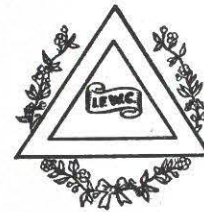


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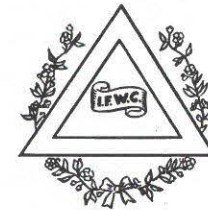
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DEDICATION

To the loyal clubwomen
who throughout the years have accomplished
so many outstanding projects for the better-
ment of their communities, this supplement
to "The Golden Years" is dedicated. Thus is
shown the history of their accomplishments in
1954-1970

IFWC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity to speak to you through the printed page.

We are living in a History making age. We as Federated Club women are helping to make that history, not only by giving of our loved ones to our Country, but by our own personal Service; Service to our home, to our Community, and to our Nation.

I wish here to express my heartfelt gratitude to the splendid women of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs, who have given of their time, energy, knowledge and willingness to Serve. This is the real meaning of friendship and the real meaning of United effort. No woman can work alone, nor can she accomplish much if she does.

Only through co-operation, unity of purpose and preparedness can we hope to accomplish things worth while. Greatness is said to be knowing the little things and doing them, which means for us, if we would be all around Club Women, more thorough preparedness followed by well directed activity.

"Be Strong!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,
We have hard work to do and loads to lift,
Shun not the struggle. face it; 'tis God's Gift."

With every good wish and with a desire always to be of Service to Idaho Clubwomen.

Faithfully yours,

Marjorie D. Vogel, President
IFWC 1970-1972

CLUBWOMEN in the ATOMIC AGE

(Continuing the history of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs whose first fifty years was told in THE GOLDEN YEARS, published in 1955.)

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Compiled by Lucile West Lovell, Boise, Idaho

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"THE GOLDEN YEARS" of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs closed a fifty-year span of the organized "woman's movement" in 1955 and then in 1956-66 the ATOMIC AGE was with them. Idaho clubwomen were part of the fast-moving events of a world in the throes of reorganization of peoples and governments.

Reorganizing their own affairs included changing the type of their investments so as to bring in more needed revenue. As government bonds in various club funds matured, the money was invested in shares of Investors Mutual Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota. As of May 1956, investments of IFWC were the Endowment Fund in US Govt. Bonds, \$6000; Investors Mutual, \$4000; Loan Scholarship in US Govt. Bonds, \$7000; Investors Mutual, \$3000.

The Loan Scholarship Fund was the first project ever adopted by IFWC and it has been continued for fifty-one years. "As of this date (May 1956) it stands at \$10,000 and has loaned a total of \$92,959. There is little call for loans so the interest on the fund was used for gift scholarships, \$3500 having been given to foreign students at the University of Idaho. Six teaching scholarships of \$150 each are gifts if the recipient teaches in Idaho the first year after graduation. If not, the money must be repaid."

A new group added to the Board of Directors of IFWC by a change in the By-Laws was that of club presidents, thus encouraging their interest and understanding of club policies and projects.

New departments added to an already heavy curriculum were Community Affairs, City Beautiful, United Nations, International Hostesses, Status of Women.

The major state-wide project was the publication, distri-

bution and sale of the history of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs, entitled THE GOLDEN YEARS. This was in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of IFWC in 1905. Mrs. Vernetta Murchison Hogsett, Past State President, very ably and delightfully presented the story of the progress of the clubs from a very small group to the organization of 84 clubs and 331 members. Histories of the three Districts and the individual Clubs formed an addenda to the main story. These were written by club representatives.

At the beginning of this second fifty years in club work in IFWC, a community service project and contest was launched to stimulate clubs to greater activity in this field. The Sears Roebuck Foundation cooperated with GFWC by offering cash prizes on the state, national, and international levels. IFWC members began a continuing project to go through the years with community services, competing for some prizes.

A statewide project leading on and on into future years was the planting of "Youth Forests"---pine seedlings raised and provided by the State Forestry Dept. but planted by boys' and girls' groups under the sponsorship of individual clubs whose theme was "For tomorrow's sake, plant trees today." The major conservation project was called the Ida-Pine, continuing from year to year. Financial aid was given by the "Pennies for Pines" fund where a penny per member was the goal to attain the needed amount. 5500 pines had been planted in these forests by 1956.

The Mary Minerva McCroskey State Park, a tract of 4400 acres near Moscow, was given to the State of Idaho by Virgil T. McCroskey in honor of his mother. IFWC had a prominent part in this project, urging its acceptance. Because it would be removed from the tax rolls and would require a certain expense for upkeep, some legislators were not at first in favor of accepting the gift but through their State and District officers and many members, IFWC contacted the State Legislators and the bill to accept the land was approved just before adjournment of the Legislature.

IDAHO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

1954-1956

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President Mrs. P.B. Wilson, Twin Falls
First Vice-President Mrs. G.M. Brown, Nampa
Second Vice-President Mrs. W.E. Bitter, Lewiston
Recording Secretary Mrs. Homer L. Hooban
Corresponding Secretary . . Mrs. Arch T. Coiner, Twin Falls
Treasurer Mrs. E.H. Farmar, Lewiston
Auditor Mrs. Stanley H. Leeney, Pocatello
Junior Director . . . Mrs. William F. Alcorn, Priest River

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

First District Mrs. Alvin Whitehead, Grace
Second District Mrs. Roy Lovell, Boise
Third District Mrs. R.G. Bailey, Lewiston

GFWC Theme: "You are the light of the world"

IFWC Theme: "Let your light shine"

In this administration the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs attained its fiftieth year and looked back upon a half-century of goals achieved, then planned for more to come in the beginning of a new span, in a new kind of world. IFWC was ready to meet the challenge. Led by a very able and dedicated woman, Mrs. P.B. Wilson of Twin Falls, tremendous strides were made with new programs outlined, re-arrangement of financial affairs and broadening the base of membership on the Board of Control of IFWC by the inclusion of club presidents.

Two conventions were held, the first in Boise in the Columbian clubhouse with the hostess clubs being Columbian, Alexis, Golden Rod, South Side Improvement, Ustick Apple Blossom and Whitney Progress. The second convention was held in Sandpoint with the hostess clubs being Sandpoint Civic, Ponderay Birthday, Junior Federated Women's, Clark Fork Homemakers, Cultus, Snow Valley and Panhandle Junior.

The major project successfully undertaken and completed was the writing of the history of IFWC, the three districts and the local clubs. Forestry projects, parks, wayside picnic areas, tree-plantings and conservation incited much interest. The anti-litter campaign was popular and had almost 100% cooperation of the clubs in an effort to keep Idaho clean

as well as green. The state chairman for this activity was the President of Second District IFWC and so all clubs were contacted along with other organizations in all age groups. Wonderful response from all over the state was received, thus making it a state community project.

"Know Your America" and "Get Out the Vote" campaigns made headlines in public affairs. 45 clubs reported 100% of their members voted. Other activities were discussions on citizenship, community problems and contributions to youth organizations. In addition to programs about Indian affairs, six scholarships were given to Indians.

Two new topics, status of women and international affairs, were deeply explored with programs and community action. With the Korean War occurring during this biennium, the most active phase of defense in Idaho was "Sky Watch" with 45 club-women serving on those patrols. Great interest was demonstrated in our foreign policies, world affairs and the United Nations. Cash was given to the American-Korean Foundation to which the Twin Falls Century Club gave \$200 for the education of Korean War orphans. Other clubs contributed smaller amounts. Some gave to scholarships for South American students and to the Latin American Fundamental Education Press to combat illiteracy.

A high type of excellency was attained in programs on Fine Arts. Interest showed a decided gain in music with original compositions being encouraged. Of state-wide interest has been the school art project supported by the Penny Art Fund and the interest of the public, as well as the members. Art instructors all over the state have commended it as "the finest project ever undertaken by the Federated Clubs."

Many clubs had hobby groups and several programs were held on family finances. Gardens and religions all were featured in the Home Department. Workshops were quite successful and exhibits were held.

Intense interest was shown in libraries over the state. The Library District Enabling Act was before the Idaho Legislature in 1955. Club women gave active support to this by contacting their legislators. Second District held book shows and over 500 books were collected and donated to help start new libraries in Horseshoe Bend and Cascade with the duplicates and overflow going to the Council Library. The Ashton Woman's Club established an elementary school library and stimulated interest in all libraries. Buhl Woman's Civic and Grace Literary Clubs were chosen among the 250 WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION Honor Clubs in 1955.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

1. Commending the National Park Service for its adherence to official policies which oppose commercialization of any park or monument, and asserting the strong opposition of IFWC to any efforts to commercialize such areas.

2. Opposing the granting of permits for building dams until the projects have been investigated by all organizations interested in wildlife and wildlife habitat.

3. Favoring the preservation of early Idaho historic names and landmarks and specifically disapproving a bill introduced in Congress by Senator Richard Neuberger of Oregon proposing to rename the Clearwater National Forest in Idaho for the late writer-historian, Bernard DeVoto.

4. Urging local school administrations to provide, as soon as possible, facilities and personnel for an adequate program of guidance and counseling in both elementary and secondary schools of our state.

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"People are like stained glass windows. They glow and sparkle when it is sunny and bright; but when the sun goes down their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within."

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IDAHO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

1956-1958

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President Mrs. G.M. Brown, Nampa
First Vice-President Mrs. A.F. Kalk, Sandpoint
Second Vice-President Mrs. J.E. Graham, Rexburg
Recording Secretary Mrs. C.M. Buell, St. Maries
Treasurer Mrs. W.H. Dickinson, Shoshone
Auditor Mrs. Claude Fry, St. Anthony
Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Henry DeVorss, Nampa
Junior Director Miss Bonnie Viche, Sandpoint

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

First District Mrs. Harland Stevens, Aberdeen
Second District Mrs. Charles Winkler, Council
Third District Mrs. A.C. Steinwandel, Worley

The outstanding activity and report for this administration was the adoption of the project for the IFWC, in which all clubs participated, to assist in the development of the IDAHO YOUTH RANCH, a project for homeless and ill-adjusted boys and girls, although at first only boys would be accepted. They were to assist in raising the money for the first house to be built at the location eleven miles north of Rupert, Idaho. It is a tract of 2560 acres of land. Through the assistance of Senator Henry Dworshak and Representative Hamer Budge, a special Act of Congress in 1952 granted authorization of the sale of 2560 acres for federal land to the Idaho Ranch for Youth, Inc. Countless organizations are aiding this project, many from outside the State. The home is non-sectarian. The IFWC President, Mrs. G.M. Brown, was on the Board for this corporation and was invited to break ground, which she did Nov. 3, 1957. She had spoken to many groups and clubs on this project.

The list of club appropriations and activities is varied and long. It includes libraries, Indian scholarships, scholarships to the University of Idaho, money for the purchase of a new pew in the new chapel at the Veterans Hospital in Boise, aid for opportunity schools, Idaho Youth Ranch, youth activities, a stone drinking fountain, roadside parks etc.

As club women do, these years showed many hours and days with women working on health, safety and community

drives.

At the 1957 convention, using the suggestion of First District, the delegates decided to divide the large First District into two, taking the Shoshone area from Second and adding it to the southern part of First, making a new district to be called Fourth District. The districts now have these boundaries:

FIRST DISTRICT: Organized in February 1901, comprises Lemhi, Custer, Clark, Fremont, Teton, Madison, Jefferson, Butte, Bingham, Bonneville, Caribou, Bear Lake, Franklin, Bannock, Power, Oneida Counties.

SECOND DISTRICT: Organized in December 1900, comprises Valley, Adams, Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Elmore, Ada, Canyon and Owyhee Counties.

THIRD DISTRICT: Organized in 1902, comprises Lewis, Idaho, Nez Perce, Clearwater, Latah, Benewah, Shoshone, Kootenai, Bonner and Boundary Counties.

FOURTH DISTRICT: Organized in 1957-58, comprises Camas, Blaine, Gooding, Lincoln, Jerome, Minidoka, Twin Falls and Cassia Counties.

The 1957 convention was held in Idaho Falls and the 1958 in Nampa. There were 80 clubs in IFWC at the close of this administration in 1958. The clubs participated 100% in the Community Improvement Project, thereby bringing \$500 to IFWC from the Sears Foundation for community improvement. Third District had a special district project in addition to their own community projects. They gave a 21-inch RCA television to the women in Ward 12 at the State Hospital in Orofino.

Gerontology was stressed as program material for this biennium and many clubs started activities along this line. Regular IFWC programs were adhered to by many clubs while some, entering upon some specific program, used only a part of GFWC material, stressing what was best for their clubs and communities.

RESOLUTIONS passed at the 1958 convention in Nampa were:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs in convention assembled at Nampa, Idaho May 6th and 7th, 1958 do hereby go on record as favoring the control of Hell's Canyon Recreational Area by the State Park Association and the State Land Management

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs petition the U.S. Forest Service to take the necessary steps to preserve and protect our huckleberry fields by more stringent enforcement of the law.

IDAHO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

1958-1960

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MRS. AL. F. KALK

President of Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs



President Mrs. A. F. Kalk, Sandpoint
First Vice-President Mrs. J. E. Graham, Rexburg
Second Vice-President Mrs. Charles Winkler, Council
Third Vice-President Mrs. E. A. Peck, Rupert
Recording Secretary Mrs. J. E. McCatron, New Meadows
Treasurer Mrs. W. H. Dickinson, Rupert
Auditor Mrs. John C. Parker, Blackfoot
Corresponding Secretary Mrs. L. G. Spangle, Dover
Junior Director Mrs. Arlen F. Rose, Priest River

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS:

First District Mrs. T. S. Vanderford, Aberdeen
Second District Mrs. Marjorie Vogel, Boise
Third District Mrs. F. D. Wetterow, Sandpoint
Fourth District Mrs. Keith Amende, Albion

THEME: KNOW and BUILD IDAHO

The 1959 convention was held in Lewiston, and 1960 in Twin Falls.

"To know and build Idaho" kept Idaho clubs busy for two years with varied projects and plans for the betterment of the State as well as their own knowledge of Idaho. The con-

ervation program at the State level was outstanding. The clubs distributed 10,000 litter-bags. Anti-litter signs were placed on highways through the cooperation of the Idaho State Highway Dept. Idaho has 27 wayside picnic areas, six of them new. There are now 7 Ida-Pines Youth Forests. In 1959 a new forest was planted at the Idaho Youth Ranch near Rupert with the Girl Scouts planting. Two plantings were made in old forests, total trees planted being 6000.

Another step in furnishing the Idaho Youth Ranch was the purchase of electrical equipment for \$700 which was at a big discount given by the merchants, for the regular price to the public was \$2300. Clubs continued their donations for this project, having contributed over \$2500 during this biennium.

In 1960 IFWC had 72 clubs with a membership of 2777. Accomplishments include fine programs on Idaho industry, scenery, schools education etc. Club reports showed 99 different subjects were taken up in the American Home Dept. Clubs used radio and TV and have written their stations, either praising or criticizing their programs, showing a lively interest in same.

Many of the clubs had programs and most read or had the book, "Masters of Deceit", reviewed for their members and the public. American foreign policy was discussed. Members have helped many foreigners to obtain their American citizenship papers. International clubs have interested many members. IFWC's greatest project along this line was giving \$656 to our Mexico-Self-Help program.

Six \$150 scholarships were provided during this administration, to deserving students at the University of Idaho. These are gifts if the recipient teaches in Idaho one year after graduation; if not, it is considered a loan and must be repaid with interest. Idaho clubs gave six Indian scholarships of \$50 each to six Indian girls who needed help with their education. These gifts are given upon the recommendations of the Indian agencies at Fort Hall and Lapwai.

A project of IFWC for this biennium was "Eyes for the Needy". About 1000 pairs of old eye-glasses were collected and sent for this project.

In 1960 IFWC purchased a portable TV set and presented it to the Veterans Administration in Boise for the use of patients in the Veterans Hospital who are unable to leave their rooms. IFWC had a white pine tree planted on the Capitol grounds in Washington, D. C.

IFWC members are extremely interested in legislation. Subjects on which Idaho Congressmen and the Idaho Congress-

woman were contacted include obscene literature, Junior colleges, the Wilderness bill, TV, Lewis-Clark Highway, teachers' salaries, driver's license laws, veterans' legislation, mental health, highway safety, library bills, child welfare, care of the aged, dairy and produce, milk sanitation, repeal of excise tax on telephone bills.

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"CONSERVATIVE CREED"

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred.

You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away initiative independence.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

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IDAHO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

1960-1962

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MRS. J. E. GRAHAM

President of Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs



- President Mrs. J. E. Graham, Rexburg
- First Vice-President Mrs. Charles Winkler, Council
- Second Vice-President . . . Mrs. F. D. Wetterow, Sandpoint
- Third Vice-President Mrs. W. H. Dickinson, Rupert
- Recording Secretary Mrs. Keith Amende, Albion
- Corresponding Secretary Mrs. John Walz, Rexburg
- Treasurer Mrs. C. L. Dix, Moscow
- Auditor Mrs. Ray Ulmer, Meridian
- Junior Director Mrs. L. J. Stevens, Sandpoint

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

- First District Mrs. Howard Peyton, Idaho Falls
- Second District Mrs. Dewey Davisson, Weiser
- Third District Mrs. Harold White, St. Maries
- Fourth District Mrs. Wallace Bond, Twin Falls

THEME: "A Responsible, Responsive Citizenship"

The outstanding record in this regime was the active participation of the clubs in the drive to get out the vote. As a result of this hard work, Idaho led the Nation in the percentage of voting, with the clubwomen being given credit for a great part in this campaign.

A study of the various departments and their divisions in the program of IFWC shows interests in a wide variety of subjects. They include:

Home Life Dept. with divisions in family living, children and youth, religion, crafts, consumer and finance.

Conservation Dept studying water resources and water pollution, land and timber, minerals and wildlife and air pollution.

Education Dept. with divisions in public education, adult education, and ESO, news and information, communications, libraries, Indian affairs, scholarships.

Fine Arts Dept. which includes penny art fund, music and poetry, literature and drama.

Public Affairs Dept. studying legislation, gerontology, veterans, crime prevention, safety, health, national and civil defense, community improvement and responsible citizenship.

International Affairs Dept. with divisions in The Americas, arms control, United Nations, status of women, Latin American scholarships.

Compiling a summary of the deeds and programs from the districts submitting reports by their presidents, it is noted that all have been adding greatly to the betterment of the life of their communities. They have been generous in their aid to others as well as in building up their own communities. Many members are particularly fitted to take certain responsibilities in community life and these they are doing. Thus their communities are benefiting economically, socially and culturally.

Ida-Pines held a tree-planting, with the aid of State Foresters and Boy Scouts in April 1961, setting out 1000 trees south of Plummer in Third District.

Contests were held in sewing, art, poetry, scrapbook and Community Improvement Project, sponsored by Sears Foundation with large cash awards. There was also the Hallmark Art Project. Donations were made to so many worthwhile projects: herein listed are a few: Idaho Youth Ranch, libraries, kindergartens, a building for an ambulance, swimming pools, Indians, scholarships, youth activities etc.

The 1961 convention was held in Pocatello, with hostess clubs being Pocatello Study League, Pocatello Woman's Club and Aberdeen Woman's Club. The 1962 convention was the 44th and the Forward Club of Caldwell was hostess.

The report of the membership chairman compiled May 1961 showed in May 1960 there were 73 clubs with 2796 mem-

bers and in May 1962 there were 69 clubs with a total of 2746 members. The Alexis Club of Boise gained 42 new members and won a cash award of \$5 and Second District won a \$5 cash award for a gain of 66 members.

Clubs receiving awards for the largest percentage of increase in membership are:

- First District - - - Grace Literary Club 66%
- Second District - - - Alexis Club, Boise 117%
- Third District - - - Wallace Study Club 80%
- Fourth District - - - Shoshone Civic 18%

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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A CLUB MEMBER

1. Be loyal - always speak well of your club.
2. Be active. Attend meetings, make suggestion, accept assignments.
3. Be familiar with club by-laws, standing rules, duties of officers, responsibilities of members.
4. Be tactful. Friendly criticism and suggestions never hurt.
5. Be cooperative. Support ALL projects of the club, not merely those you prefer.
6. Don't carry tales. Don't listen to gossip.
7. Be trustworthy. If you accept an assignment, let nothing interfere with your "carry through".
8. Be enthusiastic, even if it means taking an extra dose of vitamins.
9. Pay attention. Listen to the minutes, to motions, to discussions. Make a note of the dates to be remembered, the job to be done.
10. Be appreciative. Did you tell Susan what a good job she did? Did you drop a note to the speaker whom you enjoyed so much? If something is worth commendation why not give it? It's a mighty nice gesture.
11. The summation of them all: Do to others as you would have others do to you. One of these days you may be in the other woman's position.

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IDAHO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

1962-1964

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MRS. CHARLES WINKLER

President of Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs



- President Mrs. Charles Winkler, Council
- First Vice-President Mrs. F.D. Wetterow, Sandpoint
- Second Vice-President Mrs. W.H. Dickinson, Rupert
- Third Vice-President . . . Mrs. Howard Peyton, Idaho Falls
- Recording Secretary . . Mrs. Corwin Silva, Shoshone (1) and Mrs. Stanley Phillips, Twin Falls (2)
- Junior Director Mrs. Ted Brower, Priest River
- Treasurer Mrs. C.L. Dix, Moscow
- Auditor Mrs. Lee Pratt, Aberdeen
- Corresponding Secretary . . Mrs. Carl Swanstrom, Council

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

- First District Mrs. Nellie Johnson, Grace
- Second District Mrs. Homer Hatch, Mountain Home
- Third District Mrs. Harry Caldwell, Moscow
- Fourth District Mrs. Reuben Lierman, Filer

"Our Idaho Heritage" was the theme for the 45th convention of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs, held in Moscow, Idaho at the University of Idaho, May 6-8, 1963.

Mrs. Winkler's message "Strengthening the Arm of Liberty" was given at the close of the morning session. Joseph

Garry, nationally known Indian of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe, Idaho, was the featured speaker at the banquet, discussing "The American Indian in a Changing World". Receiving Shell Oil Co. grants for their work with young people in order to set up scholarships in their own communities were Mrs. S. L. Hibbard, President of Alexis Club, Boise, and Mrs. LaVern Strong, representing Twentieth Century Club, Twin Falls.

The 46th annual convention of IFWC was held in Twin Falls with the hostess club being Twin Falls Twentieth Century Club.

During her administration Mrs. Winkler asked all clubs to work for legislation requiring hospitals to report evidence of physical abuse to children by their parents. Special projects were participation in the Crusade for Seat Belts in Cars, Dimes for Liberty, CARE, and the Shell Oil Education Program. The Shell Award was presented to the Idaho Falls Federation Women's Club for their project, "Eagle Rock School for Retarded Children". This was a check for \$500.

IFWC won \$500 from the Sears Foundation because every club in the Federation participated in the Community Improvement Project, known as the CIP. This is an annual contest for every state in the United States, with the object of improving communities everywhere.

The Idaho Youth Ranch report was given by Rev. James Crow, Supt. of that project. He stated that the house built by funds given by IFWC was completed and occupied. There were 22 boys at the Ranch, ranging in age from nine through sixteen years.

Outstanding programs were given in many categories with special attention being given to home life, education, conservation, and the Council of International Clubs. Conservation drew particular emphasis, especially regarding pollution of waters and the air. To prepare herself for leadership in conservation and study of pollution, Mrs. Winkler attended a Conservation Workshop at Flathead Lake, Montana, and two Leadership Mobilization Seminars at the Universities of Utah and Colorado, hosted by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Sears Roebuck Foundation.

A Certificate of Commendation in the second citation awards program of the Women's National Safety Conference has been granted to the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs for the Safety Program carried on throughout the State by member clubs with Mrs. LaVern Strong, Twin Falls, as chairman.

An important resolution, dealing with IFWC finances, was

passed at the convention at Moscow, thus: "A resolution to withdraw money from Investors' Mutual Inc. and reinvest it in U.S. Government Bonds was defeated by the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs delegates by a decisive voice vote".

During this term there were 67 clubs in IFWC with a membership of 2443, a loss of 97 members. IFWC lost one club but gained two new clubs. Loss in membership is due mainly to the fact that the older women who started the clubs long, long ago are now retiring because of age, with many having become deceased in the past few years. Younger women are returning to their professions and to participation in business activities while others are too busy with their growing families, PTA etc. to keep up club memberships.

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"MY CREED"

*I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon...if I can.
I seek opportunity...not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfilment to the stale calm of utopia.
I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act for myself, enjoy the benefit of my creations and to face the world boldly and say, this I have done. ALL this is what it means to be and AMERICAN.*

-Dean Alfange

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IDAHO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

1964-1966

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MRS. F.D. WETTEROW

President of Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs



- President Mrs. F.D. Wetterow, Sandpoint
- First Vice-President Mrs. W.H. Dickinson, Rupert
- Second Vice-President Mrs. H.J. Peyton, Twin Falls
- Third Vice-President Mrs. Marjorie Vogel, Boise
- Recording Secretary Mrs. Lee Pratt, Aberdeen
- Treasurer Mrs. Earl Johnson, Twin Falls
- Auditor Mrs. Luther Bice, Nampa
- Junior Director Mrs. Gary McIntire, Rexburg
- Corresponding Secretary Mrs. J. Mount, Kootenai

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

- First District Mrs. James Abbott, Swan Lake
- Second District Mrs. A.J. Denney, Caldwell
- Third District (1) Mrs. Chas. Glasby, Twin Falls and
(2) Mrs. Lawrence Sill, Twin Falls

The conventions for this biennium were held in Boise and Pocatello. As the General Federation of Women's Clubs was celebrating its Diamond Jubilee, this administration carried out that theme, in various ways, programs, decoration etc. Especially honored were (1) longest living member and (2) longest and most outstanding in leadership in local club, district and state. These women were called "Diamond Jubilee

Jewels" and were each presented a gift of a scenic tile.

IFWC and some clubs made donations to the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove at Valley Forge. Their names were to be listed on the plaque there.

IFWC sold scenic Idaho stationery to obtain funds to publish the "Idaho Clubwoman", a quarterly.

A bronze plaque for the Idaho Youth Ranch was placed on the first ranch-house which was built and partially furnished by IFWC funds.

Contests were held and awards given for membership gain, for new clubs organized, school art and poetry contests, Shell education contests, yearbooks, state club prayer, first entry in Community Improvement contest, and a special adult award given by Outdoor Advertising Association of America. The Shell Oil Co. representative made two special awards in the Education contest, those going to Idaho Falls Women's Club and Rexburg Civic Club. All clubs entered CIP (Community Improvement Project), thus the IFWC was entitled to the \$500 award from the Sears Foundation, given to a state when all its clubs enter the CIP.

Progress reports were given on conservation, citizenship, public affairs, civil defense, veterans, fine arts, home life, international affairs and other GFWC topics.

At the Pocatello convention the Charter Clubs of IFWC were honored by receiving awards of merit, there being 14 such clubs presently represented who gave histories of their clubs.

IFWC lost six clubs but gained one new one. In 1966 there were 59 clubs. Loss of clubs is largely due to the ages of the members who feel they can no longer do GFWC projects.

RESOLUTIONS passed: Resolved that the IFWC go on record as vigorously opposing all such atheistic activities by any individual or organization and that the members use every means possible to combat atheistic and communistic activities.

Resolved that the IFWC urges that a law be enacted by Congress and enforced that no election returns may be given out by any public communications media until after the last polling place in the US has been closed on election day. But "A motion was made that we endorse the GVWC resolution regarding the closing of the polls."

Resolved: That the IFWC pledges full support to periodic motor vehicle inspection and urges that a sound statewide inspection law be adopted in Idaho without delay.

Resolved: That we ask our Congressional delegation to work for the development of arid land in Idaho so that we may

utilize the water now in surplus.

Resolved: That we urge all parents to cooperate with law enforcement officers in the law that cigarette vending machines should not be accessible to minors.

The members of IFWC in convention reaffirmed the GFWC Resolution to abolish pornography.

The plan of giving scholarships to worthy senior students as has been done in former years was continued this biennium. Two \$300 scholarships were voted for such students who plan to teach in Idaho after completion of training. Also \$300 was voted for a Korean girl who will teach languages. She is married to a student who is getting his master's degree at University of Idaho.

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"AN INDIAN PRAYER"

O' GREAT SPIRIT,
Whose voice I hear in the winds,
And whose breath gives life to all the world,
Hear me! I am small and weak, I need your
strength and wisdom.

LET ME WALK IN BEAUTY, and make my eyes
ever behold the red and purple sunset.

MAKE MY HANDS respect the things you have
made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

MAKE ME WISE so that I may understand the
things you have taught my people.

LET ME LEARN the lessons you have hidden in
every leaf and rock.

I SEEK STRENGTH, not to be greater than my brother,
but to fight my greatest enemy---myself.

MAKE ME ALWAYS READY to come to you with clean
hands and straight eyes.

SO WHEN LIFE FADES, as the fading sunset,
my spirit may come to you without shame.

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IDAHO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

1966-1968

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President Mrs. W.H. Dickinson, Rupert
First Vice-President Mrs. Nellie Johnson, Grace
Second Vice-President Mrs. Marjorie Vogel, Boise
Third Vice-President . . . Mrs. Emery Hedlund, St. Maries
Recording Secretary Mrs. H.J. Schmall, Caldwell
Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Keith Amende, Albion
Treasurer Mrs. Earl Johnson, Twin Falls
Auditor Mrs. Bert Bowen, Downey
Junior Director Mrs. Robert Heppner, Kendrick

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

First District Mrs. Denzil Jensen, Rexburg
Second District Mrs. Earl Harmon, Boise
Third District Mrs. Gordon Hanks, Rathdrum
Fourth District Mrs. LaVern Strong, Twin Falls

The conventions for this biennium were held in Wallace in 1967, the Wallace Study Club hostessing, and in the Ponderosa Inn near Rupert in 1968 with the Rupert Women's Club as hostess club using the Inn which is especially fitted for conventions.

The purpose and goal of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs for this term was stated by the President, Mrs. W.H. Dickinson, as "Acceptance of responsibility and organization of line of work". Leadership was promoted and a handbook with emphasis on leadership was edited by the Junior Directors. The IDAHO CLUBWOMAN, the State quarterly, was published, funds being derived from the sale of stationery depicting Idaho scenes.

With the United States involved ever more deeply in the war in Vietnam, international affairs were of great interest to the clubwomen. Subjects included atomic research, amenities of our foreign embassies, aid to India and to some of the countries in South America, problems of over-population, Red China overtones, oceanography and its possible sources of food. United Nations Day, a study of Soviet Councilor Treaty, trade and exchange with other countries etc. Gifts were made to CARE, UNICEF, Korean villages, Alliance for Progress in South America, also Veterans groups.

Public affairs were studied and discussed by members, as

well as outside speakers. A donation of \$700 for street signs was made by a Junior Club. Donations and gifts were made to Veterans hospitals, Nampa State School, Boys' State and Girls' State, scholarships to Indians, Sun Valley Music Camp, health projects etc. One club gave a donation for a carillon for a cemetery, many worked in cleaning up their town, including cemetery, and on municipal problems, civil defense, with one club the civil defense cave and studying its operation. The Community Improvement Project, sponsored by Sears Roebuck Foundation and GFWC, brought an award of \$300 to a new member club of the IFWC at Victor, Idaho.

Consumer trends and financial management was a new subject studied by several clubs, also new legislation for federal meat inspection. Costs and foods of the future have been featured in some programs. Besides the usual types of home programs, some clubs have become interested in geriatrics, have knitted knee robes for occupants of homes for older people, have purchased many useful appliances for these homes, visiting them, etc.

Wide interest was shown in various phases of conservation. One club donated \$344 for airport improvement. Study was made of water resources and drainage, recreational facilities, litter problems, new State and National parks, Green Belt along the Boise River, and local problems. Interest was shown in Youth Conservation Camps, also attendance at Federal Conservation Workshops.

Fine Arts has always held the interest of Idaho clubwomen, libraries especially being remembered. In 1968 Second District held a book shower when the delegates brought over 200 books to their convention to be apportioned among several small libraries in their District. Some appropriate books were sent to the Idaho Youth Ranch near Rupert and others to the Idaho State penitentiary which is establishing a new library for the use of inmates.

Nearly every club conducted art and poetry contests in their schools or among adults. The Penny Art Fund provided prizes for the State Art Contest and the State Poetry Contest which reaches its zenith at the Art and Poetry Exhibit at the State Convention each year. The \$500 Shell Educational Award, an educational project, was won by the Syringa Club of Garden Valley, entitling them to compete in the GFWC contest where the highest awards will be made. The Hallmark Art Award was won by a student from Idaho Falls.

Craft exhibits and hobby shows were enjoyed as part of home life. Our cultural heritage was featured by a club that

was celebrating its 75th birthday.

The State Historian compiled material for the beginning of a book for the second fifty years of IFWC. This includes the story of the first IFWC convention in 1905, also the story of the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of IFWC and the publication of its book, THE GOLDEN YEARS. It also includes the record of the state conventions and state council meetings of IFWC and why they appear as they do. A condensed version of each two year term of IFWC since the GOLDEN YEARS was published in 1955, is included also. This record begins with the term of 1954-1956 and carried through 1964-1966. It is planned this method will be carried on through the years so at the celebration of the centennial of IFWC the material will be ready for publication as the second book of the series of IFWC history.

Resolutions about the dredge law for mining, keeping cattle off the highways, and objections to obscene movies and television shows were discussed and passed at the 1968 convention.

IDAHO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

1968-1970

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Left -
Mrs. Earl L. Harmon,
Boise, general chairman
of IFWC convention held in
Boise, May 13-14, 1970.

Right -
Mrs. Nellie V. Johnson,
President of the Idaho Fed-
eration of Women's Clubs
1969-1970.

The picture was taken in the clubhouse of the Columbian Club,
Boise.

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- Corresponding Secretary . . . Mrs. Richard Weeks, Grace
- Treasurer. Mrs. James Abbott, Swan Lake
- Auditor (1) Joyce Anderson, Twin Falls and
(2) Mrs. Earl Johnson, Twin Falls
- Junior Director Mrs. Glen Snider, Priest River

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- Fourth District Mrs. Anton Suchan, Buhl

GFWC Theme: Individual Involvement
IFWC Theme: Individual Involvement with Emphasis
on Patriotism

Taking the GFWC theme, "Individual Involvement", for the 1968-70 regime, the members of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs modified it with the addition of the phrase, "Emphasis on Patriotism". This they truly exemplified in many ways, giving a new interpretation to the word PATRIOTISM. Especially did CONSERVATION in its various phases hold the attention of the women. Outstanding programs and active participation held the close attention of club members, with good attendance at the joint CONVOCATION of IFWC and the Idaho State Federation of Garden Clubs, assisted by foresters. This was held at Redfish Lake Lodge with field trips as well as the formal program and banquet. IFWC held the State Board fall meeting preceding the Convocation.

Though figures show a loss of members and clubs, due generally to age and the health of the women who, when younger, bore the brunt of club activities for their communities, club reports show a continual broadening of interests. In 1969 there were 53 clubs and 2101 members at the close of the term. In 1970, 49 clubs with 2022 were listed by Feb. 15. This apparent loss is due somewhat to reports not reaching the State Membership Chairman in time to be counted as officially of that year. At the conventions, held in Idaho Falls in 1969 and in Boise in 1970, early submittance of reports was stressed.

Messages from club leaders were sent to members in the printed IDAHO CLUBWOMAN with Mrs. F.D. Wetterow of Sandpoint as editor. Sale of place mats and Christmas cards with Idaho scenes financed this printing.

The Emerson Club of Coeur d'Alene outranked other clubs in the number of subscribers to the GFWC CLUBWOMAN, they having 100% of their members as subscribers.

The State Historian's report of the IFWC as given in 1969 and in 1970 continued the story of various phases of IFWC activities, preparatory to a printed booklet supplementing the history of IFWC as told in "THE GOLDEN YEARS", published in 1955. This booklet will be printed in the next regime of 1970-1972.

Due to the fact that \$1000 interest had accumulated through the investment of the Scholarship Loan and Trust Fund for the University of Idaho, in 1969 a new Scholarship Loan Fund was originated from this interest. From this new fund loans may

be made to students of Idaho state-supported Colleges or Universities other than the U of I. This fund was named the Educational Loan Fund and will be administered by the State Scholarship Loan Committee which has a representative from each IFWC District.

Involvement in projects for the betterment of their communities was practiced by all 53 clubs. They reported this as they entered the Community Improvement Project sponsored by GFWC and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. The Grace Literary Club won the first prize of \$300 in the non-metropolitan category. This club also ranked first in the Shell Education Award and this brought \$500. Both awards were decided upon unknown to the other donor. This same club had won not only this 1970 award but the Shell Award for 1969, another \$500, at which time lesser awards went to the Rexburg Civic Improvement Club and the Meridian Occident Club.

The project that brought the awards to the Grace Literary Club was a "Special Education Class" started in Caribou County. Special fund-raising projects were under the sponsorship of twelve organizations. Newspapers and radio were most cooperative. The school deals with mentally retarded children with a salaried teacher for them.

The lesser awards in 1970 went to the Downey Study Club, Idaho Falls Women's Club, Cambridge Lookout Club and Valley of the Tetons Club. In this contest an unusual project brought special commendation. This was given to the Columbian Club of Boise for its project of teaching unemployable JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL girls how to make school clothes for themselves and also to keep them occupied during the summer months. They modeled these new dresses for the mothers and clubwomen at a tea in the clubhouse.

Aid to the war veterans was stressed by many clubs with individual involvement. Clubs gave donations to buy pictures for rooms in the Veterans Facility in Boise. Several community hospitals were aided in many ways. Involvement in services and funds for State Institutions and orphanages occupied many members. Clothing was given to boys at the Idaho Industrial Training School.

The Youth Ranch near Rupert is a continuing project. Aid to Teen Clubs, Scouts, 4H, Easter Seal Speech and Hearing Center, Harbor House for delinquent children which was established in 4th District, kindergartens, as well as college scholarships have been given.

The Valley of the Tetons Club complete their project of

erecting an entire library. All clubs continue their interest in library donations and services.

In Fine Arts a new phase was begun with formation of a creative writing division and public speaking. Contests in art and poetry are a continuing program.

Personal involvement in civic affairs and international programs kept members busy.

In legislation, the clubwomen supported conservation, anti-pollution measures, suppression of pornographic material, national legislation opposing the increase in the size of trucks. Some actively worked in opposition to sex education in public schools.

Clubwomen supported the movement to purchase special china and crystal bearing the State Seal of Idaho for use in the "Governor's Mansion" in Boise. Several clubs in Third District gave a large silver punch bowl, ladle and tray and some small trays for this project.

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BEATITUDES OF LEADERSHIP

"Blessed is the leader who has not sought out the high places, but who has been drafted into service because of her ability and willingness to serve.

Blessed is the leader who knows where she is going, why she is going, and how to get there.

Blessed is the leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi.

Blessed is the leader who knows how to lead without being dictatorial; true leaders are humble.

Blessed is the leader who seeks the best for all she serves.

Blessed is the leader who leads for the good of the most concerned, not for the personal gratification of her own ideas.

Blessed is the leader who develops leaders while leading.

Blessed is the leader who marches with the group, interpreting correctly the signs of the pathway to success.

Blessed is the leader who has her head in the clouds and her feet on the ground.

Blessed is the leader who considers leadership an opportunity for SERVICE."

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SPECIAL REPORTS

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IDAHO FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS FIRST CONVENTION

The first convention of the Idaho State Federation of Women's Clubs was held October 25-26, 1906 in Carnegie Hall, Boise, with the president, Mrs. D.W. Standrod of the Pocatello Study League, in the chair. The Columbian Club was hostess to the group.

"The attendance greatly exceeded the expectations even of the most sanguine club enthusiasts. It had always been argued that a state meeting could not be a success on account of the magnificent distances in this state, that such a meeting would be of necessity local. But the contrary has proved to be the fact. Twenty came from the extreme southeast, the members having previously attended their own district meeting at Pocatello, therefore on the road since Monday and having to contend with delayed trains all along the route with but little time for sleep. Many of them traveled over 350 miles. "The most northern delegate came 600 miles to be present at this meeting." Such were the words of the Statesman reporter, which clipping has been kept in the files of the Idaho State Federation.

In "The Golden Years" Mrs. Vernetta Murchison Hogsett, author, states, "Many of the clubs were not represented by delegates to this convention. Listed on the records are 21 clubs and 47 delegates. States to send greetings to their new sister Federation at its first convention were South Dakota, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Washington, Colorado and Utah."

The convention was honored by the presence of the President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, in whose term Idaho had joined the GFWC and thus she claimed Idaho as her child, "her first-born". Mrs. Decker was the featured speaker at the evening meeting held in the Methodist church. Her subject was "Federation". The keynote of her address was, "Those who never reflect their opinions love themselves more than they love the truth." Being a very witty person, she illustrated her points with many stories that were very apropos.

The address of the State President, Mrs. Stanrod, detailed the work of the past year and offered helpful suggestions for the next year.

The schools and types of education formed the theme for this convention. It was here a committee was appointed to

draft conditions under which loan scholarships could be made, after hearing a discussion following a resolution from the Board of Directors asking that the Federation establish a scholarship in the State University.

Encouraging reports were given about the work of the Lewiston State Normal and the Albion State Normal. Gratifying reports came from the State Industrial Training School. Domestic Science in the State University was discussed, as well as the same subject in the Pocatello Academy where substantial progress was demonstrated in both higher schools of learning. Locally, an encouraging report of the Boise schools was noted. "These various reports demonstrate the wisdom of placing women on the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees of our State Institutions, as much of the credit of the splendid work has been due to the suggestions and efficient work done by the women members who have these branches so much at heart", quoted the newspaper reporter.

A report on Civil Service Reform brought about a spirited discussion regarding the bill which they would present to the legislature on this matter. A special report on the Juvenile Court Law with recommendations for amendments, and a report on the Free Traveling Library, showed great interest in these matters.

The business of the convention filled two days. "The Relation of Women's Clubs to Social Economics" and "Industrial Possibilities for the Women of Idaho" were two planned papers presented for discussion on the second day. An evening meeting was necessary to conclude the business of the convention. Music was enjoyed throughout the days and the social events included a reception the first evening and a tea the second afternoon at which time the ladies were taken in carriages to the lovely home of Mrs. W.H. Ridenbaugh in South Boise where the Columbian ladies were hostesses.

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COUNTING CONVENTIONS

It will be noted that although the State Federation was formed in 1905 and the first convention was held in 1906, it isn't until 1968 that the 50th convention is being held. This is due to the fact that biennial conventions were held, up through 1922. The first annual convention was held in 1923 and this plan was followed through 1933. In 1934 a Council meeting was held because by this time, in line with GFWC, triennial

terms were designated as being proper procedure. So Mrs. E.T. Barton, who became State President in 1932, held a convention in 1933, a Council in 1934 and a second convention in 1935. This was during the period of the Great Depression when money was a difficult thing to obtain.

This triennial term for GFWC and for the States prevailed for 18 years from 1932 to 1950. At the beginning of triennial administration the plan was to conduct two conventions with a Council meeting the year between when only officers, chairmen and club presidents attended. In Idaho the plan was followed for two administrations after which annual conventions were held until World War II, when gasoline rationing and wartime activities precluded conventions.

There was no convention in 1942 and only a Council meeting in 1943 but in 1944 a convention was held in Lewiston. In 1945 no convention was held, neither district, state or national, for large civilian gatherings were cancelled by the Bureau of Defense Transportation. By 1947 the war had been concluded and again annual conventions were held by clubwomen, since which year they have been held annually.

Report submitted by Mrs. Roy Lovell, State Historian
1966-68, Columbian Club, Boise, Idaho

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"WHAT IS A WOMAN'S CLUB?"

*"What is a woman's club? A meeting ground
For those of purpose great and broad and strong,
Whose aim is in the stars, who ever long
To make the patient, listening world resound
With sweeter music, purer, freer tones;
A place where kindly, lifting words are said
and kindlier deeds are done; where hearts are fed;
Where wealth of brain for poverty atones."*

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MEMORIES OF "THE GOLDEN YEARS"
Details of the Social Events, etc. of the 50th anniversary of
IFWC, compiled by Mrs. Roy Lovell, Boise

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There they were---women dressed in party gowns, some long, some short, gay pastels, in lace or silk of modern hue and design, mingling with women wearing dresses designed and worn in years long gone by.

Such was the scene in the beautifully decorated auditorium of the Columbian Clubhouse in Boise the evening of May 4, 1955 when Federated Clubwomen and guests from over the State gathered to commemorate fifty years of activity of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs on their Golden Anniversary. It was the first event in the celebration that would last through two whole days of convention business and social life, May 5 and 6, 1955.

The high light of the convention would come at the luncheon the first day with the presentation of "THE GOLDEN YEARS", the history of the first fifty years of IFWC, compiled and written by Vernetta Murchison Hogsett, Past State President of IFWC and also Past President of the Twentieth Century Club of Twin Falls, Idaho. An addenda to the history, consisting of the histories of the three club districts, as well as local clubs, was prepared by members of various clubs. Mrs. P. B. Wilson, Twin Falls, President of IFWC, had the honor of presiding at this famous convention.

Hostess clubs were the Columbian, South Side Improvement, Whitney Progress, Ustick Apple Blossom, Alexis, Golden Rod, all of Boise.

The evening reception, honoring charter Federation members of the clubs, featured a "Memory Corner" arranged in one side of the Columbian auditorium. Here the pioneer members took turns sitting for "This golden hour of memories". Among the special pioneer members were Mrs. Charles Eagleson who had been a member of the Whitney Progress Club for forty-two years, Mrs. Henry McBirney, a member of the Ustick Apple Blossom Club since 1915, Mrs. Harry Yost, charter member of the same club, Mrs. C. J. Elmer, member of the South Side Improvement Club for forty-two years, Mrs. J. F. Koll and Mrs. Hans Roan, both forty-five year members of the Columbian Club.

Mrs. Wallace K. Pond, Columbian Club member who was general chairman of the convention, headed the receiving line

at the reception where GFWC representatives, Idaho State President, Mrs. P. B. Wilson, with her officers and Mrs. H. B. Hogsett, author of the history, were receiving congratulations and best wishes from the large assembly of clubwomen and friends. Many husbands were in the group enjoying the evening. A short musical program was enjoyed at that time.

With Mrs. C. W. Hettinger, 2nd District Parliamentarian, as mistress of ceremonies for the Founders' luncheon on Thursday, this hour was the high light of the two days for at that time Mrs. Hogsett was presented as author of "THE GOLDEN YEARS" and as she read excerpts from the book, she told of the hopes and plans that were crystallized in the publication and presentation of this IFWC history.

Mrs. Hogsett wore an imported brown silk dress which once belonged to the Randolph Hearst family and which was loaned by Mrs. Gladys Keel Packer of Wendell. Managing her voluminous skirts with grace as she maneuvered them in little space and smiling out at her audience from under a very large wide-brimmed hat trimmed in feathers, the author carried her charm right into the hearts of the clubwomen. A rush of orders for the book followed. Later Mrs. Hogsett was made Honorary President of IFWC during a business session.

After the close of the Thursday afternoon session, guests were taken by bus for a tour of the city, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Anderson, who later served them with a tea at their store. Mrs. Anderson became a member of the Columbian Club in 1915 and served on the building, town improvement, educational and cultural committees and was a member of the library board of the Boise Public Library which was founded by the Columbian Club.

That evening (Thursday) the banquet in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Boise drew a capacity crowd and many non-members were in attendance to hear Mrs. Carroll E. Miller, Recording Secretary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Her talk was "The Future Is Now". She dwelt on the dangers of Communism and the attempts made to penetrate our organization. Mrs. Pond, convention general chairman and an outstanding personality with much experience as toast-mistress, kept things moving. Decorations were all in gold--flowers, nutcups, tapers, place cards, menus and doilies. Even the gifts from the clubs to their GFWC guest and to their beloved State President, Mrs. P. B. Wilson, were gold mesh evening party bags. A musical program preceded the address

by Mrs. Miller following which awards were presented to various clubs and scholarships to individuals.

The luncheon on Friday was presided over by Mrs. Marjorie Vogel, President of the Columbian Club and co-chairman of the convention. It honored Miss Lois Whitman of Kuna who recently had won the national Betty Crocker Homemaker award. Favors were recipe books from the Betty Crocker Division of General Mills. Both luncheons were held in a church across the street from the clubhouse and were served by church women.

A beautiful memorial service was held in the early afternoon of the closing day.

A special activity which will remain in their memories in years to come was the planting of a scarlet oak tree on the grounds of the Statehouse, under the direction of Mrs. Forrest D. Wetterow, Sandpoint, State Conservation chairman. A short program was held after which Mrs. Wilson uncovered the plaque that detailed the reason for this special observance and planting. The tree is near the southwest corner of the building.

Business sessions were held mornings and afternoons of May 5 and 6. They included standing committee reports, panel discussions and speeches. Pre-convention meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors were held May 4. A class in parliamentary law was held at 8 AM Thursday with Mrs. Hogsett, State Parliamentarian, in charge. Mrs. Carroll Miller, Missoula, Montana, GFWC officer, held a workshop on Federation matters.

Roger G. Mastrude, western regional director for the Foreign Policy Assn. at San Francisco, spoke on "You and Our Foreign Policy".

Dr. Herbert Richards, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Boise, in an outstanding talk, gave "The Panorama of the Century". He reviewed the part women's clubs have had in the development of our country, stating his mother had been an active clubwoman. He gave this tribute, patterned after the Gettysburg Address:

"Twoscore and ten year ago our women's leaders brought forth in this State a new movement conceived in fellowship and dedicated to service. Now we are engaged in the Great Golden Celebration illustrating the truth that women's clubs proved their right to endure. We meet when there are those who scoff at our freedom, mock our accomplishments and who doubt our sincerity. We remind ourselves that those who founded our work realized that women's activities are far more than purely social in function and have in them the creation of a better community, state and nation. The dedicated women, living and dead, have consecrated and made honorable the symbols of our orders that extend now from North and South, from East and West. It is altogether fitting that we remember the original founders of our clubs from whom we derive our inspiration. But, in a larger sense, we carry on their work to new opportunities of devotion and achievement. From these, our Founders, we take increased devotion---that we, the Federated Women's Clubs of Idaho, here highly resolve that our leaders have not served in vain; that the Panorama of our Century will be made more glorious;---that our clubs statewide---shall continue to serve in the cause of brotherhood, freedom, and the rights of all mankind and that these truths shall inspire the earth."

Report of STATE HISTORIAN IFWC 1969

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In compiling the history of each regime of the Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs for the second fifty-year period of its existence, the following procedure has been used by the State Historian, Mrs. Roy Lovell, member of the Columbian Club of Boise.

Beginning during the 1966-1968 term of State President, Mrs. W.H. Dickinson of Rupert, Mrs. Lovell compiled the history of the FIRST CONVENTION of IFWC and also the convention held in 1955, celebrating the 50th ANNIVERSARY of IFWC. In addition, because in 1968 IFWC was holding its 50th CONVENTION, she compiled the record of the various conventions to date. Some years no convention was held so the number of conventions does not conform to the number of years the State Federation was in existence.

Realizing that the total records for the next fifty years would of necessity have to be condensed, if they were to be valuable for a printed record at the end of the second fifty-year period, she chose to give only the most important activities that would withstand the changing opinions through the years. A similar procedure must be followed for each regime.

The names of State Officers and District Presidents should be listed and the theme of the term work, if given. A listing of outstanding thoughts and accomplishments and awards should be made.

The material presented in the reports of the District Presidents and of the State President furnished the information from which the historian chose the outstanding activities and programs to form the basis of her history for the State files. These histories are on file with the State Recording Secretary.

It is suggested that each District have an historian to compile the history of that District, beginning with 1955. Up to that date the histories are to be found in the club book, "THE GOLDEN YEARS".

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF IFWC

By Lucile W. Lovell, State Historian, State Convention in Boise May 13-14, 1970.

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The Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs has worked for many projects and laws since its organization in 1905. The Silver Jubilee convention was held at Hayden Lake in 3rd District in 1930. The Golden Jubilee celebration occurred in Boise in 1955. Now our Federation is 65 years old and we are holding the convention in the same town in which our IFWC was born, became a fifty-year adult, and finally has reached the mature age so it may be known as a Senior Citizen, in contemporary terms. At each of these three stages the Columbian Club was a participating hostess club.

From the very beginning, Idaho clubwomen evinced a very keen interest in education and pushed for the manual training and domestic science courses in high schools. Then they worked for schools and homes for delinquent children. Libraries have been the child of practically every club and donations of books with volunteer aid, are still of great interest to clubwomen.

State contests in art and poetry are a more recent innovation but are among our finest achievements. They are financed through our Penny Art Fund, now enlarged by more generous funding by the clubs. Financial awards are made to winning students, all of whom must be in Idaho schools. Entries are also made in national art contests. Gifts have been made to many schools and equipment purchased for special classes and children as projects of local clubs.

When World War I disclosed that so many young men drafted for service in our military branches were found to be illiterate, IFWC joined in making a national survey of this illiteracy problem. As a result of this national survey, schools for adults were established. For many years in Boise our clubs have helped fund the Americanization School for the foreign-born who desired to become citizens.

Many clubs have had programs for understanding and helping the Indians in our midst. Scholarships to worthy young Indians have been awarded.

Scholarships have been given to Idaho young people, especially to prospective teachers, by IFWC as well as by local clubs. Using interest from the IFWC Loan Scholarship Fund,

as a part of the GFWC program in International Understanding, Idaho Federation has awarded scholarships to individuals from five foreign countries.

Always our clubs have remembered the less fortunate people in our State. Keen interest has been shown in the State School at Nampa, the School for the Deaf and the Blind at Gooding, the hospitals at Blackfoot and Orofino, with many gifts presented. The Children's Homes at Lewiston and Boise have been remembered each year. The Veterans Hospital also has been remembered.

After the last war a return to Americanization was urgently needed so IFWC concentrated on patriotic programs, also in getting out the vote with participation in civic activities and needs. In 1961 Idaho led the nation in the percentage of voting with the clubwomen being given credit for a great part in this campaign.

Our conservation programs have been idealistic as well as realistic with many hours being devoted to studying pollution and conservation of all types of natural resources. In 1969 Idaho Federation of Women's Clubs joined with the Idaho Garden Clubs and the Forestry Department in a two-day conference at Redfish Lake. This was attended by leaders from several states.

Our Pennies-for-Pines have built up the Ida-Pines project, which fund has been used in conservation work, especially in planting large acreages in young trees. IFWC was aided by the Department of Forestry with local help. Boys and girls have given many days to this project and IFWC considers this as one of its Youth Conservation activities. Youths also assisted in our "Keep America Beautiful" project. This was a state-wide anti-litter campaign in which all clubs participated and where the state director for all groups of participants in Idaho, was a clubwoman.

At our Golden Anniversary we planted a red oak tree in the Statehouse grounds with a metal plaque naming the donor. That tree died and a second tree was recently planted near the east wing of the Statehouse on the north side. It likewise is a red oak.

In order that Idaho should be represented in the section of the Capitol grounds in Washington, D.C., where the state trees are, we had a white pine planted in this grouping.

IFWC has contributed its share in carrying out several GFWC projects. We sent money toward the purchase of our General Federation building in our national capital. Here are our headquarters for supplies and all clubs share in it.

When GFWC promoted restoration of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Idaho raised \$1160 for this project. When it was noted that the Idaho State Flag was missing in the Hall of Flags, through the governor of Idaho, one was obtained. Then our IFWC president made the trip to Philadelphia and in an impressive ceremony the Idaho Flag was placed in its proper position among the other flags of our wonderful USA.

Idaho clubs contributed to the cost of the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove at Valley Forge. This is a planting of trees for a memorial grove honoring the brave men who have been the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Idaho clubwomen patriotically supported the wartime, later the peacetime, purchase of U.S. Treasury bonds and stamps. Our State Chairman, Mrs. Frank Snyder, was then named by the U.S. Treasury Department as head of that activity in Idaho and later was presented a citation for her work.

Always clubwomen have striven to improve their communities. During these later years they have participated in a national contest offered by the Sears Foundation for Community Improvement with large cash awards. Several times IFWC has received \$500 because all the clubs in our Federation had entered this contest for the improvement of their own communities.

Two clubs have won awards in national competition offered by the Shell Oil Co. for projects in education in their communities. One club received the highest national rating in this contest, the award being \$2500.00. This was the Syringa Club of Garden Valley. The Idaho Falls Women's Club won a C.I.P. award, being in the top ten of the nation.

Two of the outstanding projects of IFWC have been brought about through years of hoping and planning and serving. The first to be mentioned is the Tuberculosis Hospital at Gooding. The second is the Idaho Youth Ranch near Rupert, which is a continuing project for years to come.

The Tuberculosis Hospital was long in coming after many discouragements but it was finally established in 1947. Our clubs have felt this to be their child and when the buildings were finally completed and ready to be furnished, the clubwomen started in with the furnishing. The furniture for the reception room was purchased by 2nd District; 1st District supplied the curtains and drapes for the nurses' building; 3rd District bought metal shelving for the library room which would hold 6000 books, the goal for which the Federation was striving. Books were purchased by the clubs to add to the many donations that were received. A beautiful scenic oil

painting was bought, using money from the Penny Art Fund. The clubwomen next provided items of comfort and recreation that were needed. Landscaping was begun with financial help from the clubs and their friends. In recognition of this library project GFWC requested a poster display for the Boston convention and this photo of the library and the reception room were sent.

The current interest of IFWC is the Idaho Youth Ranch with which we are all acquainted. It was begun in the interests of young people, both boys and girls, but the first to be given a home there were boys. Our IFWC clubs raised money to build the first ranch-type house for sixteen boys and their counselors. Mrs. G.M. Brown, in whose term as IFWC President, the project was begun, was on the Board of Directors for the organization. The library there was established in her name and books are being sent there as a continuing activity. Memorials are often given by clubs for their deceased members.



The IDAHO Clubwoman

Message for Historians

History is the record of thoughts and accomplishments, sometimes of projects that never reached fruition. Here is a message especially for historians from one who has "been through the mill" in the compilation of the history of both a Local Club and a District. Now as State Historian, she offers these suggestions to help you.

In our book, "GOLDEN YEARS," printed in 1955, the histories of State, District and Local Clubs were printed, ending with the year 1954. Since then a new District has been formed--Fourth District--and its history should be compiled immediately. Present historians of First, Second and Third Districts should start where the record in "GOLDEN YEARS" ends, the year of 1955. District histories should be kept in District file-cases.

These suggestions may help in deciding how to proceed. Read your Club's history in "GOLDEN YEARS," study its form and then begin. If the Club has entered IFWC since 1954, state the purpose of the Club, its goals and accomplishments, types of programs to show its varied interests, awards received, also its money-making projects. Give the size of the Club and where the meetings are held. Is it alert to the needs of its community? By-laws may restrict its activities and if so, state that fact.

When the history is completed, keep one copy on file for yourselves and send a duplicate to the District Historian to be kept with the District records in a separate file on HISTORIES. Do not send to the State Historian as she is not a custodian. She will compile the State History from the reports of the State President and the four District Presidents. The District Historians should be able to get their data from the report filed by the District President but if necessary, referring to the reports of District Chairmen. It is wise to copy the RESOLUTIONS passed at conventions as they show the issues of the times.

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