

DeWitt-- Yesterday and Today

By Faye Hanson

THE OLD DEWITT MOTHER'S CLUB was organized in 1913. They worked with mothers and children and sometimes sewed for needy mothers; at one time they made an entire layette. They also sponsored an annual teacher's reception, the first one held at the home of Mrs. C. C. Woodruff. They also presented a framed picture to the High School.

They sponsored a circulating library which was in the home of Caroline Smith for two years. (This was the forerunner of the present DeWitt Public Library which was established in 1934 by this club which was then called the DeWitt Civic Club).

They joined the Federated Women's Club of Clinton County and entertained them at the old Methodist Church.

The club was discontinued in April, 1917, because of the war. Members voted unanimously to disband and become members of the DeWitt Red Cross. They turned their treasury of \$14.00 over to the Red Cross. They had one more formal meeting when they decided to sponsor a teacher's reception at the home of Mrs. McLouth.

Near spring of 1919 several members met at the home of Mrs. Viola Thompson to talk about reorganizing the Club. In two weeks they met at the home of Mrs. Grace Coon where they reorganized and elected officers. After much discussion it was decided to call this Club the DeWitt Woman's Club. It was later called the DeWitt Civic Club and went out of existence during World War Two.

In 1934 Mrs. Mildred Carris, with the help of this club, established the DeWitt Public Library. It had many homes, the only one surviving is the Family Barber Shop, until Mrs. Gerda Rogerson gave the land that the library now stands on to be used for a Public Library.

LOCAL HISTORY
COLLECTION
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De Witt Civic Club
1942-1943

C. Newman	President
G. Walker	-Vice Pres.
M. Harris	-Secretary
M. Van Fleet	-Treasurer

Sept 21, 1943

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The first meeting of the Civic Club of DeMille after the summer vacation, was held at the home of Mrs. Clara Woodruff, Tues. afternoon, Sept 21.

President Gladys Walker presided.

Meeting opened by repeating the Collect.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved with the following correction: -

The nominating committee appointed were
Eva Cole and Lily Scott.

A communication from District President, Mrs. Sumner relative to the State Federation was read by the Pres.

A bill of \$200 for flowers for Sadie Trumble funeral was presented by Ola Chapman.

A motion was made to allow the bill.

Carried.

A bill of \$1.10 for material for programs was presented by Elsie Woodruff.

Remarks recommending the payment of \$400 for printing programs.

A motion was made to allow the bill also to allow the \$400 for printing.

Reports of committees -

Elsie Woodruff reported the work done on the programs.

A motion was made to give the committee a rising vote of thanks, carried.

Library committee reported several new books. Times 1 to 5 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, also 7 to 9 Sat.

April
1952

The April meeting of the De Witt Civic Club met on Wed. April 16th at the home of Alice Heartt at 2:30 P.M. The club collect was read by Carrie Newman. The roll call and minutes of the last regular meeting was read by the secretary. A motion was made to give \$5.00 to the Cancer Fund. motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to pay all bills.

Due to the small membership in the club for the past year it was voted unanimously to disband the club, hoping that at some future time the club may be able to reorganize.

A motion was made and seconded to donate the balance of funds in the club treasury for the use of the Library.

Mrs. G. Pike Sec.

Am't on hand \$39.34

Bills for flowers 3.89
\$ 35.45

flower fund 2.38
\$ 37.83

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Dear Mrs. Miller
Sparta, Michigan
April 24, 1950

Dear Madam:

County Federation
is to be May 18th
at the Methodist Church
in Rochester Colony.
Will you please tell
me how many may
possibly have
we may expect from
your club & the
ladies? The price
of the tickets is
\$1.00.

Mrs. John Spencer
R. 2, L. 21
Sparta, Michigan

46th

Annual Convention

of the

Clinton County Federation
of Women's Clubs

Thursday, May 18, 1950

METHODIST CHURCH
ROCHESTER COLONY, MICHIGAN
OVID-DUPLAIN LIBRARY CLUB, HOSTESSES

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Annual Report of Secretary
for Club Year 1949-50

The Civic Club has held 9
regular meetings this club year.
There is a membership of 18 paid
members. The acting officers were
President - Mrs. Blase Miller
V President - Mrs. Owen Baker
Secty. - Mrs. Carl Remond
Treasurer - Mrs. Wm. Spewitt
The home contributed \$2,100
to the Red Cross and the
Red Cross as well as helping toward the
Memorial Building Fund. The
Dish Club held many
and major social events at
which we recognized the work

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of the art students of the High School. Our main Civic Project was the Summer Play-ground. Some of our most interesting programs have been the programs on Jewelry and some presented by Mr. Cook of Candy Jewelry; the exhibits of portraits and colored slides shown by Miss Helen Tracy of the Grand Studios at Mason. I should like to mention closing our affair with a visit to Miss Adela Cutler for the lovely table decoration shown at our December meeting.

Rhoda Wilson, Secy.

Sept. 19, 1950

Memorial Bldg.

Call to order

Repeat Collect

Roll call & reading of minutes (Pike)

Treasurer's report (Newitt)

Library report (Pearson)

Legislative report (Becker or Walker)

Newitt Civic Club - Hostess, to

Clinton Co. Federation Women's Club

Wed., May 9, 1951

Deus are in order

Request from Library for books
(and magazines)

Library in need of assistance.

Project for raising money for
a special equipment.

Dance

Card party

Raffle

Baked goods sale.

Oct. 17, 1950

Luncheon & trip to art
exhibit at College

Nov. 21, 1950

Call to order

Reading of collect

Roll call & reading of sec. minutes.

~~Sec.~~ Treasurer's report.

Library report

Old business

Money raising project - Library

New business

December meeting & Xmas
program.

Social Committee

Dec. 19, 1951

Dec. 1950

Call to order

Bow heads in prayer

Reading of minutes of last meeting
(Mrs Pike)

Treasurer's report \$ 40.00
3.00 dues
16.30 Baked Goods

Library report.

Card & flower fund - Lillie Scott
resigned. Appoint B. Davenport

Report of Baked Goods (E. Miller)

Report of raffle tickets.

more to pay cost of yarn.

Any older bills?

Any new business?

January meeting?

Hostesses -

Drawing of winner in raffle

Adjourn.

Rhoda Pierson & Mrs Bays' Girl Scouts

1951-52 Officers

DeWitt Civic Club

President - Betty A. Davenport

Vice-President - Adah Kuma (Resigned)

Secretary - Luella Pile

Treasurer - Alice Hewitt

1951-52 DeWitt Civic Club Membership

Mamie Archer

Edith Baker
Zella Buys (Resigned)
Gwendolyn Butler

Betty Davenport

Alie Hewitt

Zella Holt

Hazel Kimball

Berulah Walker

Dorothy Miller

Barrie Newman

Rhoda Person (resigned)

Lucille Pike

Naomi Tenny

Adah Tume

Gladys Walker

Honorary

Eva Cole Maude Van Fleet Mabel Walker

Jan. 1961

Call to order & reading of collect
Roll call & reading of minutes.
Treasurer's report
Library report

Old business

Baked goods sale report - Pike
Dues are payable!

* Thank Mrs. Hatt for her work

Special fund for Library

Dictionary, globe & record player
Appoint Hevitt & Pierson

New business

Clinton Co. Federation May 9-

Lunchon - Kimball, Davenport, Holt
Meeting - Walker, Hevitt, Cutler

March meeting

Hostesses - Cutler, Hevitt, Newman

Feb. 1951

Reading of collect
Roll Call & reading of minutes
Treasurer's report
Library report

Next bishé goods sale at Mac's market
Kimball
Davenport
Newman
G. Walker

New business
Polio fund.

Annual meeting in April
Nominating Committee
ch. Rev. Cutler
Lucille Pike
Betty Davenport

Hostesses for Feb. meeting
Kimball & Pilraos

March 1951

Call to order - dispense with reading
of collect, minutes & Treasurer's report

New business

Red Cross drive

Announce meeting of Cancer Soc.
Pictures & film

Guests

May Low Gahart & McChenters
Fiske - Am. Red Cross

Home Nursing on first aid

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for personal
work, though
anyone joining
the party will be
able to do
any work
they like.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Brewster,
I am sending you a copy of the
"Birds of Connecticut" for your
consideration.

Consequently, the collected specimens are now in the hands of the author and will be available for any use of the author or any other person who wishes to use them.

Henry Morris

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47th

Annual Convention

OF THE

Clinton County Federation of Women's Clubs

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OFFICERS

President — Mrs. Spencer Bartlett, Ovid-Duplain Library Club
Vice President — Mrs. Murl Stedman, Elsie Woman's Literary Club
Recording Secretary — Mrs. Arlo Stitchler, Victor Civic Club
Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Nina Wall, Victor Civic Club
Treasurer — Mrs. LeVere Harte, Bath Friday Afternoon Club

COMMITTEES

Program — Mrs. Murl Stedman, Elsie Woman's Literary Club
Mrs. Wade Olin, St. Johns Woman's Club
Mrs. Rayman Hamer, Ovid Crescent Club
Registration and Credentials — Mrs. Nina Wall, Victor Civic Club
Mrs. LeVere Harte, Bath Friday Afternoon Club
Mrs. George Brooks, St. Johns Woman's Club
Nominations — Mrs. Lewis Hillyer, Ovid-Duplain Library Club
Mrs. Fred Cochran, Bath Friday Afternoon Club
Election — Mrs. Donald Warren, Ovid Acme Society
Mrs. Maxwell Smith, St. Johns Woman's Club
Miss Mary Cole, Maple Rapids Sorosis Club
Tellers — Mrs. Ray Scott, Victor Civic Club
Mrs. Elsie Turner, Elsie Woman's Literary Club
Auditing — Mrs. John Spencer, Ovid-Duplain Library Club
Mrs. Alice Hewitt, DeWitt Civic Club
Time Keepers — Mrs. Bruce Elliott, Ovid Crescent Club
Mrs. L. A. Field, Ovid Acme Society
Courtesy — Mrs. Donald Kendall, Maple Rapids Sorosis Club
Mrs. Abbot Nelson, Bath Friday Afternoon Club
Greetings — Mrs. Blake Miller, DeWitt Civic Club
Response — Mrs. George Blayney, Elsie Woman's Literary Club
Publicity — Mrs. Dale Exelby, Ovid Acme Society
Corsages — Mrs. George Blayney, Mrs. Lawrence Hess, and
Mrs. Andrew Cobb, Elsie Woman's Literary Club

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1951

MUNICIPAL MEMORIAL BUILDING

DeWitt, Michigan

DEWITT CIVIC CLUB, HOSTESSES

MORNING SESSION

9:00 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. Call to Order by President — Mrs. Spencer Bartlett,
Ovid-Duplain Library Club

Invocation — Mrs. Edward Dull, Maple Rapids Sorosis Club

Pledge of Allegiance

Community Singing — Led by Mrs. Mae Goodrich,
Elsie Woman's Literary Club

Greetings — Mrs. Blake Miller, DeWitt Civic Club

Response — Mrs. George Blayne, Elsie Woman's Literary Club

Presentation of Past Presidents of Clinton County Federation of
Women's Clubs

Ovid Girls Trio — "Whispering" "Alice Blue Gown"
Betsy Squier, Gwen Maurer, Paula Underhill,
Accompanist, Miss Barbara Ackley, Ovid

Business Session

Roll Call of Clubs — Presidents Report of Outstanding
Achievement of the Year

Bath Friday Afternoon Club — Mrs. Fred Cochran

DeWitt Civic Club — Mrs. L. A. Davenport

Elsie Woman's Literary Club — Mrs. Murl Stedman

Ovid Acme Society — Mrs. Leta Parker

Ovid Crescent Club — Mrs. Beryl Elliott

Ovid-Duplain Library Club — Mrs. John Spencer

Victor Civic Club — Mrs. Ray Scott

Maple Rapids Sorosis Club — Mrs. Donald Kendall

St. Johns Woman's Club — Mrs. George Brooks

Greetings from West Central District

Art Appreciation — Mrs. Clyde Wilcox, St. Johns Woman's Club

Report of Committees on Nominations

Presidents Report — Mrs. Spencer Bartlett,
Ovid-Duplain Library Club

LUNCHEON 12 O'CLOCK

Community Church

Invocation — Mrs. Lewis Hillyer, Ovid-Duplain Library Club

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:15 p.m. — Call to Order

Invocation — Mrs. Ada Wood Tuma, DeWitt Civic Club

Readings — Mrs. Vernon Cutler, DeWitt Civic Club

Music — St. Johns Morning Musicaire

Address — "Button, Button, Who's Got the Button",
Charles E. Irvin, Lansing, Assistant Professor Speech
Michigan State College

Reports of Committees —

Financial — Mrs. LeVere Harte, Bath Friday Afternoon Club

Auditing — Mrs. John Spencer, Ovid-Duplain Library Club
Mrs. Alice Hewitt, DeWitt Civic Club

Courtesy — Mrs. Donald Kendall, Maple Rapids Sorosis Club
Mrs. Abbot Nelson, Bath Friday Afternoon Club

Election — Mrs. Donald Warren, Ovid Acme Society

Invitational —

Presentation of New Officers

Club Collect

Adjournment

President's Copy

CONSTITUTION AND

BY-LAWS

OF THE

DEWITT CIVIC CLUB

APPENDIX IV

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

The name of this association shall be "THE DEWITT CIVIC CLUB."

ARTICLE II

The object of this club shall be the intellectual culture and enrichment of our lives; and an active interest in the civic improvement of the Community.

ARTICLE III

Membership in this club shall be of two classes, active and honorary.

Section 1. Active members shall consider themselves in honor bound, as far as possible, to study the subjects under consideration by the club, and to perform literary or committee work assigned them.

Section 2. Honorary membership may be conferred upon any member who has actively participated in the work of the club and is no longer physically able to enjoy contributing to the program.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this club shall be a president, a first vice-president, a recording secretary, corresponding secretary and a treasurer. These officers shall constitute a Board of Directors.

Section 2. All officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting, and continue in office one year, or until the next subsequent annual meeting.

Section 3. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an election.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting shall be held the third Tuesday in April of each year.

Section 2. Regular meetings shall be held the third ~~Tuesday~~ of each month from September to June, (inclusive).

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the president, or by any three members. The call for the special meeting must state the business to be transacted and no business shall be transacted except that stated in the call.

ARTICLE VI

Quorum

Section 1. One third of the active membership of the club shall constitute a quorum at any regular or annual meeting, but at no time shall the lack of a quorum at a regular meeting prevent those present from proceeding with the program of the day.

Section 2. A majority of the membership of the club shall be necessary for a quorum at a special meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of all active members present, the proposed amendments having been submitted in writing, and read to the club at a regular meeting at least four weeks before being voted upon.

Section 2. Amendments may also be made at any annual meeting without previous notice by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Section 3. By-laws and standing rules may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any regular or annual meeting by a two-thirds vote.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. DUES

Section 1. The annual dues of active members shall be One Dollar (\$1.00).

Section 2. Members failing to pay dues before the annual meeting shall be notified by the secretary, and those not paying dues before the end of the club year shall forfeit all rights of membership and their names shall be taken from the membership roll.

ARTICLE II. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The regular term of office of all officers shall commence in September after the annual meeting at which they were elected.

Section 2. The Duties of officers shall be such as are implied by their respective titles, and such as are specified in these by-laws.

Section 3. The president shall appoint all standing committees and be ex officio a member of the same without the right to vote.

Section 4. The secretary shall present all applications for memberships, keep an accurate list of the club membership; receive all money due the club and pay the same to the treasurer, giving or taking a receipt for each sum transferred; notify delinquent members and on December first of each year take from the roll of members all whose dues have not been paid. She shall also conduct the necessary correspondence of the club.

ARTICLE II - cont'd.
Duties of Officers

Section 5. The treasurer shall pay bills when voted by the club, keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements and present a written report at the annual meeting.

Section 6. All officers upon retiring from office shall deliver to the president all money, accounts, record book, papers, or other property belonging to the club.

ARTICLE III. COMMITTEES ✓

Section 1. There shall be six standing committees, consisting of three members each: Program, Library, Legislative, Floral, Publicity and Membership.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Program Committee to plan the program for the entire year.

ARTICLE IV

The rules of Parliamentary Practice comprised in Parliamentary usage by Emma Fox shall govern the proceedings of this club, subject to the special rules which have been or may be adopted from time to time.