

1956 - 1957

Theme: Education for Worthwhile Living.

The Fall Council meeting was held August 6, 1956 at the Library with 40 present. Projects were listed the same as the year before with the addition of the G.F.W.C. Maintenance Fund and Know Your Library.

The first Institute was held September 24, 1956 at the Library. Mrs. Earl Bainter gave an exhibit of her paintings and china painting and gave an interesting discussion on her work. Mr. Linkhart, Librarian, talked and took us on a tour of the New Castle Library. Miss Sue Baker gave a talk on library work.

The District Convention was held October 4, at Cambridge City with Mrs. Glen Foster presiding. The Second Institute was held November 26, 1956 at the Library. Mrs. A. C. Johnson led a discussion on "Why Cannot Europe and Asia get along in a Neighborly Way, as the U. S. gets along with Canada and Mexico?" Mrs. Everett Beavers talked on "Religions of the World ". Mrs. Ritchie introduced Walter Tanner, an attorney from Muncie, who told of his experiences with the Indians and Hindus while in the service. Rev. R. E. Pavy of the First Baptist Church spoke on "Where Do you Live?" Mrs. Robert White played several accordian solos. Mrs. Herman Jones read part of the History of the County Federation.

The Third Institute was held February 25, 1957 at the home of Mrs. Herman Jones. Mrs. Herman Copeland gave the devotions. Mrs. Ora Guthrie, voted a most outstanding nurses aid at the New Castle State Hospital, talked on her work with the patients. Rev. Frank Guyatt, the afternoon speaker, showed pictures of the Tournament of Roses at Los Angeles. John Beyer sang two selections. A County Music Contest was held. John Beyer won the voice contest and O.T. Myers the instrumental. Beyer also placed in the District and Myers took first place and was given the award of attending the Music School.

The Sixtieth Convention was held April 13, 1957 at New Castle in the Friends Church. Mrs. Allen Hole of Richmond was the afternoon speaker. Mrs. Herman Ritchie presided over the business session.

Henry County was first in Institutes in the State with a total of 191. \$986.49 worth of Blind goods was sold. \$261. was given for the Heart Fund, a total of \$2,200. from the county. 246 Goodwill bags were filled, plus a ton of material from Middletown. There were 490 members in 24 clubs, 12 Universal; 4 District; 8 County. Lenba won the attendance flags for both institutes and the convention. American Literary Club of Knightstown became Universal in membership. Deceased members were: Mrs. Isaac Colvard, Mt Summit; Mrs. Mary L. Litzenberger, Athene Circle; Mrs. Helen Davison, Two O'Clock; Mrs. Grace Baird, Hoosier Bard; Mrs. Lyle Province, Mt Summit.

1957 - 1958

Theme: Education for Worthwhile Living. Motto: Live to Learn and Learn to Live as We Increase Our Knowledge. Slogan: Nothing Great was ever Achieved without Enthusiasm.

The fall council meeting was held September 9, 1957 at the home of Mrs. George Coffin in Spiceland. Objectives were: Scholarship, Heart Fund, Mental Health, Safety; Goodwill Industries; County Home.

Mrs. Herman Jones conducted an impressive installation service for Mrs. Walter Wrightsman, President; Mrs. Frank Pierce and Mrs. George Coffin, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents; Mrs. Everett Beavers, Secretary; and Mrs. Howard Graver, Treasurer; Mrs. Herman Ritchie, Director. It was announced that the 6th District Convention would be held October 3 at Shelbyville.

Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Ward Hale and Mrs. Charles Draper presented "Profiles of the National Federation" in question - answer form. Mrs. Everett Brown discussed American Home; Mrs. Hazel Dannecker, Religion; Mrs. Paul Nation, Education.

The First Institute was a cooperative luncheon at the home of Mrs. Wrightsman with 42 present. Mr. Linkhart, Librarian, was guest speaker at the morning session. The Mooreland school gave special music. Miss Madonna Haladay spoke on "Safety" in the afternoon, and music was provided by the Mt Summit club.

The Second Institute was held December 9, 1957 at the home of Mrs. Beavers with 35 members attending. A carry-in luncheon was served. Mrs. A. E. Walters of Muncie spoke on "Adult Education" and Mrs. M. M. Edwards of New Castle discussed publicity. Mrs. Sam Stout showed pictures of her trip to Europe and spoke entertainingly on her experiences. The Misses Marilyn and Carolyn Irvin provided special music and Christmas carols were sung by the group. A gift exchange followed.

The Third Institute, held March 3, 1958, was a cooperative luncheon held at the home of Mrs. Marion Jefferis with 30 members attending. Safety slogans were roll call responses. Mrs. Ward Hale gave the devotions and Mrs. William Riley held a legislative quiz. Mrs. Loring Eilar gave a memorial tribute to the late Mrs. Bertha Brown. Mrs. Hazel Dannecker discussed, "Cross and Crisis in Japan". Philip Willkie, guest speaker, discussed "The Cross Roads of America". Mrs. Garnet Cronk gave whistling solos.

The Sixty-First Annual Convention was held Friday, April 25, 1958 in the Christian Church at Mt Summit. Mrs. Glen Foster of Rushville, 6th District President, spoke on the importance of club work and of the Federation. Mrs. Marion Jefferis, Music Chairman, introduced Rosiland Hollingsworth, winner in the Henry County Music Contest, who sang, "Beyond the Blue Horizon", and "Bless This House". Mrs. Vera Jones, County Health Nurse, spoke briefly, and Mrs. Stanton Baily, New Castle School Nurse, spoke on "Mental Health."

The principal morning speaker was Mr. Foster, Special F.B.I. Agent in charge of this area, who discussed his work from the local standpoint. Mrs. Herman Ritchie honored the past presidents. The afternoon speaker was Mrs. Dorothy Blivens of Anderson, who gave a book review. Mrs. Garnet Riggs provided special music. The Lenba Club won the attendance flag. Deceased members for the year were: Mrs. Bertha Brown, Mrs. Pearl Anger, Mrs. Bessie Hudelson, Mrs. Linnie Deebel, Mrs. Jessie Fay, Mrs. Jessie Shepherd. Henry County had one district officer, five district chairmen, 475 members, 23 clubs; 11 Univeraal, 4 District and 8 County.

1958 - 1959

Theme: Education for Worthwhile Living.

Objectives: Community Service, Mental Health, Heart Fund, Hospital Guild, Goodwill Industries, Education, Fine Arts, Religions of the World.

The fall council meeting was held November 3, 1958 in the Friends Church, New Castle, with the Sesame, Springport Tuesday and Lenba Clubs as hostesses. Mrs. Earl Bainter and Mrs. Kenneth Cleveland displayed interesting paintings and crafts. Mrs. LaVaughn Livezey gave a demonstration in painting. Mrs. Robert K. White and Mrs. A. J. Carr gave special music. H. A. Schacht, Hospital Manager, spoke in behalf of the new hospital project. Lamont O'Harra spoke for the Historical Society. Superintendent of Schools, Rexford Wright, was afternoon guest speaker. Mrs. Hermon Ritchie introduced her daughter, Mrs. Lorna Bowers, and her dancing pupils.

The Second Institute was held February 2, 1959 at the home of Mrs. L. C. Marshall. A carry-in luncheon was served. Mrs. Tansel Beavers gave the devotions. The Mid-Winter Council meeting was announced for the Sheraton Hotel in Indianapolis, February 4 - 5, and the State Convention to be held in French Lick, April 27 - 29. Work of cataloging the Historical Museum was being carried on. Mrs. Marion Jefferis reported on the Music Contest. A Spiceland club won recognition for having filled 71 Goodwill bags. It was announced that Mrs. Cleo Gifford, National Federation President, would be "at home" to Ed. Murrow on February 20 on NBC-TV. Mrs. Bessie Johnson gave the noontime grace.

Mrs. Miles Marshall, a librarian in the Public Library, spoke on the work of a Librarian. Mrs. L. C. Marshall played several selections on an antique music box. Ralph Harvey, guest speaker, spoke appreciatively of the work of club women in politics. Concluding, he said, "I believe that in time Russia will learn that man cannot live by bread alone." 42 members, 17 clubs were present.

The Sixty-Second annual Convention was held in the Friends Church at Spiceland, April 24, 1959 with the Tuesday, Lucerian, Ingleside, and Tuesday Activities Clubs as hostesses. Mrs. Virgil Ritchie was in charge of the music and Mrs. Earl

Prignitz gave the devotions. Mrs. Ivan Druley gave the morning address on "Check That Package". Mrs. Loring Wilhoite gave the noontide prayer. A Girls Chorus from the Spiceland School, directed by Robert Heurer with Nancy Coffin as accompanist sang several numbers. Miss Coffin played a piano solo.

Mrs. Dorothy Blivens of Anderson was the afternoon speaker. Her topic was "Woman and her Charm." Attendance awards went to Sulphur Springs Literary Club and poster awards were given to Mrs. Sam Stout, Mrs. Darrell White, Mrs. A. C. Johnson and Mrs. Kenneth Cleveland. Mrs. Earl Bainter displayed lovely paintings and Mrs. Cleveland, interesting crafts. \$924. worth of Blind Goods was sold and 254 Goodwill Bags filled. Attending were 478 members from 21 clubs, 10 Universal, 4 District and 7 County. Deceased members during the year were: Mrs. Merrill Ashton, Mrs. John Neff, Mrs. Vera Durham, Mrs. Rissie Parker, and Mrs. Leona Pierson.

1959 - 1960

Theme: To Cherish The Home--To Conserve The Soil--To Keep Our Country Free--And To Serve God Above All.

Objectives: Religion--Education--Music--International Relations

In July of 1959, at the home of Mrs Dallas Harry, the new officers were installed by Mrs Ivan Druly, Sixth District President. President: Mrs Everett Beavers; 1st V. Pres., Mrs Frank Breese; 2nd V. Pres., Mrs Stanley Brown; Secretary, Mrs Webster Black; Treasurer, Mrs Roy Neel; Director, Mrs Walter Wrightsman.

On August 10, 1959, a council meeting of club presidents and department chairman was held and plans made for the coming year. On November 2nd a 'Benefit Tea' was given for 'CARE FOR INDIA' with Mrs David Martin, Fort Wayne, Ind., giving a talk and showing slides of her trip to India. A total of \$61.00 was donated to the project. In February a meeting was held and emphasis was placed on Civil Defense and Safety with Mr Robert Wolf, Henry County Civil Defense director as speaker.

The 64th Annual Convention was held in Knightstown, Ind. Mrs Lee Garver was in charge of the music with Miss Judy Neel giving special piano numbers. Mrs Emmett Bell spoke on Mental Health; Miss Mildred French, of the Governor's Youth council, spoke on 'Pornography--Big Business' } 'Take a Firm Hold' was the subject of Mrs Ivan Druly. Deceased members were: Mrs Charles Livingston, of Tuesday Lucernian; Mrs George Steiner, Knightstown Woman's Club; Mrs Mary Parker, Sesame Circle; Mrs Myrtle Pike, Mt Summit Woman's club; Mrs A.F. Byrne, Hoosier Bard club; Mrs Howard Gale, Middletown Woman's club, Mrs Wm. Gates sung 'Beyond the Sunset' at the close of the Memorial service conducted by Mrs Loring Wilhite. Attendance award was won by Sulphur Springs Literary club.

Miss Karann Williams, vocal and Miss Carolyn Irvin, instrumental, represented Henry County at the District Contest at Connersville with Miss Williams winning in vocal. Blind goods sold \$659.20

1960 - 1961

Theme: To Cherish The Home-To Conserve The Soil-To Keep Our Country Free-
And To Serve God Above All.

Objectives: Conservation-Religion-Legislation-Music-Education.

In August a council meeting was held at the home of the president, Mrs Everett Beavers and plans were made for the coming year.

In November Mrs Hazel Dannecker gave a paper on the origin of the name America. Mrs Frank Pierce conducted a forum on Conservation, stressing Water, Soil and Timber. Mr Herbert Montgomery, of the New Castle schools, spoke on Indiana history and showed slides of interesting and historical places in Indiana.

In October Henry county was hostess for the District Convention(6th). Guest speakers were: Mrs Glen Westerfield, 6th Dist. Pres.; Mrs C.R. Graham, State Pres.; Mrs David Martin, 2nd V. Pres.; Mrs Phyllis Dudenhofer, 3rd V. Pres.. Lenba club won the attendance award. In February, a second workshop was held. Mrs Herman Jones conducted an audience participation program on 'A Day In Court'. Mrs Marguerite Ransdell of the Goodwill Industries, spoke and showed slides of the people and buildings.

The 64th annual convention was held in Sulphur Springs, March 24, 1961. Mrs Lee Garver was in charge of the music. Special music was furnished by the Sulphur Springs girls chorus, (The Choralaires) and Miss Cherie Ransdall, clarinet; Mr Michael Shively, Trumpet, and Miss Karann Williams, accompanist, of Mt Summit. The Delaware County Federated Chorus gave the afternoon program. Mrs Glen Westerfield, 6th District President spoke on the topic; 'In Federation We Go Forward'. The assembly voted to have the Henry County History printed and copies to be sold for \$1.00 each. Memorial services were held for; Mrs Ruby Clay, Spiceland Ingleside; Mrs Stella Kennedy, Spiceland Lucernian; Mrs Joe Ice, Mt Summit club; Mrs Laura Burt, Lewisville 2 O'Clock club; and Mrs Waldo Bowers, Sulphur Springs club. Blind goods sold \$855.00.