

Miss Margaret March-Mount from the U. S. Forestry Service spoke on "The Human Side of Conservation." Mrs. Zirkle urged promotion of Child Health. Mrs. Catey reported \$49.50 in the Dental Fund. Sergeant Turner of the State Police gave a safety talk and showed movies.

The Forty-Second annual Convention was held at Middletown April 26, 1939. Twenty-three clubs were represented. Mrs. Nelle R. Brown of Rushville gave a talk on "What Manner of Workman". It pertained to the building of the Federation. Mrs. Alvin Lake reviewed the book, "The Patriot" by Pearl Buck. Officers elected were President, Mrs. Cassell Zirkle; Vice President, Mrs. Gerald Catey; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Mellette. Treasury balance, \$15.68.

1939 - 1940

Mrs. Zirkle called five institutes during the year. Her theme was "Not in Selfishness but in Service." Her projects were Immunization and Dental Fund. The departments were to be stressed, especially character, education and club extension. Mrs. Kirk spoke and said "Women must realize their responsibility in straightening out the world and must help free it from strife, hatred and ignorance." A forum on press and publicity was held in November. Mrs. Kirk spoke on "Diplomatic headaches". Mrs. W. D. Keenan, 2nd Vice President of I.F.C. spoke on "Club Extension and Federation." Universal membership was stressed. Maurice Goodwin asked the cooperation of the club in fight against "Infantile Paralysis". The new County Health Nurse, Miss Mary Ellen Hall, was introduced. Mrs. Emory Scholl of the State Probation Department spoke on "Problems of Youth". Don Eddington's topic was, "Does Education Serve Our Youth". Franklyn George's subject was "Responsibilities of American Citizens. At the last institute Mrs. Kirk spoke on "The Bible and the Press".

The Forty-Third Annual Convention was held at the U. B. Church in New Castle April 11, 1940. Mrs. Nelle R. Brown, 6th District President, spoke on "Can Two Million Women be Wrong?" She stressed the fiftieth birthday of I.F.W.C. Miss Katrina Haramy, teacher from Jerusalem, Palestine, told of her experiences in war-torn Europe and said "I don't regret what I went through to get to your beautiful

country and enjoy your freedom. You are the only people who have it. I hope your country remains beautiful and peaceful forever. "

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Cassell Zirkle, 1st Vice President Mrs. Gertrude Catey, : 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Margaret Mellette; Secretary Mrs. Warren Hutchison; Treasurer, Mrs. Earl Rifner; Director, Mrs. Edgar Hoover. This is the first time for additional officers.

1940 - 1941

The Forty- Fourth annual Convention was held April 19, 1941 at Mt Summit, with Mrs. Cassell Zirkle presiding. Mrs. Fred Cossairt of Shelbyville, 6th District President, was the morning speaker. In the afternoon, Mrs. Isadore Kirk spoke on "The Fog Lifts." Following this, Mrs. Charles Van Cleve reviewed the book, "The Wabash". Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Gerald Catey; 1st Vice president, Mrs. Frank Pierce; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Earl Rifner; Secretary, Mrs. Glen Snodgrass; Treasurer, Mrs. F. F. Brennan; Director, Mrs. Zirkle.

1941 - 1942

The motto for Gertrude Catey's first year in office was "Doers and not Hearers Only." Mrs. Brennan could not accept, so Mrs. Maud St. John became treasurer. Projects for the year were fingerprinting, dental fund, blind sales, blind memorial fund, reading of "Great Documents" Club Women's magazine, club extension and cooperation with the Henry County Health Nurse. All Departments were stressed during the year at Institutes. Henry County was hostess to the District Art Festival in February.

The Forty-Fifth Convention was held April 11, 1942, at Straughn. Mrs. Catey was re-elected President; other officers were: 1st Vice President, Mrs. Lora Garritson; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Earl Rifner; Secretary, Mrs. Henry Gauker; Treasurer, Mrs. Claude Harry; and Director, Mrs. Cassel Zirkle.

1942 - 1943

For this year the motto was, "War Service Supercedes All Other Activities". Stress was laid on promoting National Defense, salvage of war materials, buying of war bonds and stamps, conservation of food, and cooperation in an educational

health program, and other community war projects. The number of institutes was cut because of gas rationing. Among outstanding speakers at Institutes and the Convention during the war years were: J. R. Mitchell, Rev. R. T. Beck, Isadore Kirk, Taylor I. Morris, Don Eddington, Arvid P. Zetterberg, Mrs. Fred Cossairt, Rev. Paul Spurgeon, Carl Strother, J. R. Craw, and others. The County Convention was held in the Friends Church, New Castle, April 7, 1943. This was the Forty-Sixth Convention.

1943 - 1944

Mrs. Ephriam Murnan served as President during the World War II when all had to contend with war time restrictions. In October, Henry County was hostess to the District Convention. The guest speakers were Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren, Mrs. Arnold Ulbrich and Dr. John Haramy. The Forty-Seventh Annual Convention was held April 12th, 1944 at Spiceland.

Our District President, Mrs. Cyrus Peckinpugh and Mrs. Isadore Kirk were the morning speakers. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Murnan; 1st Vice President Mrs. Harry Crim; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. George Keever; Secretary, Mrs. Ralph Bush; Treasurer, Mrs. Richard Ryman; Director, Mrs. Gerald Catey.

November 8, an institute was held in New Castle. Mrs. Catey talked on "Citizenship Participation." The County Health Nurse, Miss Michaelene Conti, spoke on the need of more nurses and scholarships available for girls who wish to become Cadet Nurses. Mrs. Cassell Zirkle reported good response to the Nurses' Scholarship Fund. Fingerprinting was re-emphasized. The State Police had representatives present who fingerprinted all who wished it. The Institute went on record as favoring universal fingerprinting.

1944 - 1945

The Forty-Eighth Annual Convention was held April 11, 1945, in Knightstown. Mrs. Cyrus Peckinpugh, 6th District President, and Mrs. Isadore Kirk were the morning speakers. In the afternoon, the group enjoyed the message of Mario Peroni (blind) and also his Seeing Eye Dog.

Officers elected were, President, Mrs. Elzie Jones; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Merle Howe; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. George Keever; Secretary, Mrs. Walter Coffin; Treasurer, Mrs. Richard Ryman; Director, Mrs. Ephriam Murnan.

Mrs. Elwood Morris, the incoming 6th District President, was the main afternoon speaker.

1945 - 1946

Mrs. Elzie Jones presided at the September Institute. Mrs. Roland Hazen, Vice President of the State Cancer Control Society announced that the Henry County Federation of Clubs received the charter for sponsorship for the Henry County Cancer Control Society. The City Federation joined to complete an all-out county drive to establish a Cancer Clinic in the County Hospital. Mrs. Elmer Pidgeon and Mrs. Wilbur Coffin, co-chairmen; Mrs. Claud Stanley, Mrs. Frank Baughman, City Federation representatives; Mrs. J. M. Fant, Church Group representative, and Mrs. Elzie Jones, established a County organization as planned. The net proceeds of the drive was \$2,845. in the County.

The Forty-Ninth Convention was held at Springport, April 1946. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Elzie Jones; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Merle Howe; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. W. Coffin; Secretary, Mrs. E. Patterson; Treasurer, Mrs. Victor Truitt, and Director, Mrs. Murnan.

1946 - 1947

The Fiftieth Convention was held at Mooreland, April 19, 1947. We instituted two programs that are still alive -- The County Art Exhibit, and a Poetry Contest. At the Art Exhibit, the parlors of the Y.M.C.A. were turned into a gallery and the work of several county painters were on display. Mrs. Margery Shelley, Henry County Federation laureate, sponsored a poetry contest. More than a hundred gifts were given to the children of the Indiana State Epileptic Village at Christmas by the ladies. Fingerprinting was given by the State Police Department. Guest speakers at the institutes were: Mrs. Roland Hazen, Indianapolis; Mrs. Grace Gray, Indianapolis; Miss Helen Wagner, New Castle; Don Long, New Castle; Carrie Abbot Guio, Indianapolis; Mrs. Marrietta Kem, New Castle; Don Eddington, New Castle, and

Mrs. Isadore Kirk, New Castle. There was a fine spirit of cooperation among the clubs.

Officers elected were Mrs. Mary Wiggins, President; Mrs. Marion Jefferis, 1st Vice President; Mrs. M. Howe, 2nd Vice President; Secretary, Mrs. E. Patterson; Treasurer, Mrs. Truitt; and Director, Mrs. Elzie Jones.

1947 - 1948

Mrs. Mary Wiggins presided at the first Institute on October 4. Better Library service was emphasized and Mrs. Herman Jones urged each club write a brief history of the club and that it be kept at the library. Members were urged to vote their convictions regardless of party. Emphasis was placed on more and better publicity for club projects.

The Fifty-First Convention was held at Lewisville April 10, 1948. Special recognition of the charter clubs in the Federation was given; Mrs. Kirk spoke on "Union of Western Europe". The afternoon speaker was Lt. Alfred Guzzie, Muncie, on how to lower juvenile delinquency. Mrs. Wiggins reported \$650. from sale of blind goods; \$112.92 reported to "Save the Shades", the state having urged Indiana Club women to aid in saving this beautiful spot for posterity. \$300. was raised for Welfare. The Past Presidents, a universal club, was added to the County Federation.

1948 - 1949

At the February Institute held 2 - 9, 1949, Dr. Ross of Richmond was present to present the Indiana Heart Foundation program and the state clubs were taking up the project. It was decided that the Henry County Federation would support this undertaking.

The Fifty-Second convention was held April 29, 1949, at Sulphur Springs. It was announced that Group Organization for the Indiana Heart Foundation had been accomplished. The \$25. obtained and sixty-nine hearts had been distributed over the county by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jones and they had collected \$145.15. Mrs. Margery Shelley, Poet Laureate, presented Mrs. Ross Lockridge, mother of the author of "Raintree County", a prize winning novel of the year.

Mrs. Lockridge gave emphasis to the poetry of the book, to the author's purpose to preserve the pioneer poetry, and ways of living of that early day. The Scrapbook Award was won by the Sesame Circle. Officers elected were Mrs. Frank Pierce, President; Mrs. Marion Jefferis, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Everett Patterson, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Jessie Truitt, Secretary; Mrs. Kenneth Gauker, Treasurer; Mrs. Fred Wiggins, Director.

1949 - 1950

The Fifty-Third convention was held at Mt Summit, April 19, 1950. Mrs. J. Urba Joyce, District President, was honored at a tea following the convention at Mrs. Marion Jefferis' home. The clubs were divided into groups for county institutes held in Spiceland, Lewisville and Sulphur Springs. The theme for the year was "Appreciation of Federation by Understanding"; Motto, "Knowledge is a Treasure, but practice is the key to it"; Slogan, "The more we work and study together, the happier we'll be." Objectives, County Clothes Closet, Indiana Heart Foundation, (total \$2100.94), Books for Peace, Fingerprinting, Support Cancer Society; County Poetry Contest, County Short Story Contest, Courier Times Scrapbook Contest.

Mrs. Herman Jones took first prize in the poetry contest and was named first Poet Laureate of 6th District. Mrs. Margery Shelley was renamed County Poet Laureate. Henry County was hostess to District Convention Nov. 1, 1949 at New Castle. A \$50. Nurses Scholarship was established at Reid Memorial Hospital in memory of Celia A. Murnan, past county President. County clubs with 607 members, sent 350 candles to Korea. There were 9 deceased members: Mrs. Ephriam Murnan, Mrs. Gertrude Somers, Miss Hassel Williams, Mrs. C.C. Cory, Mrs. Betty Kersey, Mrs. Elizabeth Newby, Mrs. Mary Redding, Mrs. Anna Applegate and Mrs. Mollie Keller. Officers were re-elected.

1950 - 1951

The hostess plan continued for county institutes held in Knightstown and New Castle. Objectives, County Hospital Guild, Clothes closet, Indiana Heart Foundation, (total \$4,268.50), Poetry Contest, Short Story Contest, Scrapbook contest and Art Exhibit.

The Fifty-Fourth Convention was held at New Castle, April 17, 1951. Mrs. Margery Shelley resigned as County Poet Laureate, and Mrs. Maurice Reed was named to succeed her. Three large boxes of clothing was sent to Indian Mission, New Mexico. The Hospital Guild was reactivated. 21 clubs paid \$1. dues and supported the work of the Guild. Avon became a Universal Club. The Federation had 629 members, 22 new members, 4 deceased members: Mrs. Isadore Kirk, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. Eva Nation, and Mrs. Nathan Gilmore.

The State Federation rearranged departments into 12 main divisions, 32 department divisions and committees. These were covered by 37 club women in the county. A \$20. Student Loan, Earlham College, was established. Mrs. Ben Nigh, state president, presented through the State Federation 7 books, "History of Indiana Federation" to the county president and district chairman. Cooperation for Blind Sales totaled \$1,110.04. Members signed Freedom Scroll, supported Crusade for Freedom, displayed old club scrapbooks. Sesame Circle took first place in County and District and place in top 6 in National American Home Friendship contest. Following the convention, Mrs. Nigh was honored at a dinner party at the Plaza Hotel by Mrs. Cassel Zirkle and a luncheon next day at the home of Mrs. Everett Brown. Mrs. C. J. Pickering was named Poet Laureate by placing first in poetry contest. The 61st State Convention was held in Indianapolis May 1951.

1951 - 1952

The two years from 1951 to 1953 were good years. An attitude of good will, cooperation and helpfulness prevailed. The Federation theme was "Service; Let us do good to all men." The Slogan was, "Preservation for Posterity."

One of the projects introduced was to bring cheer to the friendless at the County Home by giving a program for the inmates at the home. Often gifts were made to shut-ins. Another project was providing a Club Room at the Henry County New Castle Library for the use of all women in the county. Furniture was bought for the club room. Special stress was given to "Get Out the Vote." 82% of the clubs of the county reported 100% participation.

The Crusade for Freedom Drive was sponsored by the Federation. \$200. was given in Henry County. There was continued sponsorship of the Heart Drive.

The fifty-fifth annual Convention was held April 2, 1952 in the Methodist Church at Spiceland. The morning address was given by Mrs. Ben Nigh, District President. The incoming 6th District President was Mrs. Cassell Zirkle, a member of the Sesame Circle. The afternoon speaker was Elizabeth Telant, a member of the Ball State English Department.

Officers elected were President, Mrs. Marion Jefferis; 1st Vice President, Mrs. George Christman; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Vern Mattix; Secretary, Mrs. Dallas Harry; Treasurer, Mrs. Herman Ritchie; Director, Mrs. Frank Pierce.

1952 - 1953

The Fifty Sixth annual convention was held March 24, 1953 in the Methodist Church at Knightstown. Mrs. Cassell Zirkle, 6th District President, gave the morning address on "Your Federation Work Part 1. " She outlined the year's work, the theme being, "Americanism."

The afternoon speaker was the State President, Mrs. Victor Selby, who spoke on our opportunities, emphasizing that the strength of our state and national Federation depends upon the strength of the individual club. One new officer was elected, Mrs. Ward Hale, Treasurer.

1953 - 1954

Mrs. Dallas Harry was installed as President, August, 1953. Other officers were: 1st Vice President, Mrs. Herman Ritchie; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Ward Hale; Secretary, Mrs. Harold Ratliff; Treasurer, Mrs. Wayne Woodward; Director, Mrs. Marion Jefferis. A council meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Harry in August. County projects were: Latin American Scholarship; Musical Pennies; Art Fund; Fingerprinting; Blood donation; Defense Bond Sales; Heart Drive; County Home Program.

The first institute was held at Straughn with Mrs. Theodore Fleck, Indianapolis, as morning speaker. In the afternoon, Ralph Harvey, 10th District Representative, showed pictures of his travels abroad.

The Second Institute was held at Mooreland. Mrs. Ivan Druley was the morning speaker and Frank Guyatt, Dublin, showed pictures of Finland in the afternoon.

The Third Institute met in Middletown and Mrs. L. C. Marshall gave a book review.

The Fifty Seventh annual Convention was held in Springport, April 7, 1954, with Sulphur Springs Literary Club assisting. Rev. Byrne was the main speaker. County Health Nurse, Mrs. Stanton Baily, spoke; also Mrs. Fern Howe, head nurse at I. V. E. who told of the work being done for the eplietics. Sulphur Springs won the attendance award.

1954 - 1955

A Council meeting was held in August and the out-going officers were entertained at a luncheon. Three institutes were held. The First was held at New Castle with Rexford Wright, Superintendent of City Schools, as speaker. He discussed Education. The Second Institute was held at Knightstown and local ladies gave a musical program. The Third Institute was held at Lewisville. Mr. Patty from the Indiana Heart Foundation was the speaker. He showed pictures on the Heart.

The Fifty-Eighth Convention was held in Middletown March 25, 1955. Rev. Wilbur Shirey was the guest speaker. A memorial service was held and reports were heard. Departmental reports were given in the form of a skit by ladies in costumes.

1955 - 1956

The theme was "Community Responsibility". A fall council meeting was held at the New Castle Library Clubroom. Projects for the year were Goodwill Bags; Hospital Guild; County Home Program; Heart Foundation; Christmas gifts for the New Castle State Hospital; Safety; Blind Sales and District Cookie Project for LaRue Carter Hospital.

The First Institute was held at the Y.M.C.A. September 30 with 30 attending. Albert Huber of State Traffic Division spoke. Club women were asked to help with the night-driving hazard.

Clubs reported checking their own cars and others. ; Mrs. E. I. Poston, past State President, spoke about the Geneva Conference held in June 1955. Mrs. Marion Jefferis and Mrs. Walter Wrightsman gave special music.

The Second Institute was held November 29 at the Y.M.C.A. with 22 present. Howard White of Station W.C.T.W. spoke on "General Problems of a Radio Station". A forum on conservation was given by the Springport women, and Rev. Mildred Treber was the afternoon speaker. Joyce and Judy Neel gave special music.

The Third Institute was held at the library February 27, 1956. Mrs. A. C. Johnson was in charge of a forum on International Relations. Dr. Davies spoke on Rheumatic Fever and Mr. Smith showed a film "Valiant Heart". Mrs. I. W. Cooper conducted a memorial service for Mrs. Rose Pickering. Ray Davis from Goodwin Industries was the afternoon speaker.

Henry County entertained the 6th District Convention October 28, 1955 at Sulphur Springs. Mrs. Clyde Pope of Morristown was the presiding officer.

The Fifty-Ninth Annual Convention was held April 7, 1956 at Straughn with Mrs. Herman Ritchie presiding. Attendance was about 75 members and 8 guests. Dr. Landrum Bolling of Earlham College was the afternoon speaker. Mrs. Hazel Dannecker won the title of Poet Laureate by winning the state contest. A music contest in instrumental and vocal was held. \$586.70 was sold for the Blind; \$2,100. raised for the Heart Fund; 100% contribution to the LaRue Carter Cookie Fund; 30 Goodwill Bags were filled. There are 24 clubs; 12 Universal; 4 District; 8 County. Total membership, 510. Lenba Club won the attendance flag for Institutes and Women's Home Institute for the convention. Deceased members were: Mrs. Chester Lamb, Mt Summit Women's Club; Mrs. Glen Harry, Mt Summit; Mrs. Martha M. Brown, Tuesday Lucernian of Spiceland; Mrs. Rose Pickering, Athena Circle of Middletown; Mrs. Charles M. Jones, Lenba; Mrs. Dora Cohee, Hoosier Bard; Mrs. Keith Fadely, Sulphur Springs Literary, Mrs. Lulu Hodson Ingleside; Mrs. Ed. Moore, Fortnightly Historical; Mrs. Minnie Parker, American Literary; Mrs. Florris Land, Avon.