

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

V. I. A. Card Party Successful

Last Friday night the Goetschius homestead on Central Avenue was the scene of the card party given under the auspices of the V. I. A., or Woman's Club. Practically all the rooms on the first floor were occupied by the guests and they soon scattered into groups at the several tables. Some to play bridge, and others five hundred. Dr. H. R. Parvin was the announcer de luxe, and he gave orders and instructions all evening. After playing for upwards of two hours tally cards were collected and later prize winners announced.

A fine piece of tapestry was disposed of by many trying to guess the lucky number. Mr. Wittington was the favored one and he was proud of his success. Later a cake was disposed of in the same manner, and Jack Gibbons won it, but he could not get it out of the house.

The rooms were gaily decorated and everybody seemed to have a good time, judging by the late hour at which departure was made.

The financial results were gratifying also.

Ramsey Journal,
February 16, 19—

V. I. A. Notes

The committee on parks and natural beauty desire to make the following report:

We have had the circles at the depot and at Church and Central Avenue weeded and the boxes at the station refilled with flowers.

We were instructed to purchase a tree in memory of Mr. E. F. Carpenter and having talked with Mrs. Carpenter she offered a tree that was on her place that Mr. Carpenter thought so much of and we accepted same. An order was then given to DeBaun's Nursery to remove the tree to the park at the expense of the V. I. A. The expense of planting by Mr. DeBaun was \$37.00.

One-half dozen flowers were stolen from the window boxes.

The next regular meeting of the V. I. A., will be held at the Owena Club on June 25th. The meeting will be in charge of Mrs. George Witt and will take the form of an informal debate. The question is:

Resolved: When the town builds a new school building, where shall it be located?

All members will be welcomed in the discussion as it is a question which concerns every citizen and the V. I. A. hopes to arouse public interest.

All members are urged to bring guests and join in the discussion.

The bus will leave Parvin's Drug Store at 2:30 P. M.

Ramsey Journal,
June 21, 19—

Fine Arts Program Finely Presented

Ten Numbers of a Schubert Presentation Were Given

The Next Meeting of Committee Will Be Held on Friday, November Sixteenth

Last Friday the Fine Arts Committee, at the home of Mrs. H. R. Parvin, presented an excellent Schubert program, arranged by Mrs. Siegart and her committee. The life of Schubert was read by Mrs. Giorloff, and she also gave a synopsis of each number as presented.

The committee was very fortunate in having Miss Kaiser of Ohio, a sister of Mrs. Siegart. Miss Kaiser is a brilliant pianist, and her rendering added greatly to the success of the program.

The program was as follows:

1. Life of Composer, Mrs. Giorloff.
2. Three Solos, Mrs. Siegart.
 - a. "Margaret at the Spinning Wheel"
 - b. "To be Sung on the Water"
 - c. "The Wanderer"
3. Duot, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Bennett.
4. Solo, Mrs. Giorloff.
"Hark, Hark, the Lark"
5. Solo, Mrs. Plympton.
"Who is Sylvia?"
6. Selections for Two Pianos, Miss Kaiser and Miss Titcomb
"Nuffialalund Symphony"
7. Three Solos, Mrs. Siegart.
 - a. "Linden Tree"
 - b. "The Inn"
 - c. "The Erikling"
8. Two Piano Solos, Miss Titcomb
"Impromptu in B Flat"
"Movement Musicale"
9. Solo, Mrs. Plympton.
"Ava Maria"
10. Selections for Two Pianos, Miss Kaiser and Miss Titcomb
"Marche Militaire"

The Fine Arts Committee meets the third Friday of each month at the home of Mrs. H. R. Parvin. The members of the V. I. A. and their friends are invited to come out and enjoy the efforts of the committee. The next meeting will be on Friday, November 16. Mark this on your calendar.

VILLAGE IMP. ASS'N BEING REORGANIZED

Was Started September 12, 1907, When Nineteen Members Were Enrolled. Active Campaign Being Planned.

It may interest the people of our borough to know that the Village Improvement Association is being reorganized. The organization was first organized September 12, 1907.

The first meeting was held in the Journal building in the office of Kaiser & Zisgen, when nineteen members were enrolled. At the second meeting twenty-four additional members were enrolled.

The purpose of the organization was to improve conditions and make Ramsey a better place in which to live. The first step in public improvement was to advocate and bring about better conditions at the railroad station. The present Shade Tree Commission developed from an attempt by this organization to save a large shade tree near the station. Magazines and farm papers were placed in the railroad station for the benefit of the public.

An effort was made to arouse in the people a desire for cleaner and more attractive streets. Through the kindness of Mrs. E. F. Carpenter a receptacle was placed at the railroad station for waste papers.

Ramsey not yet being a borough, a committee was appointed to confer with the Township Committee for the purpose of advocating some improvement on Main street in front of the Journal building. Main street at this time resembled the Main street of any western town as seen in the movies.

The first Executive Board was composed of the following:

Mrs. Adelaide F. Cahoon, Mrs. John Y. Dater, Mrs. Charles P. De Yoe, Mrs. Anna D. Nauright, Mrs. Ferd Rufner, Mrs. John Wall, Mrs. John W. Zisgen, Mrs. E. E. Carpenter, Mrs. J. Frank De Baun, Mrs. John B. Finch, Mrs. Charles R. Rhoades, Mrs. John Ruge, Mrs. Jonah Winter.

A brief summary of the further achievement of this association will be published next week.

A card party will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clarke on Thursday evening, April 15, for the purpose of raising funds necessary to continue the work of this association.

A meeting for the election of officers will be held in the Directors' room of the First National Bank & Trust Co., on Monday afternoon, April 26.

Ramsey Journal,
April 1, 1926

Ramsey Womans' Club Joins the State Federation

The Federation Goes on Record on Railroad Tax Diversion

Mrs. Hubbard Reported That New Jersey Has Largest Shelf of Books in Library

The regular January meeting of the Board of Trustees, which was postponed from the second Friday because of the attendance of the President, Mrs. Louis V. Hubbard, at the mid-winter Council meeting of the General Federation in Washington, D. C., was held on Wednesday, January 18th.

Mrs. Hubbard reported that New Jersey has the longest shelf of books in the Headquarters library. These books are occasionally loaned for use in the work of departments. Mrs. Chauncey Marsh as chairman of Literature, promises many additional books by the end of the year.

The date of the Biennial Convention has been changed to May 23 to June 3. Mrs. Leonard H. Robbins, chairman of Legislation, announced the Luncheon of that Department at the Stacy-Trent Hotel on February 13th, at one o'clock. Tickets are \$1.75.

Upon recommendation of Mrs. Thomas Plockhart, chairman of Fine Arts, the following motion was passed: That the name of the Penny Art Fund be changed to the Nellie Wright Allen Art Fund. In token of the Board's appreciation of unselfish and unstinted service.

Also the motion that any club or individual winning in a contest, for two consecutive years shall be eligible for honorable mention in the same division the succeeding year.

In her report as president, Mrs. Hubbard announced that she had accepted an invitation received before the holidays, to serve on the Board of the New Jersey Audubon Society. There is to be a campaign to extend the membership of the society and to secure a more widespread interest in the protection of the wild bird and animal life of the State. Mrs. Hubbard is chairman of the Woman's Division, and serving on the special committee are Dr. Van Dyke of Princeton and John Cotton Dana of the Newark Museum. Mrs. Chauncey Marsh called attention to the Dramatic Contest to be held four days the week of April 22nd at the Club House in Glen Ridge. The winning play will be shown at the convention at Atlantic City. The rules of the contest are in the Federation Year Book. All surplus money from

the admission fees will be divided between the competing clubs, with a special bonus to the club going to Atlantic City to help defray expenses.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Marsh the Board voted to endorse the Aims and Ideals of the Church and Drama Association, as at present outlined by that organization.

Mrs. Edward Lateman, Chairman of Music, announced the Chorus Contest for April 14th, the place as yet undecided. Distinctly Choral Clubs are in a separate class by themselves. The choruses that are departments of general clubs are classified according to size. The Song Sheet is nearing completion.

Following the report of Mrs. William Hamilton Osborne, chairman of Education, the Board reaffirmed its stand in regard to working papers being issued on the completion of the fifth grade.

Also a motion to reaffirm a stand taken one year ago, "That they endorse the stand of the Governor that the amount of money returned to the school districts be no further diminished, and suggest that the Railroad Tax be appropriated for Educational purposes only."

Also the following motion: The Board affirms its belief in a New Jersey State University supported by a direct State Tax.

To show its continued interest in the New Jersey State College for Women the Board passed the following motion: "That the College Committee, Chairman, Mrs. J. Frederic Wherry, be instructed to prepare an article for the press as to the progress on the Music Studio Building with such details as are available as to the Dedication, and the plan that the Board and a large body of Club women attend the same, in this article accenting the continued interest of the Board in the College."

The Junior Conference at Riverton on January 7th, with Margaret Slatery as speaker, was reported by Mrs. Myron W. Robinson, chairman of Junior Membership, as a tremendous success. The general Federation Chairman of Junior Membership, Mrs. H. M. Robins, and Mrs. Horace Healey, the newly appointed New York State Chairman of Juniors, were among the guests of honor.

The New Jersey Juniors have started a Junior shelf in the General Federation Headquarters at Washington, by each club sending one book.

New Junior Clubs are the Camden Sub-Junior, Dover Civic Association, Hadden Heights Club, Boonton Civic Association, Wildwood Girls Civic Club and Red Bank Girls Evening Club.

It was moved that two Fall Confer-

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ences be held, time and place to be decided by the Board. This would arrange for one in the northern and one in the southern part of the state, with identical programs and speakers, but of course on different dates.

Mrs. H. C. Wooster, in charge of the Speakers' Bureau, reports it in a flourishing condition. Large clubs and small ones are all making use of the Bureau. The chairman suggests the wisdom of sending in the names, addresses and other details of information about speakers that are especially fine, and have appeared before some club. The list of speakers available for next year can be built up in this way, together with information about those listed.

The Woman's Club of Ramsey was received as a new club.

The following resolution submitted by the Chairman of International Relations was adopted by the Board:

Whereas, Arbitration as a substitute for war has always been the policy of this country and has on innumerable occasions demonstrated its capacity to adjust conflicting claims of the utmost importance;

Whereas, the State Department of the United States is now engaged in negotiating a treaty with France that may further cement the friendship between the two nations;

We, the undersigned citizens of the State of New Jersey, believing that we are voicing the sentiments of a representative majority of our State, do strongly urge upon you as our representative to use your influence to support and vote for any effective resolutions in Congress or treaties with France or other nations, should these resolutions or treaties clearly provide for the arbitration of disputes in such a manner as to consist of a real forward step in the use of arbitration as the means to prevent war.

Successful Year For the V. I. A.

Many Community Projects Carried to Conclusion

The Association Joined the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs

During the year 1927-28 the Village Improvement Association broadened its scope greatly. This is due in part to the increase in membership from fifty to seventy-one members, partly to better attendance at meetings, to the splendid work of the program committee, not to mention the earnest effort of the officers.

The activities of the organization were numerous and varied and included among them social, civic, musical and philanthropic. It is impossible to list all, so we must content ourselves with the most outstanding. Great credit must be given to the splendid flower show sponsored by the V. I. A.; also the gift of a community Christmas tree, shrubbery and window boxes at the Station Plaza.

The social functions were important, for, while bringing together numbers of people, usually as well augmented the funds of the treasury. Special mention here may be given to a covered dish luncheon, the Christmas party, and numerous enjoyable card parties.

The club responded promptly to the Red Cross roll call, contributed liberally to the Mississippi Relief Fund, to the Ramsey Library, and subscribed for a periodical for use in the High School. Also the V. I. A. gave the customary scholarship prize to the High School Senior for an excellent scholastic record.

One of the high spots of the year took place at the January meeting when it was unanimously voted to join the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs.

In closing, we must not overlook the irreparable loss to the Club of our honorary member, Mr. E. F. Carpenter, and the untimely death of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Chas. Finch.

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V.I.A. Observes 25th Birthday With Program

Founded Quarter-Century Ago
on Sept. 12th With Thirty-
three Charter Members

The Village Improvement Association held an anniversary party in the lower floor of the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, September 12. The card party was in commemoration of the founding of the V. I. A. just twenty-five years ago that day. The Junior V. I. A., and Junior Woman's Club were the invited guests of the older organization.

Mrs. George C. Witt, president of the senior club, welcomed the assembled members and guests and gave a short talk on the salient facts in the history of the association. There were thirty-three charter members whose names were read by Mrs. Witt, and a few were present to witness the observation of the anniversary. A summary of the first year's work was read and the many worthwhile things accomplished by the society was listened to with great pleasure and interest by all.

Mrs. George W. Winans, general chairman of the party, then took charge of the program. She thanked Mrs. J. G. Chenoweth, chairman of the invitation committee, for her work in getting out the attractive silver and white invitations. Mrs. S. G. Wilson, chairman of the decoration committee, was praised by all for the artistic way in which the room was decorated. Japanese lanterns covered the lights while the rest of the room was rendered exceptionally lovely by a profusion of flowers from the Garden Club's flower show.

Mrs. Thomas DeMartini, accompanied at the piano by Miss Clara Van Gelder, sang two songs "Will the Sands of the Desert Grow Cold" and "Roses of Picardy." The audience applauded so enthusiastically that Mrs. DeMartini said she would sing a favorite of the year 1906 "Love Me and the World Is Mine."

Mrs. R. Schmelzer selected some poems from Litley and Field to read. These poets, greatly beloved twenty-five years ago, still give much pleasure, and the readings were greatly enjoyed by all. A little sketch, given by Mrs. Schmelzer as an encore, "The Bride at the Market" was received with gales of laughter by an appreciative audience.

Miss Elizabeth Springsteel then favored with two piano solos, Liszt's "Lieberstraum" and "Hungarian Dance No. 7" by Brahms.

The community singing which followed was enthusiastically joined in by all, and many old favorites were sung. Mrs. Henry L. Bennett accompanied at the piano.

Mrs. Joseph D. Ezechel, chairman of the games committee, then announced that "charades" would be played. The audience was divided into groups of eight and given a few minutes to choose a word and plan their action. Each group then acted its word, much to the merriment of the others. Mrs. Schmelzer's group won prizes for the best thought word. The prizes consisted of a lollipop for each of the group.

Mrs. William T. Farquhar, chairman of the refreshment committee, then took charge and delicious refreshments, carrying out the green and white color emblem of the association, were served by the members of the Junior V. I. A.

25 Years of the V.I.A. in Ramsey

Twenty-five years ago, on September 12th, a group of ladies of our village formed an organization, which they named the Village Improvement Association. The association grew rapidly and its membership list was practically a roll call of the women of our village who were active in the town's life and who labored for village improvements.

The Association was successful from its inception and it was through the efforts put forth by the members that many improvements were brought about. Among these was the Public Library, now grown to be a regular town institution and indispensable. The late E. F. Carpenter was interested in the association and presented to it the ground known as Bonnyview Park, on which our town's monument to the World War Veterans, who lost their lives, stands.

Last spring the name of the association was discontinued and a portion of the present membership voted to change the name to The Woman's Club of Ramsey, and the change of name leaves the old V. I. A. just a memory. Appropo of this, a charter member of the V. I. A. sends us the following very appropriate verse:

We bid farewell to the V. I. A.
And greet the Woman's Club today,
That marches forth with torch flame
To glorify the modern name
With vision clear.

O carry on to greater heights!
Broader fields are your rights.
May courage last and hopes survive,
May your years reach twenty-five
With memories dear.

—A Charter Member.

Ramsey Journal,
September 15, 1932

Woman's Club Opened Its Fall Season With Speaker

The Woman's Club of Ramsey opened its fall season Monday, September 26, at Legion Hall. A large gathering was on hand to hear the president, Mrs. George Witt, make a welcoming speech.

The hymn, "America, the Beautiful" was sung in unison and then, after the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read, the various chairmen were heard from.

Mrs. William Farquhar, federation secretary, announced that the annual conference of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs will take place on Thursday, October 20, at Asbury Park, and luncheon reservations will be made by Mrs. Farquhar. Anyone wishing to attend, please call Mrs. Farquhar as early as possible so that arrangements for transportation and luncheon can be completed.

The publicity chairman, Mrs. O. S. Rhoades, announced a meeting of members of the Red Cross at Mrs. Smeltzer's home on Thursday evening, September 29. It was urgently requested that as many as possible attend.

Mrs. John Nicholas announced that the members of the Junior Woman's Club were to meet this week and will plan a food sale.

Mrs. Grant Whittington announced that the members of the Junior Woman's Club were having their first meeting very soon and are enthusiastic about the play which they are working on.

The speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. George F. Hall, state chairman of the Home Department was then introduced

by Mrs. Witt. Her topic was "Homes." She said there are thirty million homes in our country—that prosperity took us away from them but the depression is bringing the American family back home. As one writer put it—there are "hearth times—not hard times." A few of the topics touched upon in her talk were: Safety in homes, temperature, children and money, interior decoration, food, clothing, mental development. At this point she urged that the family talk should be upon topics of the day—something to stimulate the mentality of all the members of the group. Especially at the table the talk should include the younger children and perhaps proceed from some topic which they are studying in school. She recommended "Larry", a new book that is a wonderful source of inspiration.

She also brought out the fact that hobbies are very material helps to happiness and named several which other women had cultivated.

Parent education is another branch of the home department that is growing rapidly, as well as mothercraft and character building.

She closed her talk with some appropriate poems and sayings. A home is human relationship. It is a spirit, an attitude, a constructive force at work. If you want to save the world, don't take to the pulpit—go home. If you want to reform society, don't mount the soap-box—go home. Dr. Frank Crane says "No movement will move unless it starts in the home."

Refreshments were then served by Mrs. Charles Hillis and Mrs. Robert Rordan, and a social hour enjoyed.

Home Dept. Heard Talk on Clothes

Miss Grace Koster, Home Demonstration Agent, Told of New Clothes for Old

The Home Department of the Woman's Club met on Monday afternoon, November 21, at the home of Mrs. William Green. About twenty women were present to hear Miss Grace Koster speak on how to make old clothes into new. She stressed the fact that when buying a dress that would have to do for more than one season, it was well to buy one of good quality and not too extreme in style. A plain dress in a becoming shade that can be changed by adding small accessories is a sensible thing to buy. Neat clothes, well pressed and trim looking, are more essential than up-to-the-minute styles. Miss Koster then exhibited inexpensive Christmas gifts that may be made at home. They were most attractive and many worth while ideas were gained by those present. Patterns for any of the aprons may be obtained from Miss Koster upon request to Mrs. Chemoweth.

Tea and cakes were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Edward Rlday and Mrs. O. S. Rhoades.

On Monday afternoon, November 28, the regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held at Legion Hall at 2:30 P. M. The speaker of the afternoon will be Miss Hannah M. Creasey, a former professor of psychiatry at Columbia University.

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Mrs. G. Winans Addressed Club

Spoke On "Mode and Tense,
Past and Present," at Ram-
sey Woman's Club

Mrs. George W. Winans was guest speaker of the Ramsey Woman's Club on Wednesday afternoon last. Her topic was "Mode and tense, past and present." At the close of the meeting members enjoyed some old and treasured books and Mrs. Ellen Baker spoke briefly.

The Sixth District literary forum will be held at the Paterson Woman's Club all day on Friday, March 19. The club voted \$25 to the Red Cross War fund drive in March.

Mrs. Otto Cishek and Mrs. Frank DeBaun made sandwiches for boys in the near-by camp this month. One dollar was voted to the Penny Art fund; one dollar to the Meta Thorn Waters scholarship fund for girls at the New Jersey State college; and two dollars to the Vineland Research Foundation.

The Woman's Club will sponsor the China Relief drive for 1943 in the early fall. Mrs. James Conklin is chairman.

Mrs. Norma Bingham of the Newark Evening News will speak of "Easter Customs in Iceland" at the March meeting.

Ramsey Journal,
March 4, 1943

Mrs. J. A. Conklin Reelected Head of Woman's Club

Returned to Office at Annual
Luncheon Meeting Held on
Wednesday Afternoon

Mrs. James A. Conklin was elected president of the Woman's Club of Ramsey at the annual luncheon meeting of the organization held at the Church of the Redeemer on Wednesday afternoon. Other officers elected for the ensuing year were Mrs. Theodore Johanson, first vice-president; Mrs. Robert Jackson, second vice-president; Mrs. William Yeager, recording secretary; Mrs. J. Everett Puls, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Frank Schultz, treasurer; Mrs. Wesley D. Tisdale, Federation secretary; and Mrs. John W. Ziegen, trustee.

Thirty-one members and one guest were present and a box luncheon enjoyed with delicious dessert and coffee served by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Church.

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs will hold its annual convention at Hotel Commodore, New York City, May 19-20-21.

Mrs. James Conklin will be the club's delegate. Mrs. John D. Kappeler and E. attend as delegate; Mr. George C. Will and Mrs. Alfred Webersinn as alternates.

The May meeting will feature the Ramapo Chorus under the direction of Mrs. John D. Kappeler, chairman of music. The Misses Adah, Fulton and Marzetta Fuchs will render piano solos.

During the luncheon yesterday Miss Adelaide Finch entertained with three vocal selections.

Ramsey Journal,
April 24, 1943

Woman's Clubs in Annual Session on Last Weekend

Mahwah and Ramsey Delegates
Attended Sessions at Hotel
Commodore, New York

The keynote of the Forty-ninth annual convention of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, May 19, 20 and 21, was: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom and with all thy getting get understanding."

The delegates from the Woman's Club of Mahwah were: Mrs. Edgar Wells, president; Mrs. Charles Haltenbeck, vice-president; Mrs. Lawson Brown, program chairman; Mrs. Leslie Bounds, International Relations chairman. The Mahwah Club was represented on the State Board by Mrs. Franklin Russell, chairman of International Relations and Mrs. Ogden B. Hewitt, assistant to the chairman of the Federation on War service committee.

The Ramsey Woman's Club was represented by Mrs. James A. Conklin, president; Mrs. Wesley D. Tisdale, Mrs. Mabel Miller, Mrs. John W. Matzger, Mrs. Alfred Webersinn, Mrs. George Will, Mrs. George W. Winans, and Mrs. John A. DeBaun. Mrs. Winans' literature forum had one of the largest attendance of any of the forums at the convention.

Mrs. John DeBaun assisted in the art exhibit. She is Sixth district art chairman. The Ramsey Club took three prizes at the convention, one of which was a prize in the art exhibit awarded to Mrs. Edgar A. DeYoe.

The outstanding speakers of the convention were: Dr. Barclay Acheson, "The World Nascent"; Mrs. August Belmont, "International and American Red Cross"; Madam Wai-tung New Hsia, "American and China"; Edmund Stevens, "From Moscow to the Desert"; Dr. Howard E. Kershner, I. H. D., "Feeding the Children of Europe Without Aiding the Enemy."

Following Dr. Kershner's address a resolution was passed by the convention urging all members to give their fullest support to the Ball resolution, now pending in the United States Senate.

The clubs urge all citizens to support the resolution by writing to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of War. Also to your representatives in Congress, viz: Senators W. Warren Barbour and Albert W. Hawkes and to Congressman J. Parnell Thomas. Address the Senators, Senate Office Building and the Representative, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Ramsey Journal,
May 27, 1943

Mrs. H. Bush to Speak At Woman's Club

On Wednesday, September 24, Mrs. Harriet W. Bush will speak before the Ramsey Woman's Club in the interest of the campaign to raise subscriptions for the continued maintenance of the Old Ladies' Home of Bergen County, which is located in Hackensack. The meeting will be in the Municipal building at 3 P. M.

Mrs. Bush is matron of the home, and has an interesting, appealing story to tell about the way a handful of public-spirited, sympathetic women started from scratch in 1896 and have built a monument that is a credit to Bergen County and that has given happiness and sanctuary to hundreds of lonely lives.

Let this town join other towns in the county and get behind this campaign for such a noble and worthy cause.

Ramsey Journal,
September 18, 1947

Ramsey Woman's Club Plans First Session

Luncheon at the Swiss Chalet (Route 17 at the Ramsey Circle) and a hat fashion show are just two of the interesting features of the season's first meeting of the Ramsey Woman's Club. The time will be 12:30 on Wednesday, September 22.

Jean Anderson of Paterson and Madame Louise of New York, Paris and Vienna, will officiate at the hat show assisted by these club members who will model the hats: Mrs. Ray Hesler, Mrs. Robert Schwahl, Mrs. Julia Nicholas and Mrs. Benjamin Bowering.

Adele Hunt, one of Paterson's leading woman commentators, on station WPAT, will speak after the brief business meeting.

Members and their guests and anyone interested in the Woman's Club will be welcomed at the luncheon. Please call Mrs. Benjamin Bowering or Mrs. Robert Schwahl for reservations.

Ramsey Journal,
September 16, 1948

Ramsey Woman's Club Plans Benefit Bridge

The Woman's Club of Ramsey will hold a benefit bridge and musical Thursday, February 5, at 1 o'clock in the Municipal building.

The proceeds will be used jointly by the welfare department of the club for its welfare work and for the Student's Center building at the New Jersey College for Women at New Brunswick.

The affair will be in three parts: the musical at which Gladys Bowering, well known soprano soloist, will be heard in several numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Jackson; tea will then be served, after which the group will join in the bridge party.

Mrs. Mabel Miller, chairman of the Welfare department, is in charge of the affair, and assisting her are Mrs. H. Bennett, Mrs. B. Bowering, Mrs. J. Cox, Mrs. R. Jackson, Mrs. W. Lann, Mrs. M. Pascall, Mrs. L. Littman, Mrs. Julia Nicholas, Mrs. J. Metzger, Mrs. K. Post and Mrs. E. Pullis.

Ramsey Journal,
January 28, 1948

Woman's Club Gives Funds To Worthy Causes

Speakers and Musician
Feature Meeting of
Ramsey Organization

Mrs. Vernon L. Hawes, president, conducted the regular meeting of the Women's Club on Wednesday February 25 in the municipal building at which the following donations were made to Meta Thörn Waters Music Scholarship, Yardley Fellowship Foundation, Bergen County Health and Tuberculosis Association, Vineland Research Project, National Cancer Fund, and Heart Association.

The American Home held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Howard Bellows, Island Avenue. The topic was Tropical Food Stuff, with colored slides used to illustrate the talk.

Fine Arts group is also having a meeting March 17 to discuss its publication, "Cluborama." Mrs. Bennett announced April 21 for the Silver Tea which will be held in the municipal building, at 2 p.m. the proceeds to go to Students Center building, New Jersey College for Women.

Members of the drama department and other interested members are going to see Helen Hayes, in "Happy Birthday" in New York City, March 10.

Mrs. T. J. Rhodes, membership chairman, introduced two new members to the club, Mrs. A. S. Carmen and Mrs. John Breakey.

Rev. E. W. Borell, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church spoke on Brotherhood, and Mrs. Fred Winters gave a talk on interesting books which are not necessarily the best sellers but are real interesting reading.

Molly Ames, of New York, sang folk songs accompanying herself on the guitar in a group of Mexican, Czechoslovakian, Finnish, Old English, and two American Negro spiritual songs.

Tea was served by Mrs. R. C. Schwahl, assisted by Mrs. C. B. De Maya, Mrs. William Lamm and Mrs. Everet Pullis poured.

Ramsey Journal,
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"The Growth of Ramsey"

By JOHN Y. DATER
Founder and Editor of
THE RAMSEY JOURNAL

The twentieth in a series on the early history of Ramsey

Thus far we have given first place in our articles to the business growth of our new village. Nevertheless, as the village grew, there was also a growth in both the social, cultural and recreational life, and a development of that spirit of friendly, neighborly interest which is the charm that makes country villages stand out as havens where one can live the "quiet life," spoken of by many poets.

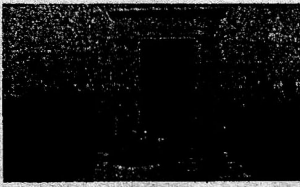
In our schools it was the custom, in those early days to hold, on the last Friday of each month, entertainments to which parents were invited. Some scholars would "speak a piece," others would sing, all with the fond hope of the teacher that the scholars would help to show how successfully the school work was being carried on. And, undoubtedly these programs did help to develop some latent talent of the boys and girls.

And then there was the Shakespeare Club, mostly for the ladies, and the debating societies, both of which were supposed to represent "culture of a high order." When the "safest" bicycle made bicycling "all the rage" the men formed a club known as the Ramapo Valley Wheelmen. This rather classy organization, in addition to making runs on Saturdays and Sundays, set a high standard by the dances they sponsored and particularly the "annual ball." We must not forget the Tantaqua Club, which proved an outlet for the histrionic talents of the young men and women. This strong and popular organization was kept alive for several years.

All this time, while men were building and starting new business ventures, a group of ladies had a vision of very definite plans which would develop some of the natural beauties of the growing village and make it more attractive. Meetings were held at homes of some of the active supporters of this new movement and at each meeting the group increased, until finally in September, 1907, the group decided that the time had arrived to form an organization.

A temporary chairman was elected and a secretary. Then, waiving usual formalities, the ladies decided that it would be neces-

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World War I Memorial in Bonny View Park and members of the committee which solicited funds for its erection.

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sary for a name to be selected and all were unanimous in calling it the Village Improvement Association—for short, the "VIA." It was also decided that a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, would be needed to complete the organization and that later a Constitution and By-laws could be adopted. The election followed and for President, Mrs. Anna A. V. Dater was the unanimous choice. Vice-Presidents elected were Mrs. Anna Naughton, Mrs. Adelaide DeGaan and Mrs. Catherine Zissen. Mrs. Cornelia Carpenter was elected Secretary.

The Charter was kept open and more members were added from time to time. Card parties and teas were held during the fall and winter months, and plans were laid for active work. One of the first jobs the ladies undertook was to clean the streets and place containers for refuse at different points. Edward Anderson was hired to keep the streets in the business section clean and care for the refuse cans. An issue of The Ramsey Journal at that time observed, "So now a street cleaning department has been started in Ramsey's."

A Children's Auxiliary was formed later and regular tours of inspection were made from time to time. The committee for this work was Mrs. Jonah Winter and Mrs. Cornelia Carpenter. In May, 1908, the VIA had men lay out and plant a shrubbery bed at the station, and this work was kept up each year, making it a real beauty spot. After the organization of the new Borough, in 1908, the VIA was requested to submit a list of names for several streets. On July 24, at the meeting of the Borough Council, this list was submitted and an ordinance prepared to make the names official.

At a meeting of the VIA held on September 11, 1908, E. F. Carpenter offered to the association a piece of land, as a site for a park. This parcel was bordered on the north by Arch Street and on the south by Main Street and extended to the Episcopal manse on the east and private lands on the west. The name Bonny View Park was given and the association at once took steps to incorporate the organization, so that they could receive the gift. Edward A. DeVoe prepared the necessary papers and in handling them to the proper officers, said his work was his contribution to the organization.

On October 29, the association voted to lay sidewalks for a distance of 200 feet, on both Main and Arch streets at the park. A row of maple trees was planted on the street sides and on the west a row of poplars. Mr. Carpenter employed men to grade and install drains in the park, and soon it began to take shape.

Anderson kept up his work of cleaning the streets, and in the winter time William Rosame was engaged to plow the snow from walks. An annual scholarship prize was voted to be awarded to the Salutatorian of the graduating class in the High School. Sixty shade trees were planted along the principal streets of the

Elect Officers For Woman's Club

Mrs. C. A. Armstrong
Named as President
At Annual Meeting

The regular and annual meeting of the Ramsey Woman's Club was held Wednesday at 12:30 p. m. at the Chimes Restaurant. The main feature of the meeting was the election and installation of officers, which followed the luncheon. Mrs. Charles Whitlock, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers. The following were installed: president, Mrs. Cole A. Armstrong; first vice-president, Mrs. R. C. Schwahl; second vice-president, Mrs. Mabel Miller; corresponding secretary, Mrs. David Kay; recording secretary, Mrs. George Daniel; treasurer, Mrs. John Metzger; assistant treasurer, Miss Katherine Owen; trustee for a 3-year term, Mrs. Everett Pulis; Federation secretary, Mrs. Vernon L. Hawes, retiring president. Delegates were appointed to represent the club at the Atlantic City spring meeting of the National Federation of Woman's Clubs.

At the regular business meeting a donation to the National Cancer Fund was approved.

Ramsey Journal,
April 28, 1949

Ramsey Women To Fill Posts At State Convention

Local Representatives
Have Prominent Parts
At State Gathering

Ramsey women will take positions of prominence at the State Convention of the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs when it convenes at Atlantic City next week from May 10th until the 13th.

Mrs. George Witt, chairman of the State Finance Committee; Mrs. C. A. Armstrong, newly elected president of the Ramsey Woman's Club, and Mrs. William Kappeler, a convention accompanist, will attend the Presidents' Dinner on Tuesday evening, which is usually the gala occasion of the entire three days' events. The Governor's mother, Mrs. Alfred Driscoll, Sr., will be toastmaster, and Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, will be speaker. For the colorful procession of the presidents which follows the dinner, Mrs. Kappeler will be the pianist. Mrs. Witt will serve as hostess to a group of presidents at the dinner.

Wednesday promises to be a great day at the convention, starting at 8 a. m. with a Parliamentary Breakfast presided over by Miss Grace Freeman, Assemblywoman from Essex County. A Past State Presidents' Tea will be held in the afternoon and a Fine Arts Dinner in the evening. Mrs. George Winans, formerly of Ramsey, will be present at this dinner as a former State Chairman of Literature and Mrs. Stephen Francisco of Little Falls will be toastmaster. Mrs. Vernon Hawes, the retiring president of the Ramsey Woman's Club, will attend this dinner as well as all the sessions of the convention, since she is a delegate, serving the local club as Federation secretary.

On Thursday there will be a full schedule and included will be two plays selected from the State Drama Festivals. Since the Ridgewood Club won first honors at the Festival held in Ramsey April 19th, it is expected that their play will be among the two chosen for presentation. On Thursday evening there is to be a meeting of the State Ex Club, members of which are all women who have served on the State Board. Mrs. Witt and Mrs. William Kellers are members of that organization.

Mrs. Robert W. Cornellison is president of the Federation in New Jersey and will preside at all of its sessions. Adjournment takes place at noon on Friday.

It has been noted by an observer that many clubs feel honored in having one member contribute to the State Convention, but Ramsey is really distinguished with Mrs. George Witt on the State Board, Mrs. W. Kappeler, Convention accompanist, and Mrs. George Winans, a former board member and still very active in literary circles. And with Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Hawes completing the Ramsey delegation, great impetus should be given the local club as it starts a new year of activity.

Ramsey Journal,
May 5, 1949

Ramsey Journal,
April 21, 1949

Woman's Club Announces Fall Meeting Program

First Meeting Is
Scheduled for Sept. 26
In Municipal Building

The 1951-52 Year Book of the Woman's Clubs of Ramsey will make its bow on Monday next, when the Executive Meeting will convene at the Municipal Bldg. at 1:30; and on Wednesday, Sept. 26th the first Club meeting will be in full swing with Mrs. Cole A. Armstrong, President, presiding.

Of interest to all members and prospective members are the worth while programs to be presented at monthly meetings, as arranged by Mrs. Mabel Miller, Program Chairman. The September meeting will open with a display of "Ladies of the White House" as presented by Mrs. L. J. Kriger of Hawthorne. These are authentically dressed dolls and they and Mrs. Kriger tell the story of the evolution of dress. The business will be important and all members and guests are urged to be present at 2 o'clock at the Municipal Bldg. Tea will be served.

In October a covered dish luncheon will be enjoyed and a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be the speaker. "Gift Wrapping Magic for all Occasions" will be presented through the courtesy of the New York Herald Tribune Club Service Bureau, and is a timely topic for the November program. "Candlelight and Poetry" is to be the subject for the December 19th Christmas Party, and Mrs. J. D. Williamson will share her experiences as a collector of candlesticks. A Reception for new members will be held at the January meeting, with dessert at 1:30 and Mr. Leon Misirian of Ramsey as Guest Speaker. Mrs. J. Murray Booth of Glen Rock will speak on the United Nations at the February meeting, and to this meeting every woman of the town will be invited. In March Mrs. Carl F. Schongar will return to speak on a favorite topic "The Theatre Today."

The Program and the Departments of the Club offer a full schedule to members of the Woman's Club, and the knowledge that Ramsey is one of 300 Clubs in New Jersey taking an active part in both local, state and National affairs, should challenge all to participate in its activities whenever and whenever possible.

Barbara Goetschius, who attended the Citizenship Inst. at New Jersey College for Women in June as the Woman's Club representative, will report to the Club at the September meeting.

Ramsey Journal,
September 20, 1951

Woman's Club Hears Talk On Birds

RAMSEY—The Evening Department of the Ramsey Women's Club held its last meeting of the season, Thursday in the Borough Hall Council Room. Mrs. Frank Scanlan of Beech St., Chairman of the Evening Dept., opened the meeting. Her officers for the year '53-'54 are: Vice Chairman, Mrs. Edward J. Miller; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Julian P. Mulak; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John Kinsella; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Arnold K. McClay; Representative to the Afternoon Group, Mrs. Robert B. White; Chairman of Departments: American Home, Mrs. Stewart E. Plowman; Arts and Crafts, Miss Barbara Nichols; Civics and Welfare, Mrs. Howard J. Williams; Gardens, Mrs. H. Phillip Engle; Legislation, Mrs. Arthur J. Weger; Literature and Drama, Mrs. Victor J. Sakal; Music, Miss Anna May Bennett; Committee Chairmen: Cheerio, Mrs. Carl A. Barthman, Jr.; Hospitality, Mrs. L. Theodore Everett; Membership, Mrs. Edward J. Miller; News Letter, Mrs. Edwin D. Miner; Program, Mrs. LeRoy Moffitt; Publicity, Mrs. Alan Eakins and Ways and Means, Mrs. Burton E. Kelton.

There was a short business meeting during which it was announced that the State Evening Department project for the year '53-'54 is Community Welfare and is left up to each club.

The speaker for the Evening was Mrs. William Gary Irving of West Nyack. She was introduced by Mrs. John Y. Dater. Mrs. Irving spoke on "Birds in Your Garden" and showed colored slides of birds to be seen every day in the yards and trees of Ramsey, also some not so well known. She pointed out ways to determine the names of the unknown birds. Notice the length of the bill and tail also the body. Judge it by the familiar birds such as the robin and sparrow. Note if any white or color on tail or wing or if crested. Check in a bird book and determine the correct name.

Invitations were issued to the Ramsey Garden Club and the Fyke Nature Association to attend this meeting.

The next meeting will be held the first Thursday in October.

Evening Group To Spur Drive For Ambulance

Woman's Club Dept. To Conduct Fall Drive To Raise \$7,000

The active and rapidly growing Evening Department of the Woman's Club of Ramsey has taken upon its shoulders the task of obtaining an ambulance for Ramsey. At a meeting attended by over sixty active members, the sponsorship of the ambulance was voted 48 to 18. The action was taken after considerable discussion in which Howard Snelker and George Schurter answered many questions.

Mrs. Richard Green, Chairman of the Committee, made it clear that the Evening Department realizes the tough task it faces and will regard it more as a future than a present project. In other words, if a proposed house-to-house canvass in the Fall obtains the \$7,000 needed to purchase the ambulance, well and good. If it falls short, the group will continue its efforts until the money has been obtained.

Many of those who spoke against it declared that the service from Allendale, with a little help from Mahwah, thus far has been adequate but those in favor of the drive asserted that the rapid growth of the borough indicates that there will be a need for it in the very near future. There were 113 ambulance calls last year in Ramsey. After the business meeting the members were entertained by Mrs. John DeBaun with an art demonstration.

Mrs. DeBaun, a Ramsey resident, has had her paintings accepted and hung in many New York shows, including the National Academy and the Allied Artists of America. She has also exhibited at the Syracuse Museum Society and the Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts in Syracuse, N. Y.

A meeting of the Fine Arts Department was held Monday evening at Mrs. Louis Scala's home.

A program of music was presented by talented local artists. Miss Louise Gertsch, flutist, and member of the New Jersey All State Orchestra with Mr. Barth Vander Els at the piano played several selections.

Miss Carol Kort of Allendale, a piano pupil of the well known concert artist, Miss Grace Castagnetta, delighted the listeners with her skill and finesse.

A panel discussion followed. The topic chosen was Traditional versus Modern Art.

Ramsey Journal, June 5, 1952

Evening Group To Vote Tonight On Ambulance

Mrs. John A. DeBaun will Give Art Demonstration After Business Session

The Evening Department of the Woman's Club of Ramsey will meet tonight (Thursday June 5) at 8:15 at the Ramsey Municipal Building.

Chairman Becky Greene of the Ways and Means Committee has arranged for Messrs. Howard Snelker and George Schurter of the Ambulance Corps Committee to talk on the proposal of the Club to sponsor an ambulance for Ramsey.

The ambulance will cost \$7,000 and a vote will be taken tonight on it. If it is approved it means that every member will have to get out and hustle to raise the funds needed.

Members will be asked to show membership cards at the door. Any proposed new members can pay their dues at the June meeting without being sponsored, but starting with the October meeting all guests will have to be sponsored by individual members and the potential members will be contacted by Carmel Eschenberg, our Membership Chairman (telephone 0986M).

Our present membership now stands at 91.

Ramsey Journal, June 12, 1952

Dedicate Ambulance Sunday Afternoon

Plans are now being completed for the Dedication Ceremony of the new Ramsey Ambulance to be held on the grounds of the Fire House on Island Avenue, Sunday, April 12 at two o'clock. At that time Mrs. Arthur J. Werger, Chairman of the Evening Group of the Woman's Club of Ramsey, will formally present the ambulance to the newly formed Ramsey Ambulance Corps. Howard Snelker of the Ambulance Corps will act as master of ceremonies. It is hoped that Chester A. Smeitser, Freeholder and former Mayor, and Mayor Harold E. Murken will be present to address the public. All of the Ramsey clergymen have been invited to participate in the ceremony, The Ambulance Corps will be present, of course, attired in their handsome white uniforms and as of that date the Ambulance and the corps of volunteers will be formally launched into service. The ambulance will be dedicated as a memorial to the late Harold R. Greene who founded the original First Aid Squad in Ramsey and who served for many years as its instructor. The donor's committee hopes that the people of Ramsey will be present at the ceremony on Sunday and give support to the Ambulance Corps who are all volunteering their time and energies in the public interest.

Ramsey Journal, April 9, 1953

Ambulance Fund Gains \$500 Check

Woman's Club Evening Dept. Presents Gift As Result of Spring Concert

A net profit of \$800 was realized from the recent Spring Concert sponsored by the Evening Department of the Ramsey Woman's Club. It was disclosed at a meeting of the concert committee held Friday night at the home of the rehearsal chairman of the concert, Mrs. Edward J. Miller. A check for this amount was turned over to the Ramsey Ambulance Fund to defray expenses. Although the Ramsey ambulance has been in operation only a couple of months, the trained corpsmen already have answered 42 calls covering a variety of cases.

The purpose of the meeting of the concert committee on Friday night was to discuss the financial details of the concert. Also on the agenda was an announcement that a \$10 permanent wave donated by Lee's Beauty Salon to the person who sold the greatest number of tickets was awarded to Mrs. Ted T. Namtar, a committee member who in one morning sold 38 tickets. After business matters were settled, the members who were present enjoyed informal group singing accompanied by Mrs. Clifton E. Johnson who played the accordion, Mrs. Richard H. Greene on the piano, and Mrs. Edward J. Miller, guitar.

Present at the meeting were the following committee members and extra workers: Misses John D. Clifford, Carl A. Barthman Jr., John R. Finch, Stanley V. Frattee, Ralph B. Gasta, Ralph Granger, Richard H. Gregg, Clifton E. Johnson, Wayne J. Kanagas, John J. Kinella, Victor Kraynowski, Edward J. Miller, Julian P. Nulak, James O'Donnell, Theodore Namias, Warren L. Ruff, Frank C. Scanlan, and Robert G. Young Jr.

The Spring Concert committee members whose efforts assured the success of the concert are as follows: General Chairman, Mrs. Edward J. Miller; Advisory, Mrs. Richard H. Greene and Mrs. John D. Clifford; Ticket Distribution: Mrs. John R. Finch, Chairman, Mrs. Jan Hoer, Mrs. Frank J. Dougherty, Mrs. Stanley V. Frattee, Mrs. Kenneth E. Leslie, Mrs. Ralph E. Lewers, and Mrs. George C. Smith.

Programs: Mrs. Ralph B. Gasta, Chairman, Mrs. William A. Logan, and Miss Adelaide Storck; Prizes: Mrs. Edmund H. White, Chairman, Mrs. Kenneth F. Crafts, Mrs. Ralph Granger, Mrs. William H. Kelly, Mrs. Ted T. Namias, Mrs. Henry R. Pedersen, Mrs. Sam Pirzati, and Mrs. Robert B. White; Student Tickets: Miss Evelyn Kronke; Evening Department Tickets: Mrs. Wayne J. Kanagas; Usherettes: Mrs. Leroy Moffitt; Refreshments: Mrs. James H. Hershey; Publicity: Mrs. Joseph E. Eschenberg.

Telephone: Mrs. David T. Donovan, Chairman, Mrs. Thomas M. Antonson, Mrs. John J. Kinella, and Mrs. Harold J. Megibow; Staging and Lighting: Mrs. Thomas M. Antonson; Flowers: Mrs. Carl A. Barthman Jr., and Mrs. John D. Clifford; Posters: Mrs. Donald Friedman, Chairman, Mrs. Edward M. Buyer, Mrs. Patrick Carberry, Mrs. Clifton E. Johnson, Mrs. Ainslee Pruden, Messrs. Warren L. Ruff, Mrs. William R. Barbour Jr., and Mrs. Edson Ryder.

The Concert Committee chairman, Mrs. Miller, wishes to express her thanks to all committee members and others who assisted in presenting the concert.

Ramsey Journal, June 25, 1953

Thursday, June 25, 1953



RAMSEY AMBULANCE FUND increased by \$500 as Mrs. Edward J. Miller, Chairman of the recent Spring Concert sponsored by the Evening Department of the Ramsey Woman's Club hands check for the net proceeds to Mrs. John D. Clifford (left) of the Ambulance Fund Committee. An interested witness is Mrs. Ted T. Namtar (right) who won an award for selling the greatest number of tickets. (—Photo by Bachrach)

Thursday, April 16, 1953



—Photo by Corrick Studio
Capt'n George Schurter Gives The Keys From Mrs. Dorothy Werger

Ambulance Corps Is Now On Job

Sunday afternoon one job was finished when the gala of the Evening Dept. presented the new ambulance to the Corps and another job was started when the boys of the Corps accepted the vehicle for service to Ramsey. Rev. Lester Quinn pronounced the blessing on the ambulance.

In spite of the threatening rain some 200 witnesses the ceremonies on Island Ave. Fire House as Howard Snelker emceed a brief but impressive dedication of the new Cadillac. Rev. John Highberger pronounced the invocation, followed by acting mayor Richon who complimented the Evening Dept. for their excellent work and cheered on the Ambulance Corps in their new activities. Jack Adams was a member of the Public Safety committee welcomed the new adjunct to the borough's facilities particularly praising George Schurter for doing such a good job of selling the fund raising idea to the Club.

Rev. George Dawson announced that the new ambulance was to be dedicated to the memory of the late Harold R. Greene, who was for many years active in first aid affairs in the town. Rev. Dawson made the prayer of dedication. Freesholder Smeitser traced the growth of the Woman's Club from the V.I.A. and paid tribute to their constant goal of public service culminating in today.

Howard Snelker and Ralph Schurter, who is also police commissioner of the borough, complimented Lester Wilding on his excellent work in training the Corps in the prescribed methods of first aid. He made Lee a life charter member of the Corps. Wilding came forward then to give the boys their cards signed the Red Cross course in first aid and then the ambulance was ready to go. Rev. Russell Hale gave the benediction.

Already, the Ambulance has made two transportation calls, one on Monday and one on Wednesday.

Ramsey Journal, April 16, 1953

Ramsey Historical Association, One of Youngest Area Groups, Concerned with Oldest Things

RAMSEY — The Ramsey Historical Association was incorporated on June 21, 1956, with the following originating trustees: Miss Blanche Van Gelder, Mrs. Oscar Schwidetzky, Mrs. John S. Elliot, Mrs. Walter Weber Jr., Mrs. John Royle, Alexander E. Eichorn, John Y. Dater, Eric S. Smith and Fred R. Giles.

The purposes of the Association were to restore, manage and maintain the Old Stone House on Island Rd. as a historical building, museum and meeting place for civic organizations of the Borough of Ramsey, and to restore, manage or maintain any other historical buildings or sites within the borough for similar purposes and to preserve the history of Ramsey.

The first annual meeting was held on Sept. 23, 1956, in the Borough Hall, at which the following officers were elected: Mrs. Clem G. Corson, president; Andrew R. Timmerman, first vice president; Mrs. Oscar O. R. Schwidetzky, second vice president; Mrs. Kenneth P. Ritter, recording secretary; Mrs. John S. Elliot, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Herbert Bennin, treasurer, and Mrs. Ferd E. Blowers, historian. Charter members numbered 130. Mrs. Rosa Livingston, Public Relations Director of the Paramus Historical Society, was the principal speaker of the evening.

This organization was the result of the successful efforts of the committee for the preservation of the Ackerson House, which worked from September, 1955, to February, 1956, to save the house from destruction by the State Highway Department to make way for an overpass over Route 17 at Spring St.

The Woman's Club of Ramsey spearheaded the movement, when on Sept. 24, 1955, it wrote to the state highway commissioner, requesting that Ramsey be allowed to "retain this House as a landmark of pre-Revolution-

ary days and as an historic point of interest for the town." As the committee worked, it received help from the people of Ramsey, borough officials, The Ramsey Journal, the Odd Fellows, the Community Club, Daughters of the Revolution, P. T. A., Sisters of Service, The Garden Club and the Old Guard, just to mention a few organizations.

The second floor meeting rooms were opened to organizations when the Historical Association held its first meeting there on Nov. 30, 1956.

The Old Stone House Museum and Children's Museum were formally opened on Sept. 21 and 22, 1957 with Mayor John S. Elliot, State Senator Walter H. Jones and Rev. John K. Highberger officiating in the dedication ceremonies.

The museum rooms of the Old Stone House are furnished with pieces from the Eighteenth Century Dutch Colonial period. In the exhibit room the exhibits change from time to time, the most recent being an exhibit of 74 old teapots owned by residents of this area. The Children's Museum houses historic exhibits, seasonal exhibits and other items to place the punier members.

The association meets on the second Wednesday evening of December, February, April and June, with its annual meeting on the third Thursday of October. The regular meetings feature speakers on history and related subjects.

The present trustees of the Association are Mrs. Weber, Mr. Dater, Mrs. Corson, Mrs. Schwidetzky, Mr. Smith, Mr. Timmerman, Mrs. Charles A. Berthold and Mrs. Royle. Mayor Elliot is a trustee ex-officio.

Present officers are Mrs. Corson, president; Mrs. Lambert Wilder, first vice president; Mrs. John K. Highberger, second vice president; Mrs. Henry J. Carlson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Elliot, recording secretary; William H. Place, treasurer, and Miss Katherine Garrison, historian.

All residents of Ramsey and the surrounding area are eligible to become members.

Woman's Club Will Observe Anniversary

By Gladys W. Wilder

RAMSEY—This Fall an organization which had its beginning before the borough was formed celebrates its Golden Anniversary. The Ramsey Woman's Club began as the Ladies' Village Improvement Association in September, 1907, and will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

The "V.I.A." as it became known, was a group whose record during the years speaks for itself. "Village Improvement" was in the name and it was the reason for being. Such things as street lights, paving, garbage collection, keeping streets and sidewalks clean and others were among the early goals.

Bonnie View Park was the members' doing. They continued to work for the borough as it grew, and did service through the two world wars. More recently they created an evening group which has carried on the tradition of its parent group. Also, it was they who waged an untiring fight to save Ramsey's Old Stone House. From this grew a new organization dedicated to preserving the history of the area—the Ramsey Historical Association. The club has also worked in its various branches to raise funds to help preserve and care for the old house.

It was early in September, 1907, that a group met to organize the V.I.A. Several of the charter members are still living here or nearby. Of those who have passed away, many descendants are still interested in improving the community—a heritage from their public spirited mothers and grandmothers. Mrs. John Y. Dater, late mother of the editor and publisher of the Ramsey Journal, was elected temporary chairman and Mrs. E. F. Carpenter temporary secretary. The yearly dues were set at 50 cents.

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Nineteen members were enrolled at this meeting, held in what was called Journal Hall, in the office of Messrs. Kaiser and Ziegen. This was chosen as the permanent place of meeting. At this first meeting a committee was nominated to preserve a tree at the station.

By-Laws Voted

On Sept. 18, the regular meeting date, by-laws were voted on and accepted. Members joining before Dec. 31, 1907, were to be considered charter members. Principal Wesley D. Tisdale and the school teachers came to the meeting to discuss a junior auxiliary, with the purpose of interesting the children in keeping the streets clean and free of trash.

The nominating committee presented a slate of officers elected as follows: Mrs. Dater, president; Mrs. Anna Naughton, first vice president; Mrs. John E. DeBaun, second vice president; Mrs. John Ziegen, third vice president; Mrs. C. F. De Yoe, recording secretary; Mrs. John Wall, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. E. F. Carpenter, treasurer.

The first committee was street and sanitary, finance, railroads, parks, library and children's auxiliary.

The group worked for garbage collection and more street lights, asking, according to the minutes, "One light to be placed in the woods on the road to Darlington and the other at the fork of the road, leading to Wyckoff and Campgaw." A committee was also appointed to request a shed or waiting room on the east side of the tracks. On Feb. 14, 1908, it was reported it would be best to wait a short time and see what action the new borough would take.

60 Trees, 1 Light
Sixty trees were purchased in 1908 and planted around the station and along the roads. Street signs were placed at corners and a light pole with an arc light was erected at the station, at a

Cost of \$72.

The women decided the town needed a park, so E. F. Carpenter, realizing funds were low, donated the property known as Bonnie View Park. This gift necessitated incorporating the organization a year after its beginning. This was done with the assistance of Edgar De Yoe.

The V.I.A. paid for cleaning of streets and snow clearance until the borough was formed in 1908. Also in its first year the club gave a scholarship prize to a high school graduate, a prize which has been continued, to become a Ramsey Institution.

Charter members are listed as follows: Mrs. Dater, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Naughton, Mrs. Schaefer, Mrs. A. F. Caboon, Mrs. Mary Everson, Mrs. Ferd Hulmer, Mrs. Arthur Pails, Mrs. U. H. Paugh, Mrs. Thomas Hawkins, Mrs. E. Muttay, Mrs. Walter Snyder, Mrs. Henry Bell, Mrs. William Winter, Mrs. John Wall, Mrs. Ziegen, Mrs. Jack Bell, Mrs. J. B. Finch, Mrs. J. Rucker, Miss H. Suggs, Mrs. V. L. Stohr, Mrs. Kaiser, Mrs. Keek, Mrs. DeBaun, Miss Emily Carpenter, Mrs. Edward Emile Carpenter, Mrs. Charles Thompson, Mrs. Charles Rhoades, Mrs. Nettie Clemea.

Mrs. E. Finch, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. L. F. John Garrison, M. Coetzbaum, Mrs. W. Mrs. A. Terrill, Valentine, Mrs. C. Mrs. Peter-Pull, Winter, Mrs. David Alvin Winter, Mrs. Schuss, Mrs. M. J. Mrs. William Clark

Promote

MAHWAN — Dr. Walkroski, son of Stanley Walkroski St. was recently the rank of captain Dental Corps, US Army Fort Bliss, Tex.

Ramsey Journal,
September 5, 1957

Ramsey Woman's Club Stages Golden Anniversary Luncheon

By Gladys H. Wilder
RAMSEY — Celebrating the golden anniversary of the Ramsey Woman's Club, members and guests had luncheon yesterday in the Motel on the Mountain restaurant. Mrs. George W. E. Spratt, president, introduced Mrs. C. Howard Sandborn, president of the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs, who congratulated the local group and spoke on registration and voting.

Mrs. Cole A. Armstrong, program chairman and newly appointed vice president for the federation's Elmwood District, delivered the principal talk, on the history of the club, with past presidents lighting candles on a cake for each decade of the history. Mrs. George C. Witt, president when the club celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary also spoke about that period.

Mrs. A. Shurtliff Drew, northern vice president of the federation, also brought greetings from the larger group. Mrs. John A. Finch and Mrs. Arthur Pulis, charter members who were present were introduced by Mrs. Spratt. Other members had the past presidents present.

Mrs. Benjamin Larzelere de-

Finch St. having been named for them Dr. Finch had trained at Ontario University in Toronto, to become a veterinarian. This was in the days before cars and Mrs. Finch remembers that they had over a dozen horses to take him on his trips from as far away as Tuxedo, Spring Valley, Monsey and Nanuet in the north to Ridge-wood and other points south and she used to go along with him, often in snow and rain.

Mrs. Finch was known as a fine horsewoman and enjoyed driving. However, in 1905 they bought their first car, a Maxwell. She learned to drive the car and remembers how polite the men drivers were when she went to get her license. Women drivers were so unusual that they stepped aside and let her go first.

Dr. Finch was Ramsey's first mayor. They had two children, Mathilda, who died in childhood and Adelaide, Mrs. John Royle who lives in Ramsey. They all spend the summers at Greenwood Lake. Mrs. Finch is a member of the Church of the Redeemer and the Ramsey Grange.

MISS RACHEL GOETSCHUIS
 Miss Rachel Goetschuis and

Mrs. William Goetschuis were listed as charter members of the Village Improvement Association. Miss Goetschuis was the youngest of five children born to Mr. and Mrs. James Ramsey Goetschuis. She still lives in the family home at 117 South Central Ave.

She remembers when her father's place was over 100 acres of farmland. It ran from just south of Hub Metzger's place to the Allendale line and east of the Erie track. In fact, the Erie had cut right through part of her father's land when it was built. Things were very different in those days and she can remember that her father was responsible for plowing the snow from the road which ran from town past his house to the Allendale line.

Miss Goetschuis has a friendly little tan dog, Ginger, and a cat. She said she always loved animals, having been raised on the farm. She must have loved children, too, as she taught for a total of 52 years.

For three years she taught in the one-room Union School, which stood between Wyckoff and Waldwick, but is no longer in existence. She was 46 years

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she taught in the first grade here, when the school was in what is now the Municipal Building.

She said at the time she began teaching that it was about all a young woman could do. When she began she had no college training, but took private lessons with Professor Haas, who was superintendent of Hackensack schools and a widely known educator.

There was a twinkle in her eye when Miss Goetschuis said there were two reasons she was glad to teach away from home for the first few years. One was that she wanted to find out just how well she could teach before teaching at home, and the other was that she wanted to find out which of the eight grades she liked best. If the 49 years' are any indication, she must have thought first grade was best.

She said that one of the things the V. I. A. tried to do was to teach the school children not to litter the streets. There were always so many papers in their hands when they started home and it seemed a good idea to teach them that the town street was no place to get rid of them.

Miss Goetschuis had two brothers and two sisters older than she: John Henry, William Ramsey, Mary (Mrs. John Aeker-Mant), and Elizabeth (Mrs. Joel Miller). Retiring about 16 or 17 years ago, she enjoys her home and her neighbors, with a special eye for the tiny neighbors. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, having grown up in it, as her parents were members of it and its predecessor, the True Dutch Reformed Church. Her nephew, James Goetschuis and his family live across the street from her.

MRS. EDGAR A. DE YOE

Although not a charter member of the Woman's Club, Mrs.

Edgar A. DeYoe is the earliest surviving president, having served as head of the organization in the 1914-15 season.

She joined the club, then the Village Improvement Association, soon after she moved to Ramsey. Her first visit to the borough was in 1910, when she took the smoking, touring Erie train of that day, to visit her sister, Mrs. Charles L. Abry, who lived next door to the DeYoe home.

Expecting to be met at the station by the murrey which was the forerunner of the local taxi service, she was disappointed to find that it was not of town on another call. F. William Gerten, later Mayor Gerten, was at the station and offered to carry her bag, assuring her it was on his way home.

The walk from the station to the home was made by one thing — just there being no sidewalks, the jaunt was by way of the road, which seemed quite rural to the then Miss Willson, who came from Bellows Falls, Vt., a much more civilized community then.

She changed her name from Ruth Content Willson to Mrs. Edgar A. DeYoe on May 25, 1912. Mr. DeYoe had been of great assistance to the V. I. A. when it was being incorporated in 1908, and in the legal work connected with Bonnie View Park.

Mr. and Mrs. DeYoe have two sons and two daughters: John M. DeYoe, a lawyer of Mahwah and Paterson; Barbara, who was married to the Rev. Robert L. DeWitt and lives in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; Ruth Content, married to Laurence Barrett, and lives in Kalamazoo, Mich.; and Edgar A. DeYoe Jr., who owns the Whitney Gas Co. at Whitney Point, N. Y. They have thirteen grandchildren.

They live in the fieldstone house opposite the High School at 245 East Main St. — a house built by Mr. DeYoe's father, Muhlenberg DeYoe. He had built the one next door as well. It was Edgar's grandfather who had been the first Lutheran minister in Ramsey. However,

The DeYoes belong to St. John's Episcopal Church.

Both Mr. and Mrs. DeYoe enjoy seeing the high school students coming and going across the street — sometimes with school books — sometimes with dates. They miss them when summer vacation comes and welcome them back again in the fall. Mrs. DeYoe said she could have qualified as a sidewalk superintendent while the school was being constructed as it had had a great fascination for her.



RAMSEY WOMAN'S CLUB GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY celebrants at the Motel on the Mountain yesterday afternoon for luncheon included at the speakers table, left to right, upper picture: Mrs. Kenneth P. Ritter, past president, Mrs. Arthur Pulis, charter member, Mrs. John Kappeler, Mrs. Alfred Webersinn and Mrs. George C. Witt, past presidents, Mrs. C. Howard Sandborn, president of the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs, and Mrs. George W. E. Spratt, Ramsey club president. Lower picture: Mrs. A. Shurtliff Drew, northern vice president, Federation; Mrs. Cole A. Armstrong, district vice president, Federation; Mrs. Charles Swift, financial secretary, Federation; Mrs. James A. Conklin, and Mrs. Vernon L. Howes, past presidents; Mrs. John B. Finch, charter member, and Mrs. Joseph L. Butler, anniversary committee chairman.

Photos by John Martin J.

Woman's Club Of Ramsey To Begin 60th Season

The Woman's Club of Ramsey will begin its 60th anniversary season Wednesday, Sept. 27. The meeting, to begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, will feature a sandwich bar luncheon followed by a business meeting and program.

Featured on the program will be Kenneth Haynes, lecturer, playwright and journalist who will give a demonstration in the art of speaking. Haynes will tell a humorous story of "How Our Language Grew" from the primitive gestures and expressive grunts of the cave man. In his presentation he uses pantomime, sound effects and the spoken word. Face masks and other props are used to change character.

Haynes, publisher of the Eagle-Courier Newspapers in Madison and Chatham, is widely known in Pennsylvania and New Jersey as a public speaker. He began his career at Bucknell University and has been active in playwriting and direction, radio production, acting, theatre management and the teaching of public speaking. He writes a weekly drama column, "Report on The Theatre".

Mrs. Michael Gaupari will be hostess for the meeting at which time final plans for the 60th Anniversary Luncheon October 25 will be announced.

Ramsey Club Season Opens At Dinner Tonight

The first meeting of the Junior Woman's Club of Ramsey this Fall will be a covered dish dinner tonight at 7:30 p.m. at The Old Stone House, Ramsey.

Mrs. John J. Miscal Jr., new association Chairman of the Ramsey Girl Scouts, will speak to the members on the Girl Scouting program in Ramsey.

During the business meeting, plans will be finalized for the Art Show which will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Ramsey Country Club.

Ridgewood Herald News,
September 28, 1967

Ramsey Women Mark Founding With History Of Achievements

(Ed. Note: The Woman's Club of Ramsey will mark its 60th season with official ceremonies at the Apple Ridge Country Club, Mahwah, Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. The affair will feature a girls' folk-singing quartet, surprise entertainment and an address by Miss Geraldine V. Brown, State Federation president. Mrs. J. W. Pangburn, publicity chairman for the Ramsey Club, researched the group's background and produced the history presented here.)

RAMSEY.—The history of a woman's club often parallels that of its home community, as does that of the Woman's Club of Ramsey.

If one were to look closely at the record, one would find the club's history to be one of accomplishment and service to the community, the state and the nation.

The club began in 1907 when a movement to make Ramsey a borough meant voting on the question and electing a mayor.

Though women did not have the vote, a group of interested women met in Journal Hall hoping to accomplish more for their community as a group than they could singly.

They formed the "Ladies Improvement Society," then adopted the formal title of "The Village Improvement Association," and set up six committees: Street and Sanitary, Finance, Railroads, Parks, Library, and Children's Auxiliary. Mrs. John Y. Dater was elected the first president.

The committee of Street and Sanitation worked for a regular garbage collection schedule, and through its endeavors containers for refuse were placed at street corners. Also, a campaign was started for better street lighting.

It was through the efforts of the Railroad Committee that "a shed or waiting room" was placed on the east side of the tracks.

Committee Achievements
The women of the Park Committee felt that a park was needed in the borough and, through their efforts, the property now known as Bonnie View Park was offered as a gift by Mr. E. F. Carpenter.

The Children's Auxiliary formed a committee of four women to visit the grade school once a month and offered a high school graduating student a prize.

The Library Committee secured the assistance of every member of the Village Improvement Association. A library was initially established at the home of Robert Morgan on Darlington Avenue. At the time of its opening there were 150 books, contributed by local

residents. Mrs. Morgan was the librarian.

In 1911 many more books were made available through the New Jersey Circulating Library Commission. With the library thus firmly established, arrangements were made for a regular librarian, who was paid fifty cents a week, and the library became housed in the new high school, now known as "School Street School" or Elementary 1.

Women of the Village Improvement Association furnished the room at a cost of \$77.90. As the school library expanded the town library was squeezed out and in 1914 moved to the Journal Building. During those years the association donated \$3.00 each club month for the upkeep of the library.

The Finance Committee raised money for almost every association project, shade trees, street lights, an annual high school scholarship prize, library furnishings and books, and funds for the needy in many ways—in 1909, a "Japanese Tea", in 1910, a concert, and in 1913, a card party, a

lecture and even a baby parade.

Help In Every Way
During the war years, the women helped their home town boys and those from all over the nation in every way they could—by knitting and by helping war torn families and their communities. During the decade from 1917 to 1927, it seemed evident that the Village Improvement Association was not too active other than to meet the war emergency and the community needs, particularly after a disastrous fire in 1921 completely destroyed or drastically burned many of Main Street's important buildings.

After this fire many changes took place—Main Street was paved, old structures were rebuilt, new ones were added. There was a telephone exchange in the "Old Valentine House". Part of the Plaza Building erected in 1923 housed the library for about ten years until the borough took over complete financial responsibility and moved the library to the Municipal Building.

After the work of the war years and the Ramsey fire had been

more or less completed, the Village Improvement Association became active again.

The Association gave the borough a gift of a Christmas tree, installed window boxes and planted shrubbery at Station Plaza. They sponsored a flower show and a garden and participated in the 4th of July parade. Aware of the educational needs of the community, they knew that by presenting a united front would be more likely to see these needs fulfilled. It was at this time they asked to join the N.J. Federation of Women's Clubs.

At the annual luncheon in 1928, held at the Ferncroft, Ramsey was officially welcomed into the federation and took on the federation projects as well as those of their own community.

A Fine Arts Committee was formed, and a new movement was under way to "keep Ramsey clean". The need for a new high school was considered, a local symphony orchestra was supported, and a building fund was started.

The following spring, the Ramsey club sent its first delegate to the federation convention and out of this grew new committees and departments; Home and Garden and International Relations. About this time a Junior Woman's Club was organized and held its first meeting.

After much debate, in April, 1932, the Village Improvement Association decided to change its name to the Woman's Club of Ramsey. The new name went into effect at the 24th anniversary celebration on Sept. 12, 1932.

This change stimulated new interest. The women staged plays to benefit the nursing service. They entertained school teachers, held an "Economy Food Exhibit" and helped arrange for a lecture on tax reform at the high school.

In addition, they organized a committee representing all organizations in the borough and staged a huge George Washington Bicentennial Pageant.

In 1933 the club organized a Woman's Exchange which operated every Saturday for the benefit of the individuals contributing. The present high school was furnished in 1938.

The following year the grade school was moved into the old high school building and the former grade school was remodeled into a Municipal Building. The library became the "Free Public Library of the Borough of Ramsey" and took over two downstairs rooms in the Municipal Building.

District's Conference Highlighted By Talks

The Eleventh District of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs held its annual fall conference Monday at the Pine Village Grove, Oak Ridge, with The Woman's Club of West Milford Township, Mrs. John W. Fredericks, president, as the hostess club.

Mrs. Frank B. Vanderbeek of Ridgewood, district vice president, presided over the general session.

Mrs. Thomas H. McGlade, Southern Vice President of the Federation, who spoke on the heritage of the Federation, stated "It is noteworthy to point out that it was because of an individual woman's indignation that we are now privileged to belong to a woman's club."

"On Dec. 29, 1853, in Newark, the General Federation was incorporated. The New Jersey Federation was founded on Nov. 16, 1894. Some of our clubs predate both our State and the General Federation. Leadership in conservation, education and legislation has been one of the purposes of our group since its inception."

Mrs. Edward Mills, State Chairman of Program Assistance, pointed out, "Programs have often been referred to as the life blood

of our clubs, and as such, they should be very carefully planned. In fact, club programming is often the deciding factor in attendance at club meetings. The role of the program chairman is very important, for not only does she strive throughout the year to enrich the minds and lift the spirits of the members of her club through the programs she has planned, but through her introduction she helps to set the stage for the programs she provides."

State Safety Chairman, Mrs. Herbert J. Dreyer, who chose as her topic, "Fun and Funds for Federation Scholarships" announced that a stage presentation of "Funny Girl" will be held on Nov. 3, 8 p.m. at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn. Proceeds will go to the Federation Scholarship Fund.

Another keynote speaker Mrs. Edna C. Chase, International Relations State Chairman, in delivering her speech "No Man is an Island" stressed that, "The purpose and aim of this department are to promote good will and understanding among the people of the world—provide food for the undernourished—improve the health of the underprivileged and to further their educational opportunities."

Ridgewood Herald News,
October 1, 1967

Camp Receives Gift From Ramsey Club

RAMSEY —“Friends of Suraci” received \$310 from the Evening Department of the Ramsey Woman’s Club at the Jan. 23 general meeting.

Mrs. John Miskel, co-chairmen of the Girl Scouts in Ramsey, accepted the check and stated that tents and equipment would be purchased for Camp Suraci.

The membership voted to attend the National Hairdressers Association fashion show and elected Mrs. Robert McLarty as candidate for “Club Woman of Bergen County.”

A membership tea will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Farnham, club chairman, Wednesday, Jan. 31. All women interested in joining the Evening Department are invited to attend and learn about the club activities.

American Home Department chairmen, Mrs. Louis Cassella and Mrs. James Taylor, announced the next meeting would be Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Beauty Plus. Ronald Montanya will demonstrate the use and versatility of wigs, wiglets, and falls, and also show the newest spring hair styles.

Mrs. Arthur Werger gave an oil painting demonstration for the evening program, and Mrs. Frank Henkel and her committee provided refreshments.

Home & Store News,
February 1, 1968

Evening Department Chairmen Report At 11th District Annual Conference

HO-HO-KUS — The Evening Membership Departments of the Women’s Clubs of Ho-Ho-Kus, Mahwah, Paterson, Wyckoff, Ramsey and Glen Rock met last Thursday night at the Community Church here for the 11th District Annual Conference.

Mrs. William T. Styles, District Chairman, presided at the conference. Honored guests and speakers were State Chairman Mrs. Edwin H. Latcham; Northern Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Russell R. Teachmen; Representative to the Federation, Mrs. Jack D. Levin, and District President, Mrs. Frank B. Vanderbeek.

Other guests included the presidents of the Women’s Clubs of Glen Rock, Mrs. James W. Conway; Ho-Ho-Kus, Mrs. Russell F. Blawie; Mahwah, Mrs. Vivian W. Skues; Paterson, Mrs. Alberico Masucci; Ramsey, Mrs. Herbert L. Burt; and Wyckoff, Mrs. Alexander J. Sayles.

Mrs. Styles welcomed into the District the newly-formed Evening Department of Glen Rock which has a charter membership of twenty-five. Mrs. Herman F. Goodecker is temporary Chairman and Mrs. Jack Barcinai is Chairman-elect of the group.

Chairmen of the Evening Departments gave highlights of their fundraising activities. Mrs. Harold Zimmerman, Chairman of the Contemporary Club of Ho-Ho-Kus, re-

ported that contributions by that group totaled \$1,800. The Youth Activities Council of Ho-Ho-Kus, Camp Beacon and the Ruth Carole Gottscho Kidney Foundation were the main recipients. The group also visits about 130 patients each month at Bergen Pines and supplies cupcakes and tray favors.

Mrs. Walter Crocco, Chairman of the Mahwah EMD, reported that funds were raised for a \$400 scholarship and a \$300 donation to the Gottscho Foundation. Two Girl Scout Camperships were also given. The department works closely with the Stage Hill Civic Association on Operation Headstart, and has presented a petition to the Township Committee for more recreational facilities for Mahwah children.

Mrs. Walter A. Farnham, Chairman of the Ramsey EMD, reported that approximately \$600 has been raised for the Gottscho Foundation. The department also presented the Bergen County Visiting Nurses Association with a hydrolic lift, a wheel chair, a bed table and portable commode. Mrs. Farnham said an additional \$100 has been allocated for the Friends of Suraci.

Mrs. William DeYoung, Wyckoff EMD Chairman, reported that contributions made by that department total approximately \$725. The local Ambulance Corps was given \$200, and the Gottscho Foundation

also received \$200. Camp Rainbow and the Eastern Christian Children’s Retreat were among others to receive their support.

A combined report of these activities and other contributions to Greystone, Vineland State School, Citizenship Institute of Douglass College and others will be made by Mrs. Styles at the Annual Convention in Atlantic City next month.

Following the business meeting, “Nicolodiani” was presented by the Ramsey Music and Drama Department, under the direction of Mrs. James Koelinger and Mrs. John Humphrey. The cast included Mrs. Alan Alquist, Mrs. W. Cromwell, Mrs. Gerald Delano and Mrs. Dwight Durysa.

Miss Ruth Walsh and Mrs. Frank Tyroft of Wyckoff sang and pantomimed.

The Fine Arts Department of Mahwah, under the direction of Mrs. Paul Scott, Mrs. Charles Vuolo and Mrs. Donald Campbell, presented an original musical production which they will also present at the State Convention.

The cast includes Mrs. James Brodbeck, Mrs. Donald Dermond, Mrs. Manuel Freire, Mrs. Ray Geist, Mrs. Dieter Gosda, Mrs. Richard Hanna, Mrs. Steve Johnson, Mrs. Edward Pietres, Mrs. Herbert Rieley, Mrs. Henry Roes, Mrs. Robert Tutor, Mrs. Charles Verporter and Mrs. Gunnar Vold.



DISTRICT DINNER—Mrs. William T. Styles, left, 11th District vice chairman, entertained district dignitaries at a dinner in her home preceding the Evening Membership Department’s annual district conference. Looking over the program, from left, are Mrs. Jack Levin, Northern assistant No. 2 Project; Mrs. Edwin H. Latcham, State Chairman EMD, and Mrs. Russell Teachmen, Northern vice Chairman, EMD.

Home & Store News,
April 4, 1968



A FASHION SHOW WAS HELD at the Ramsey Woman’s Club meeting on March 26 at the Masonic Temple, and among the participants were, top to bottom, Mrs. William Styles of the Evening Dept., Mrs. William Allen and Mrs. Kenneth Leslie of the Woman’s Club and Mrs. Dennis Kievit of the Junior Woman’s Club. The clothes displayed were made by the members who modeled them. Staff Photo

Home & Store News,
April 2, 1969

Youth Employment Registration Help

RAMSEY -- On a recent Saturday, at the High School cafeteria, a large group of young people registered with the Youth Employment Service (Y.E.S.). Y.E.S. is jointly sponsored by the Woman's Club of Ramsey, the Junior Woman's Club, and the Evening Membership Department of the Morgan Club. This is a voluntary service whose purpose is to mate

young people looking for work with people who need part time help. Wages, duties, and hours are not set by Y.E.S., but must be worked out between the teenager and his employer.

The Ramapo Branch of the Y.M.C.A. has donated space and a desk on the ground floor of their building on North Central Avenue for the Y.E.S. office. Any one needing help with yard work, snow removal, animal care, baby sitting, housework, typing, tutoring or other odd jobs, call Y.E.S.

Starting Jan. 8, and each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon thereafter, the Y.E.S. office will be open between 3 and

5. The number to call to hire a teenager is 327-3040. Any teenager wishing to register with Y.E.S. may come into the office on Tuesday or Thursday between 3 and 5 p.m.

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January 2, 1974

Ramsey EMD Woman's Club

February 24, 1977
By ATHENA SATERSON
The Evening Membership Department (EMD) of the Ramsey Woman's Club

celebrated its 25th anniversary Feb. 15 at a special meeting at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

Historic highlights of the club's achievements were described recently by Joan Peragallo, the club's state

corresponding secretary. Twenty-five years ago, many of the charter members were women whose responsibilities in

Northwest Today Family Section



Charter members, (left to right), Roberta White, Elsa Anlonsen, Catherine Ackerman and Jane Stryker all of Ramsey look over the club scrapbook during meeting celebrating the founding of the Evening Membership Department of the Ramsey Woman's Club.

family left them unable to attend the Woman's Club of Ramsey daytime meetings, explained Mrs. Peragallo. Mrs. William Kellers of the Ramsey Woman's Club approached Mrs. Arthur Werger, who was a newcomer to Ramsey at the time, asking for her support in contacting the younger women moving into the newly-developed areas in town.

Following a house-to-house canvass by Mrs. Werger, an estimated 80 women met in January 1952, and the first official meeting was held Feb. 21 at the home of Mrs. George Witt. Mrs. Werger was appointed first chairman of the evening group. It is interesting, she noted, that the novel which has been used by the department for the past 25 years was made by George Witt.

Charter members still active in the department, said Mrs. Peragallo, are Mrs. Edmund White and Mrs. Thomas Anlonsen. Over the years, the club has played a vital part in community affairs, continuing its first-year achievement of sponsoring a drive to purchase Ramsey's first ambulance. A check for \$800 was presented to the corps by the club in April, 1953.

In May 1958, the club received the highest award given for community service by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs for spearheading a youth activities council in Ramsey; providing a film projector for the children's ward at Bergen Pines County Hospital; contributing to the Ambulance Corps and awarding a scholarship to a deserving Ramsey High School graduate.

In 1964, the EMD sponsored a fund for a new library and over the years has supported the library by holding used book sales. Presentation of an official car to the Fire Chief of Ramsey, topped another community service.

"In working together to achieve their goals, the members have cemented friendships with each other," noted Mrs. Peragallo. In recent years, the club has joined with the Junior Woman's Club and the Woman's Club, in a Community Improvement Project (CIP), and established the Youth Employment Service in Ramsey.

This year's project will be raising funds for the Holmgren Care and Development Center and for support of expanded activities at the Senior Citizen's Triangle in Ramsey's Finch Park. In addition to Mrs. Peragallo, Mrs. Carl Sparacio serves at the EMD state level as EMD state chairman.



Displaying their 25-year pins are (left to right), Mrs. Carl Sparacio, Mrs. Alfred Branchetti, Mrs. Walter Farnham, past Ramsey EMD chairman and Mrs. Donald Walters, who is corresponding secretary of the state organization.



Mrs. Gerrard McCarthy, chairman, Evening Membership Department (EMD), the Ramsey Woman's Club (right) pins 25-year pin on Mrs. Adelaide Werger, first EMD chairman as Jessie Graff (left) waits for pin given to all charter members at the Feb. 15 meeting celebrating the 25th anniversary of the department.



Drinking toast to the Ramsey EMD at its 25th anniversary meeting held in the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer are (left to right) Miss Ruth Walsh, state recording secretary, Laura Teachnert of Wyckoff, past state EMD chairman, Doris McKeon, chairman Wyckoff EMD and Mrs. Barbara Brown, president, Ramsey Junior Woman's Club.



Helping cut the Ramsey EMD celebration cake were state and district guests (left to right), Mrs. Marilyn Schnaars, Northern vice chairman, Mrs. Carl Sparacio, chairman, state EMD, Mrs. Andrew Plakanis, 11th District, EMD vice chairman, Mrs. Donald Walters, 11th District, EMD vice president.

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The Woman's Club Of Ramsey Will Celebrate Its Centennial In 2007

As the Woman's Club of Ramsey approaches its centennial, it is an appropriate time to reflect upon its history and the significant contributions that have been made to the community throughout the decades. The Woman's Club of Ramsey was founded on September 12, 1907 as The Village Improvement Association ("V.I.A."). Its goal was to make the community a better place for all residents.

The V.I.A. Library Committee acquired books and opened a small library in a private home, thus, creating and founding the first Ramsey Library. The Street and Sanitation Committee established street cleaning and snow removal programs, ensured there

was a regular garbage collection schedule, placed refuse containers on street corners and provided better street lighting. Through the efforts of The Railroad Committee, a waiting room was placed at the train station. The Children's Auxiliary provided awards to schoolchildren similar to the scholarships provided today. The Finance Committee raised funds for various community improvement projects.

The Parks Committee of the V.I.A. recognized the need for a town park. Through their efforts, Mr. Edwin F. Carpenter (whose wife was President of the V.I.A. 1913-14) donated the property, which created Bonny View Park. This park is now known

as Veterans Park at Bonny View and is located on Main Street, west of Franklin Turnpike. Many of the women were also contributors to the Soldiers' Memorial in 1924. Bonny View now proudly displays memorials to our veterans.

The organization joined the New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs of the General Federation of Women in 1928, and subsequently changed its name to The Woman's Club of Ramsey. An Evening Membership Department was formed, although the two groups were later combined. In 1966, the club sponsored a Junior Woman's Club, which remains

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active in the community today, contributing many projects of its own.

In 1952, the Woman's Club of Ramsey conducted several fundraisers to obtain an ambulance for the town of Ramsey. On Sunday, April 12, 1953, a dedication ceremony was held and the keys to a new Cadillac ambulance were presented to the newly formed Ambulance Corps. Subsequent contributions were made to assist with additional expenses.

The women also saved the Old Stone House from demolition through their untiring efforts by writing letters to highway commissioners, and gathering petitions to retain the House as a landmark of pre-revolutionary days, and as a historic local museum. This later resulted in the founding of the Ramsey Historical Association to preserve the history of the area.

In 1968, a donation was made to the "Friends of Suraci" for the purchase of tents and equipment for the Girl Scouts Camp.

In January 1974, the Youth Employment Service (Y.E.S.) officially opened in Ramsey. The Woman's Club,

its Evening Membership Department, and the Junior Woman's Club jointly sponsored this town wide program to assist interested teenagers in obtaining part-time and summer employment. Established as a voluntary community service with no job placement fee, the program continues to operate today.

In July 1980, four bulletproof vests were donated to the Ramsey Police Department to ensure that our police officers would have the latest protective devices available.

Members of the Woman's Club have devoted many hours of their time in volunteer efforts, which have resulted in some significant contributions to Ramsey and its organizations. Today's fundraising efforts continue to provide donations to the Ramsey Library, Ramsey Ambulance Corps, scholarships for our schoolchildren, and many others which are too numerous to mention. Several other donations, including the special New Jersey State projects "Canine Companions" and the "Community Food Bank of New Jersey" have also been made. The members contributed more than 1,500 volunteer hours during

the past year. We are thankful to be a part of an organization that welcomes new challenges, develops leadership skills, and recalls with pride its past accomplishments. We recognize that whenever you do something for someone else, however big or small, you change the world for the better.

We always welcome new members at our meetings. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month (September to May) at the Social Hall in the Masonic Temple, on the corner of Franklin Turnpike and Lake Street. Members are needed to help sponsor projects similar to some of those noted above, as well as to help plan for our centennial in 2007 and the Ramsey centennial in 2008.

For more information about the club or how you can help with one or many of our projects, call the Woman's Club of Ramsey President, Anne O'Loughlin at (201) 934-0931, or email us at wcoframsey@yahoo.com.

**Become a part of Ramsey's history.
You can make a difference, one project at a time!**