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Sunbeam Club Members Share Sewing Interest

The Sunbeam Sewing Club was organized on April 16 1914 at the home of Mrs. James E. Harrington with Virginia Harrington McCarty as president and Alma Ploense Jacobs as Secretary. Those who joined during the first year included Hazel Freed Becker, Elizabeth Wessels Knoll, Virgie Freed Wessels, Ruth Freed Seig, Louise Harrington Yeagle and Estella Ricketts Williamson Ziller.

The purpose of the club was to take instructions in sewing, which they did under the direction of Estella Ricketts until she married and left the community.

For a time the officers served for six months, but this was later changed to each group of officers serving one year.

The first programs were gotten out in 1916 when Louise Harrington Yeagle was president. Subjects relating to the various phases of home life were discussed.

It was the custom of the club members to give a linen shower and cook book to a member who announced her approaching marriage and if a member moved from the community she was given a silver thimble.

The members have tried to be helpful in their activities as well as enjoying each other's hospitality.

In the year after world war I the club contributed to the support of a French war orphan.

They gave a sum of money to the American Legion Home fund in 1920. Also at various times help has been given to The Dwight Hospital, Fairbury Hospital, Dominy Library, Normal Baby Fold and other worth while projects including packing Christmas dinner baskets for unfortunate families and giving to the Girls for Vanks

Dowell. Her Granddaughter, Claude McDowell, is seated on steps.



— Armstrong sisters. The picture is the property of Hester K. Ward of San Pedro, Calif.

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Charity Home Rebekah Lodge No. 112 was instituted in the I.O.O.F. Hall located upstairs in the building now occupied by the Farmer's National Bank.

Application for a charter had been signed by the following: Mrs. E. M. Phillips, Mrs. J. F. Moberly, Mr. S. E. Zimmerman, Mr. R. W. Streeper, Mr. J. F. Moberly, Mr. M. G. Sterling and Mr. John Munro.

Following the institution ceremonies the following petitioners were admitted: Bro. A. H. Mundt, Bro. H. F. Ramsey, Bro. T. A. McKenzie, Bro. T. S. O. McDowell, Bro. E. M. Phillips, Bro. L. J. Lough, Bro. J. W. Morris, Mrs. J. W. Morris, Bro. W. H. Karnes, Bro. A. B. Wharton.

The first officers of the lodge were:

N. G.—T. S. O. McDowell, V. G.—Sister J. H. Shover, Sec.—Sadie Karnes, Treas. Edna Ross (Anderson), R.S.N.G.—Mrs. J. F. Moberly, L.S.N.G.—Mrs. S. E. Zimmerman, conductress—Nettie Lough (Karnes), Warden-Rose McDowell, Inside Guardian—Mrs. J.

who gave."

The club has used various means to raise money: making quilts, quilting, ice cream socials, bake sales and lately silent and oral auctions. One of the highlights of our social activity being the annual family party which we enjoy usually in January or February.

There are seven of our members who have gone to receive the reward everlasting and each memorial day their resting place is visited and a plant placed there in their memory.

They are Miss Irene Worrick, Mrs. Hazel McHatton, Mrs. Elizabeth Knoll, Mrs. Anna Dringenberg, Miss Louise Troehler, Mrs. Fern Schlicker and Mrs. Irene Bentley.

None of the original members still belong to the club but there are five who have since almost the beginning they are Grace Vance, Ethel Fetzer, Evelyn Wessels, Gladys Hacker Wessels and Esther Barnes.

Bertha Bodley and Edna Metz have been members of the club since 1920.

The officers at this time are Pres. LaVerne Tyler, Vice-Pres. Pearl Thompson, Sec. Marie Fent, and Treasurer, Edna Metz.

We meet the second Wednesday in the month and always look forward to Sunbeam day. After roll call and the regular business meeting a committee provides entertainment. Then a delicious lunch is served by the hostesses and a very pleasant time is enjoyed by all.

The Sunbeam Sewing Club. 1929-1930

President - Laura Jewell

Vice President - Avis McElfresh

Secretary - Gladys Freed Wessels

Treasurer - Minnie Freed.

Musical Director - Gladys Becker Wessels

Club Reporter - Gertrude Jewell.

June - 1929.

The Sunbeam Club met at the home of Mrs. Fern Schlicher Wednesday afternoon June 12th, with Mrs. Bertha Bodley and Miss Dorothy Miller assisting.

"Seventeen members responded to Roll Call -
Where I Would Like To or Have Spent a Honeymoon.
One guest was present.

A motion was made and seconded that we change the age limit from 18 to 30, to 18 to 40, and that there be only 36 members. Motion was carried.

Three names were brought up to be voted on at the next meeting, Mayme Metz, Cthel Wessels, and Mona Fitzgerald.

The hospital committee reported that they went to see Mr. Voris about what the hospital needed yet.

and he said he would let them know when he found out what the hospital really needed yet.

A motion was made and seconded that we have a picnic on Sunday, June 23rd at Clarence Wessel's timber. Motion was carried. Everyone to bring well-filled baskets, lemonade, and table service.

The President appointed Avis McElfresh, Gladys F. Weeks, Grace Vance, Edna Metz and Bertha Bodley on the entertainment committee. Gertrude Jewell and Mary Abts helped instead of Bertha Bodley and Grace Vance.

Twenty-six cents was collected for the flower fund.

After a dainty luncheon, the Club adjourned to meet at the home of Misses Laura and Gertrude Jewell on Wednesday afternoon July 10th with Mrs. Tozel Jewell presiding.

Laura Jewell - President
Gladys F. Weeks - Secretary.

The Sunbeam Club held its annual picnic at Clarence Wessel's timber Sunday June 23rd. Picnic dinner was served to about sixty members and guests.

The afternoon was spent in contests and the men had a real ball game.

The suitcase race caused the greatest excitement of the afternoon in the contests. Herman Abts and Clio Martin were the winners. Van Egan speaks

won the peanut race for the children. Elsie Martin won the clipper kicking contest and Minnie Freed and Estrena Range each won a prize in the sack race. Phoebe Sparks won the pop drinking contest for the women. Lester Freed ~~and~~ won the pop drinking contest for the men and Roland McElfresh the sack race.

Everyone went home saying they had the best time at the picnic that they had had in a long time.

Laura Jewell - President.

Gladys F. Wessels - Secretary.

The Sunbeam Club met at the home of Misses Laura and Gertrude Jewell Wednesday afternoon July 10th with Mrs. Hazel Jewell assisting.

Twenty-five members answered Roll Call, "Signers of the Declaration of Independence." Three guests were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and stood approved as read.

A bill for 25¢ was presented by Laura Jewell, one for 50¢ for prizes at the picnic were presented by Lois McElfresh and a bill for \$1.37 for the third part in serving at the April meeting was presented by Florence Gentry. A motion was made and seconded that these bills be paid. Motion was carried.

The following names were voted on, Mayme Metz,

Ethel Wessels and Minnie Fitzgerald. Votes were favorable, so these girls may become members of the Club when they pay their dues.

Margaret Ellis' name was put up to be voted on when there is a vacancy in the Club.

It was mentioned that Clara Markings', an old member, little boy who had infantile paralysis several years ago was in a hospital and would be for six more weeks. A motion was made and seconded that we send a card to Clara and a present to the little boy.

A paper "Boston Tea Party" was read by Blanche Funkhouser.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in games and "cotie bunco."

After a dainty luncheon, the Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Avia McElfresh Wednesday afternoon August 21st with Mrs. Minnie Freed and Miss Evelyn Wessels secretary.

Laura Jewell - President
Evelyn Wessels - Secretary.

The Sunbeam Club met at the home of Mrs. Avis McElpeck, Wednesday afternoon, August 21st, with Mrs. Minnie Freed and Miss Evelyn Wessels assisting.

Fifteen members responded to Roll Call - "Recipes for Frozen Desert or Iced Drink." Three guests were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and stood approved as read.

The Chairman of the hospital committee reported that the Club could apply their twenty-five dollars on a stretcher for the hospital which would cost sixty-five dollars all together. A roll call vote was taken ~~to decide~~ ^{and it was decided} whether we apply our \$25 on the stretcher or wait and see what we could buy later. The vote was in favor of waiting.

At this time Margaret Ellis' name was voted on and votes being favorable she may become a member of this Club when her dues are paid.

Thirty-cents was collected for the flower fund.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in contests and "cootie hunts." Dorothy Miller, Hazel Becker and Bertha Bobbey were the winners.

Maryne Metz paid her dues, some have another new member.

After a two-course luncheon, the Club adjourned to meet at the home of Miss Blanche Funkhouser,

Wednesday afternoon, September 18th with Miss Mary Evelyn Wessels and Mrs. Gladys T. Wessels assisting.
 Ann McElroy - Vice President
 Gladys T. Wessels - Secretary

The Sunbeam Club met at the home of Miss Black, Fullhouse Wednesday afternoon, September 18th, with Miss Mary E. Wessels and Mrs. Gladys T. Wessels assisting.

Roll Call "Nursery Rhymes" was answered by seventeen members, two failing to answer. Three guests were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and stood approved as read.

The chairman of the hospital committee reported that the hospital had purchased a table, cabinet, and stand for the nursery, with the twenty-five dollars donated by the Club. The treasurer was to pay for the articles as soon as possible.

The treasurer reported that there was about \$14.85 in the bank on checking account.

Thirty cents was collected for the flower fund.

We had a round table discussion on the subject, "School Luncheon".

Several of the members were dressed to represent children as this was agreed to be a hit party. Each member was requested to tell some childhood incidents. Evelyn Wessels and Paul Cuddeback received prizes.

for telling the best incident. Gladys F. Wessels received the prize for finding the most hearts in the candy heart hunting contest. Minnie Reed won the prize in "cootie bunco."

After a two-course luncheon, the Club adjourned to meet at the home of Miss Bertha Downs Wednesday afternoon October 9th, at one o'clock with Miss Edith Downs and Mrs. Mayme Metz assisting.

Lura Jewell - President
Gladys F. Wessels - Secretary

The Sanderson Club met at the home of Miss Bertha Downs Wednesday afternoon October 9th with Miss Edith Downs and Mrs. Mayme Metz assisting.

Roll call - "Halloween Trunk" was answered by twenty-one members. One guest was present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and stood approved as read. A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Metz.

There was a discussion as to whether we would charge more for the use of the Club trays, and also just really what people had been paying for the use of the trays. A motion was made and seconded that we keep the price of 25¢ as it has been. Motion was carried.

We decided to have a wiener roast and then decided not to as we couldn't find any place to have it and also corn husking would soon start.

Ethel Fetzer and Gladys H. Wessels had charge of the entertainment. Gladys F. Wessels won the Contest - "Intelligence Test" also first prize in euchre and Anna Brown, consolation.

After a two course luncheon, the Club adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Clara Wessels Wednesday afternoon, November 13th with Mrs. Phile S. Spake and Mrs. Dorothy Schlicker assisting.

Laura Jewell - President
Gladys F. Wessels - Secretary.

The Sunbeam Club met at the home of Mrs. Clara Wessels Wednesday afternoon, November 13th, with Mrs. Phile S. Spake and Mrs. Dorothy Schlicker assisting. Twenty members answered Roll Call. "What You Are Thankful For." One guest was present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and stood approved as read.

A motion was made and seconded that the Club send candy and cookies to the Baby Fold at Normal and give two Christmas baskets to the poor. Motion was carried.

A committee of three, Grace Vence, Phile S. Spake and Mayne Metz were appointed to see about filling the Christmas baskets and whom to send them to.

A rather lengthy discussion followed on how to make money. A motion was made and seconded that we buy jello and sell it among the members or to any one.

else who would care to buy. Motion was carried.
The President appointed Viola Freed to look after the
jello.

Hazel Vance and Florence Gentry paid 25¢ each
for the use of the Club traps. Ethel Fetzer and
Gladys H. Wessels paid a fine of ten cents each for
not having their paper at the last meeting.

Thirty-four cents was collected for the flower fund.

Bertha Downs and Vergie Wessels had charge of
the entertainment. Gladys F. Wessels won first
prize in the Thanksgiving contest and Viola Husman
won consolation. Gladys F. Wessels won first prize in
costume bureau "and Bertha Bosley won consolation.

After a two-course luncheon, the Club adjourned to
meet at the home of Miss Ethel Fetzer Wednesday
afternoon, December 11th with Mrs. Grace Vance and
Mrs. Viola Freed assisting.

Lewis Jewell - President
Gladys F. Wessels - Secretary

The Sunshine Club met at the home of Miss
Ethel Fetzer Wednesday afternoon, December 18th
with Mrs. Grace Vance and Mrs. Viola Freed assisting.

Fourteen members answered Roll Call - "useful gift
we can make."

There was no reading of the minutes as the secretary
was absent. There were no bills. Dorothy Miller

remembered the girls by sending a Christmas card.

A motion was made and seconded that the Club send Christmas baskets to Mrs. Ter and Mrs. Rensis. Motion was carried.

A motion was made and seconded that we withdraw the amount to be spent on basket (\$10.00). Motion was carried. The amount decided on being \$7.00 (\$2.50) to for Mrs. Ter, and (\$4.50) for the Rensis family.

A motion made and seconded that we leave the magazines for the hospital go until the January meeting. Motion was carried.

Agnes Brown was voted upon and may become a member of the Club when she pays her dues.

A motion was made and seconded that we have our banquet on Wednesday evening January 29th. Motion was carried.

A very interesting story about Christmas was read by Hazel Becker.

The afternoon was spent in ~~game~~ contests, winners being Moyne Metz and Virgie Wessels. The annual gift bag was also sold.

After a hearty luncheon, the Club adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Gladys R. Wessels on Wednesday January 5th with Mrs. Clara Fox recording.

Laura Jewell. President

Blanche Funkhouser. Sec. pro tem

P.S. Twenty three cents was collected for the flower fund.