjoining highways; stands back of move for a County Hospital; Recommended constitutional changes that any club be admitted to County Federation and it need not be literary; that the Executive Committee of Henry County be composed of the County Officers. (At present, the group also included Presidents of clubs); dues raised to \$2.00 per club. Financial report showed \$33.99 balance.

At the convention, the City Federation welcomed the County organization to New Castle. Twenty-three clubs responded to roll call. Four new clubs were added--Agenda, New Castle, YMUS, Spiceland; County Social and Wednesday Club of Knightstown; total 29 clubs in the County Federation. There was no Blind goods sold in Henry County in 1927. Lewisville was chosen for the 1928 convention. Officers chosen were President: Mrs. E. E. Kemp; Vice President, Mrs. Walter Butler; Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. E. E. White. 164 attended and 3 new subscriptions to the Club Woman magazine were taken.

1927 - 1928

The Thirty-first Annual Convention was held in the Methodist Church at Lewisville, Saturday, April 14, 1928. Mrs. E. E. Kemp, presided. Twenty-six of twenty-nine clubs responded to roll call. Out of 17 departments, 16 were present to report. Middletown was selected for the next convention. Mrs. Kemp served three years as County President. Elected were Mrs. E. E. White, President; Mrs. Herman Jones, Vice President; Mrs. W. G. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer.

A playlet presented by two Spiceland Clubs was greatly enjoyed and excellent music was enjoyed through the day. Balance in treasury, \$35.99.

1928 - 1929

The Thirty-Second Annual Convention met at Middletown. The Federation pledged to help the State Department of Conservation to beautify our hard-surfaced state and Federal highways and affirmed its belief in the 18th Amendment. Another resolution was to the effect that the women of this Federation vote 100% in the coming election. Mrs. E. E. White presided at the meeting April 6, 1929.

Excellent music was heard during the program. All 17 department chairmen submitted reports either in person or in writing. Mrs. Paul Miller, District Chairman, spoke briefly on her work. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Herman Jones ; Vice President, Mrs. W. G. Smith; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. John Neff.

Mrs. Chic Jackson gave her "Audible Magazine" which was enjoyed. A playlet, "Goodness Gracious, Grandma" was given by Wimosis Club of Knightstown. Treasury balance, \$38.06.

1929 - 1930

In January of 1930 a Council meeting was held in the basement of the Citizens Bank, New Castle, when Mrs. Petro, District Chairman of the Blind, asked that some student loans be directed to aid the Blind. Also it was voted not to spend more than \$25. for Convention speaker. The Thirty-Third Convention was held at Mooreland, April 9, 1930.

Twenty-nine clubs responded to roll call. Club Presidents stated the number of members present gave their clubs' "Highlights of the Year". Artificial apple blossoms adorned the church basement and many canaries added music to that provided by the Mooreland group. There were highly entertaining dinner skits also presented.

Mrs. Green of Muncie, afternoon speaker, told of Universal Membership and changes were voted in the County Constitution in keeping with the State document. A Henry County Student Loan Fund was established by the clubs and placed at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie. Officers elected were those of the previous year, all being retained, Mrs. Herman Jones, President; Mrs. W.G.Smith, Vice President; Mrs. John Neff, Secretary-Treasurer. The treasury balance was \$26.13.

1930 - 1931

At the November 1930 Council Meeting, called by Mrs. Herman Jones, President, all clubs were urged to: 1. Sponsor a Junior Club; 2. Subscribe to the Club Woman; 3. Heed the Blue Blanks; 4. Have Club Department Chairmen; 5. Invite County Department and Committee Chairmen; also County officers to your club; 6. Make note of an American Home prize offered by District Chairman, Mrs. Paul Miller. It was voted that all County clubs aid in supplying and furnishing a supply room for the help of the Attendance Officer. The Junior Club of Spiceland was recognized by County, District and State literature.

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention was held in Straughn in the Christian Church on March 3, 1931. The Federation voted to sponsor a County Health Conference. Five State officers and Department Chairmen were introduced. Mrs. Robert Hicks of 6th District was the first State Vice President. Awards were given to the club with the best of attendance and a poetry contestant. Officers elected were President, Mrs. John Neff; Vice President, Mrs. W. G. Smith; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Everett Brown, and for the first time a director was named - Mrs. Herman Jones.

At this meeting Mrs. Claud Stanley proposed the organization of a new county club for aiding the Henry County Hospital, which was carried. Mrs. Jones was instructed to appoint a committee to formulate such an organization, and thus the Henry County Hospital Guild came into being. Dues were to be \$1. per year or 10¢ per capita for 10 members. Other dues to be retained in Guild treasury. Mrs. E. C. Rumples was the afternoon speaker and Mrs. Stanley furnished lovely piano music. Balance in treasury \$36.67.

1931 - 1932

The Thirty-Fifth annual Convention was held in the Christian Church at Mt. Summit, Mrs. John Neff, presiding, April 9, 1932. Six of nine Junior Clubs were represented and gave reports. Nineteen Department Chairmen also gave interesting reports. \$10. was voted to the Memorial Fund for elderly Blind Women of the state.



Mrs. Electa Wagner, aged 96, of Knightstown, was honored. Five deceased members were remembered in the memorial service. The American Home Department sponsored an Insurance Essay Contest with Mrs. Paul Miller as state chairman. A poster award was made to Miss Marjorie Pierce, a Junior Club girl. Margaret Mellette was named Henry County Poet Laureate.

Officers elected were: President, Mrs. John Neff; Vice President, Mrs. H. T. Bailey; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Cyrus Peckinpaugh. The afternoon speaker was Mrs. J. A. Dragoo of Connersville. The treasury balance was \$11.00.

#### 1932 - 1933

February 19, 1933, the Federation held a Council meeting at the Y.M.C.A. in New Castle, Mrs. John Neff, Presiding. Mrs. W. G. Smith conducted the reports of the ten Department Chairmen responding with goals for the year. Sixteen clubs indicated they hoped to accomplish much in the next twelve months.

The Thirty-Sixth annual Convention was held April 8, 1933 in the Christian Church at Sulphur Springs. Seventeen Department Chairmen, directed by Mrs. Myrta Bailey, gave informative reports. Club Presidents presented a pageant, "America The Beautiful" directed by Mrs. Cyrus Peckinpaugh. Mrs. Fred Bell, 6th District President, gave the afternoon address. J. H. Eilar also spoke on "The Fourth Dimension of Americanism." Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Myrta Bailey; Vice-President, Mrs. Cyrus Peckinpaugh; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Clyde Harned. Mrs. Robert Hicks of Cambridge City was endorsed for State President.

#### 1933 - 1934

When Mrs. Bailey became County President, she expressed the purpose of holding institutes on each of the 21 departments during the year. Four all-day institutes were held November 25 at New Castle Y.M.C.A.; January 6 at Lewisville school; February 21 at Springport; and March 17 at Mooreland, which covered the departments and also the County. Questions concerning injury to young people by road houses were propounded, since the repeal of Prohibition. A committee was appointed to investigate what could be done and other matters were discussed and some action taken.

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Convention was held at Spiceland in the Friends Church April 18, 1934. Announcement was made of the Henry County pilgrimage to the Old Fauntleroy Home at New Harmony, October 11 - 12, 1934. The trip was sponsored by the Mooreland Progressive Club. Donald Rogers, with some others, gave a fine musical program. The same officers were continued for another year. Treasury balance, \$19.26.

1934 - 1935

Seven institutes were held this club year at Memorial Park, Elliott's Coffee Shop, Sulphur Springs, Lewisville, Mt Summit, Kennard and New Castle. These meetings considered department work and other subjects of concern such as Junior Red Cross, sterilizations of derelicts and the feeble-minded, broadening of the tax base, law enforcement, keeping beer advertising off the radio, birth control, sale of obscene literature condemned. The beloved president, Mrs. H. T. Bailey, was stricken with serious illness during the winter, so the Vice President, Mrs. Cyrus Peckinpugh, took charge and completed the year. Mrs. Bailey passed away on April 11, the date of the annual Convention.

The Thirty-Eighth annual Convention was held at Odd Fellows Hall in Knights-town. The death of Mrs. Bailey occurred during the morning session. She was an outstanding woman and will be greatly missed. She had given much inspiration to the County Federation.

Mrs. Robert Hicks, State President, gave an address on "Woman's Enlarging Field of Service." This was followed by a talk by Mrs. Arcadia Balz on "History of Woman's Advance into Public Work and Service." Officers elected were President Mrs. Peckinpugh; Vice President, Mrs. Sam Stout; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Loring Eilar.

Resolutions included support of state resolutions; suppression of obscene literature; cooperation with state on cancer control; fight against Communism; support the Pure Food and Drug Act; support efforts to control liquor traffic unceasingly. The Secretary was instructed to convey to the family of Mrs. Bailey the sympathy of the Federation. The treasury balance was \$13.65.



1935 - 1936

This year five institutes were held. Mrs. Peckinpaugh gave the slogan, "Remembering the Past, We Build for the Future." It was decided to donate money to Earlham College for a Memorial Student Loan in memory of Mrs. H. T. Bailey. This fund was completed by the Thirty-Ninth Convention which was held April 30, 1936.

Mrs. McGibbins of the Board of the Industrial Aid for the Blind spoke at the November Institute. A. F. Byrne spoke on Public Safety. Warren Smith gave demonstrations on life saving. Public Welfare was emphasized in cancer control, T. B. Sales, and conservation work was reported. The plan for a County Nurse was discussed and a committee appointed to investigate the cost and to draft a petition and then report at the Annual meeting. The report was that a County Nurse would cost from \$1200 to \$1500. The Federation went on record as sponsoring a Public Health Nurse.

Officers elected were President, Mrs. Peckinpaugh; Vice President, Mrs. Leslie Hoover; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Loring Wilhoite. Several members contributed to the program. Mrs. E. C. Rumpler was the speaker. Treasury balance, \$9.88.

1936 - 1937

Four County Institutes were held during the year. On October 2, the Community Service Department emphasized T.B. work and tuberculin testing in the schools. At a special meeting at the United Brethern Church in New Castle, Homer Chaillaux, National Chairman of the American Legion, spoke about the rising tide of Communism in the United States. Finger printing was urged and 42 women were finger-printed. The County Health Nurse was again discussed. Ways of making the New Castle Library available to the entire County were presented. Miss Young, State Board of Industrial Aid for the Blind, spoke on her work and the Blind Memorial Fund, the interest on which goes to help the Blind Women of the state. The Institute voted \$30. for the fund. A. F. Byrne spoke on school problems and Mental Hygiene. The Federation voted to sponsor the Diptheria immunization in the county. Ray Brenner of the New Castle Theatre spoke about seeing better movies. Mrs. Herman Jones had a Junior Red Cross Exhibit.

The Fortieth Annual Convention was held at Mooreland, April 22, 1937. Dr. Marshall reviewed the cooperation of the County Federation with that of the County Medical Association. The New Castle librarian reported on rules pertaining to the county-wide library service. Mrs. Alvin Lake gave a book review, "The Native's Return" by Louis Adamic. Officers elected were President, Mrs. Edgar Hoover; Vice President, Mrs. Cassell Zirkle; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Gerald Catey. Treasury balance \$21.73.

1937 - 1938

Four institutes were held. Mrs. Edgar Hoover presented "Aims of the Federation" to be Cancer Control, Crime Control, Conservation and Safety. The Federation endorsed the recommendations of Governor Townsend's Safety Campaign. Miss Julia Landers spoke on "Highway Safety". \$4. was voted to buy an acre of trees in the one-million acre Virginia Claypool Merideth Memorial Forest. Later the gift was made in memory of Mrs. H. T. Bailey. Institutes had interesting and helpful talks on International Relations given by Mrs. Isadore Kirk. Sales of Blind material and support of the Blind Memorial Fund were urged. Dr. George Wiggins gave a medical talk. Mrs. Fred Hanss reported on Public Welfare and county sales of Christmas seals of \$1,891.75; also the purchase of 21 gallons of cod liver oil for needy school children. Don Eddington spoke on U. S. Constitution. Legislative action on laws of interest to women were discussed.

The Forty First Convention was held at Lewisville April 14, 1938. Mary Kinnert was the first County Nurse.

1938 - 1939

Three institutes were held in 1938. The Federation voted to sponsor a fund of 25¢ per capita for dental care of County School children; the money to be used by County Health Nurse. Mrs. Jesse French Jr. urged the buying of articles made by the Blind and also help on the Blind Memorial Fund. A speaker from the State Welfare Department spoke on Mental Hygiene and the Protection of our Youth from Social Diseases. Bills before the Legislature were discussed.