The First Fifty Years of The Dobson Woman's Club 1931 - 1981

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A P P R E C I A T I O N

WE WANT TO THANK THE DOBSON FLOWER AND GIFT SHOP FOR THE NUMEROUS FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS WE HAVE USED - FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS - AT THE DOBSON WOMAN'S CLUB MEETINGS.

OUR APPRECIATION ALSO GOES TO THE SURRY INSURANCE AGENCY FOR MAKING SOME PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF THE DOBSON WOMAN'S CLUB HISTORY.

OUR MANY THANKS TO THE NORTHWESTERN BANK FOR PROVIDING SPACE FOR OUR DOBSON WOMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL HEART FUND BAKE SALES OVER THESE MANY YEARS.

DEDICATION

To all the members of
The Dobson Woman's Club
- both past and present -
who have made the compilation
of this volume
a pleasant duty.

PREFACE

The Dobson Woman's Club was organized in January 1931. The club celebrated its SILVER ANNIVERSARY with a Silver Anniversary Dinner in 1956. I was appointed Club Historian during this year of 1956 by Mrs. Henrietta Gillispie who was serving as President at this time.

Upon my appointment as Club Historian, I immediately began to assemble data, but found this a difficult and time consuming task. The Minute Books of the early years had not been preserved having been lost or misplaced.

At the time of the Club's SILVER ANNIVERSARY, I tried to recall what had transpired up to this time (1956). With some information from other club members and past-presidents and along with the facts I could remember, I was able to assemble the first historical records for the clubs first twenty-five years of existance.

The club celebrated its FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY in October 1971. The "40th Anniversary Tea" was held at the club house. By this time I had recorded a brief history, which I read to the club members. It was a help to me at this time to have available the Minute Book - begun in 1963 with Margaret Smith - Recording Secretary. It is unfortunate that NO MINUTE BOOKS - except the one mentioned and the one being used now - begun in 1974 - are available. This should behoove us to TAKE CARE OF OUR RECORDS from this time forward. May I add that all the work, which I have done toward preserving our RECORDS, has been a labor of love to those of the past, present, and future.

More of the Preface

In order to make this History more complete, I have preserved - under separate covers - some additional material. It was not possible to include the material in this volume. The additional material is listed below:

SCRAPBOOK - containing citations - awards - clippings - booklets - etc -

PHOTO ALBUM - containing large photographs depecting club activities -

MINUTES - of the club's FIRST YEAR - 1931 - written in pencil on tablet paper - recorded by Lena Whitley Freeman - 1st Club Secretary -

YEAR BOOKS - for most of the club years - they are placed in a covered FILE BOX - bearing the numbers - Book 1 - (through) Book 30 -

GUEST REGISTER - for guests attending club events -

THE DOBSON WOMAN'S CLUB

ORGANIZED AND FEDERATED

IN 1931

(and continued to be Federated until 1938)

OBJECT

To stimulate intellectual development, to promote unity and good fellowship among its members, and to strengthen, by organization, individual philanthropic and reformatory effort.

CLUB COLORS

Blue and Gold

CLUB FLOWER

Goldenrod

CLUB MOTTO

"The Union of All for the Good of All"

- In English -

"CONJUCTIO OMNIUM PRO BONO OMNIUM"

- In Latin -

The First Year

THE CLUB'S BEGINNING

A group of interested and enthusiastic women had a vision of better conditions for the town of Dobson. Inspired by a courageous leader, Gertrude Reece Folger, they founded The Dobson Woman's Club. Without knowing what lay ahead, they "hoisted the mainsail to the wind and made toward shore" . . . . What a wind it proved to be!

Economic hardships induced by the Depression, apathy and timidity among women were difficulties with which the Founders coped. And how they coped!

We salute the 40 Founders of our Club. We honor them for clarity of vision, for enduring faith in that vision and for the fortitude with which they held the course. To the Forty Great Women who "hoisted the mainsail to the wind", we, who are their heirs in The Dobson Woman's Club, offer our profound gratitude!

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THE FIRST MEETING

It was these 40 women who on January 20, 1931 met at the home of Mattie Hill Reid (on Kapp Street) for the purpose of discussing the organization of a Woman's Club in Dobson.

Nancy Miller Marshall* (Mrs. George E.) of Mount Airy, who was at this time president of the District Six - N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs - was present at this meeting. She explained the aims and purposes of the club. After an informal discussion, it was unanimously decided to organize a club - to be called - The Dobson Woman's Club. After this discussion the following officers were elected:

President - Mrs. A. D. Folger (Gertrude)
Vice President - Mrs. W. E. Hancock (Lucile)
Recording Secretary - Mrs. R. C. Freeman, Jr. (Lena)
Corresponding Secretary - Miss Eva Hancock
Treasurer - Mrs. W. W. Ashburn (Flossie)

After the election of officers, Mrs. Folger presided. The following matters were presented and passed upon by the club:

1. Time of meeting - Wed. after 2nd Sunday in each month.

2. Place of meeting - at Brady Hotel - unless otherwise announced.

3. Dues - $1.00 per year for charter members. All to be considered Charter Members who join by the 2nd meeting.

4. Council meeting to be held at least one week before regular meeting.

5. Dues collected and forwarded
   *6.60 to State Federation
   1.10 to District Six, N. C., F. W. C.

6. Membership comm. to make full report at Council meeting.

7. Welfare and Finance Comm. to begin work at once for undernourished school children to have a FREE LUNCH. Mrs. Folger asked the members to donate food and money for a SOUP KITCHEN. The Soup Kitchen was to be set up in the Home Economics Department at the Dobson School with Minnie Chandler acting as co-ordinator.

8. The president appointed a chairman for the various committees. Each chairman selected her following helpers:

   Program: Mrs. W. E. Hancock, Chairman, Mrs. A. D. Folger, Mrs. G. E. Mock.

   Membership: Mrs. Frank Folger, Chairman, Mrs. Grady Cooper, Mrs. P. G. Bolich.

   Press: Mrs. G. E. Mock, Chairman

   Publicity: Mrs. W. M. Jackson, Chairman, Mrs. W. E. Hancock, Miss Minnie Chandler.

   Finance: Miss Emma Comer, Chairman, Mrs. John Richards, Miss Verdye Jackson, Miss Myrtle Burgess, Mrs. R. A. Freeman, Sr., Miss Eva Hancock.

Entertainment: Mrs. W. E. Reid, Chairman, Mrs. Frank Folger, Mrs. G. E. Mock, Mrs. D. T. Sparger, Miss Myrtle Burgess.

Constitutional: Miss Elizabeth Norman, (Chairman) Constitution to be formulated, read and approved at next meeting in February.

9. The club council to be composed of the officers, chairmen of departments and chairmen of standing committees.

10. The organization of the various departments such as Garden - Public Welfare and Health was postponed until a later meeting.

The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Brady Norman - at the Brady Hotel*- in February, 1931.

Tempting refreshments were served by Mrs. Reid - assisted by Misses Bertha Byrd, Minnie Chandler and Mozelle Lee.

The first club meeting ended.
The Forty (40) members who were -

Women with ...

commitment, versatility, empathy, imagination, persistence, poise and vision

had
"hoisted the mainsail to the wind and made toward shore" ...

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Note

* The Dobson Woman's Club joined the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs at the first meeting and this membership continued until 1938.

* Mrs. Marshall - who organized our club - was a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs for 47 years. She was elected to the presidency of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs from 1935-1937 and was one of this section's most prominent civic and community leaders for nearly half a century.

* The Brady Hotel was the home of Mrs. W. B. Norman and the former home of Elizabeth Norman, Louise Norman McNeill and Betty Norman Miller. It was located at the corner of Atkins and Crutchfield St., on the corner opposite the south side of the courthouse. It was dismanteled in 1958 to make room for business buildings on the square.

The Second Meeting

The February meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. B. Norman at the Brady Hotel. The president, Mrs. A. D. Folger (Gertrude) called the meeting to order. The following business was transacted:

1. No new members were added to the roll
2. Reports were given by the standing committees as follows:

   The Constitutional Committee-Chairman, Elizabeth Norman presented the constitution, which was approved and adopted by the club

   The Finance Committee-Chairman, Emma Comer, reported $42.60 collected for the soup kitchen for needy children

   Public Welfare Committee-Chairman Minnie Chandler reported that 44 meals were served at school this month. She asked for more food donations for clothing for Needy Children and families. She asked each member to pledge to clothe one child- shoes were expecially needed. She said 13 families had been reported to the Red Cross.

3. Three Departments were organized:

   Garden----------Mrs. Grady Cooper - Chairman
   Public Welfare----------Miss Minnie Chandler--Chairman
   Health----------Miss Thelma Shore - Chairman

4. Corresponding Secretary was asked to order club stationery.

Program

Song - by Mr. Morgan Stanley

Speaker - The Rev. Simpson introduced Professor Hendron, Surry County Schools Supt. - who spoke on the subject of Citizenship.

Readings - by Mrs. Thore (Lorena)

The members were told that the next meeting subject would be: Edgar Guest - members were asked to give quotations from the author for the March meeting.

Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. W. B. Norman at Brady Hotel in March. Refreshments were served by the Entertainment Committee with Mrs. Emma Mock as chairman - assisted by Mrs. W. B. Stone, Mrs. D. T. Sparger, Mrs. P. G. Bolich and Edythe Reece - served delicious refreshments. A good time was had by all!

THE FORTY MEMBERS WHO WERE ON THE ROLL AT THE SECOND MEETING BECAME

- THE CHARTER MEMBERS -

Flossie Shackelford Ashburn

Elizabeth Folger Bolich

Evelyn Folger Bowles

Myrtle Hortense Burgess

Minnie Elizabeth Chandler

Mozelle Lee Collins

Ruth Gibson Comer

Zella Blessing Cooper

Emma Comer Dickenson

Florence Devitt Folger

Gertrude Reece Folger

Mabel Llewellyn Folger

Blanche Holyfield Fowler

Bessie Willis Freeman

Lena Whitley Freeman

Maude Folger Freeman

Emma Shore Hampton

Lucile Pugh Hancock

Lillian Latitia Harkrader

Callie Freeman Hassler

Eva Hancock Hawks

Bertha Byrd Houck

Magdalene Riggs Jackson

Verdye Jackson Howland

Violet Hemmings Llewellyn

Louise Norman McNeill

Emma Reece Mock

Lucinda Sumner Monday

Metta Edmonds Nance

Edna Freeman Norman

Elizabeth Ann Norman

Dora Shore Reece

Edythe Floye Reece

Mattie Hill Reid

Daisy Angel Richards

Nanny Gordon Riggs

Thelma Shore Messina

Lura Wagoner Sparger

Georgia Fulk Stanley

Mary Mills Stone

The Third Meeting

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club of Dobson was held at the home of Mrs. W. B. Norman (Brady Hotel) on March 11, 1931 at 7:30 p.m. - with the president, Mrs. A. D. Folger (Gertrude) in the chair. Thirty three (33) members were present. Meeting opened by joint repetition of club collect, followed by singing of club song.

Business

Minutes of February meeting - read, approved

Treasurer's report - read, approved and placed on file

Reports from standing committees, read, approved, placed on file

Minnie Chandler - chrm. of Welfare Committee - gave a report from the WELFARE DEPARTMENT. She asked the members to send additional donations of food, crackers and milk to the SOUP KITCHEN. She asked each member to select a needy child to clothe.

Mrs. Grady Cooper - Chrm. of the Garden Department explained the object of this department being:

> To strive to understand more fully the joy of color and the beauty of proportion; and to make a House Beautiful outside its four walls - Your Garden!
> "A sheltered place for birds to nest, a quiet place for souls to rest...".

Delegates to State Convention - - The president, Mrs. Folger - and Miss Emma Comer were elected to attend the convention in April in Greensboro. One-half of their expenses to be paid by the club.

The corresponding secretary was asked to order club stationery.

A program was given on Edgar A Guest - each member quoted verses from the author.

Emma Comer invited the club to meet at her home in April.

- Club Adjourned -

A social hour followed - refreshments were served by: Mrs. W. B. Stone, Mrs. R. C. Freeman, Mrs. W. M. Stone, Mrs. W. W. Ashburn, Mrs. Jesse Monday, Mrs. Morgan Stanley, Mrs. Sallie Folger, Mrs. Lon Folger, Mrs. R. C. Freeman, Jr., Mrs. Maggie Llewellyn and Mrs. Aubrey Nance.

The Fourth Meeting

The Dobson Woman's Club met at the home of Miss Emma Comer on April 23, 1931 at 7:30 p. m. - with the president, Mrs. A. D. Folger (Gertrude) in the chair. Twenty eight members were present.

Business

Reports of the standing committees were read, approved and placed on file.

1. Finance chairman, Emma Comer, reported $94.86 on hand.

2. Welfare chairman, Minnie Chandler, reported that an average of 25 children per day had been given a free lunch in the Soup Kitchen - 19 children has been clothed - also reported that some clothes were being received from the Red Cross.

3. Garden Club, chairman, Mrs. Grady Cooper - reported that 100 canna bulbs had been ordered and would be planted on the courthouse lawn - 200 gladioli bulbs had been ordered by individual members to be planted in their yards - to help beautify the town - Dogwood and crepe myrtle trees were to be planted soon - shrubbery would be planted around the Dobson School during this month. She also stated that she had been asked to begin subscriptions to The Better Homes and Gardens Magazine for 17 of the club members - who had paid for their subscriptions.

The The most important item of business was the desnigation of May 5 - 11 as CLEAN UP WEEK for DOBSON.

4. The two deligates to the State Convention meeting at Greensboro, Mrs. Folger and Miss Comer, gave interesting and instructive reports of the meeting.

** Program **

After the reports - Miss Mary Betty Norman - sang a solo entitled: "Tying Apples on the Lilac Tree". Attorney R. A. Freeman, introduced the speaker of the evening - Mr. W. E. Woodruff of Mt. Airy - who spoke on FLOWERS. Mrs. C. L. Folger was elected as chairman of the Flower Fund to make money for the club.

Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. John W. Comer, (Sr.) Mrs. Callie Hossler, Mrs. Edwin Bowles, Mrs. Emma Hampton, Mrs. W. L. Reece and Mrs. C. L. Folger.

Club adjourned to meet in May at the home of Mrs. W. B. Norman, at the Brady Hotel, for the club's first May Dinner.

The Fifth Meeting

was the

FIRST MAY DINNER

The club met with Mrs. W. B. Norman, at the Brady Hotel, on May 15, 1931 for a Six o'clock Dinner . . . . "But for life the universe were nothing; and all that has life requires nourishment" . . . . .

The menu provided bountiful nourishment for all:

Tomato Juice Coctail

Spring Fried Chicken	Cream Gravy
Green Snap Beans	Cucumber Pickles
Potato Salad	Cole Slaw
Asparagus Tips	Diced Carrots

Hot Rolls

Strawberry Short Cake
- with whipped cream -

Coffee ~~or~~ and Tea

The table appointments were "a thing of beauty" - each table having a center piece of May flowers. The ladies were attractively dressed in evening gowns and each wore a pretty corsage. You can be sure that the May Banquet Dinner* was "a thing of beauty" and each club member expressed that it would be " a joy forever."

After the dinner a brief business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Folger.*

1. Treasurer reported $32.82 as the balance on hand.

2. Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Mrs. G. E. Marshall - commending the club on its accomplishments for the first year.

3. Welfare chairman - reported that the SOUP KITCHEN would close until school begins again in September.

4. Members voted to discontinue club until September 1931.

5. Voted to sell 100 poppies on Poppy Day - May 23rd -

6. Garden Department Chairman reported that the canna bulbs had been planted on the courthouse lawn - and that - DOBSON HAD BEEN CLEANED UP!

7. Voted to donate $80.00 (or 1/2 of light bill) for street lights for town of Dobson.

8. Mrs. W. L. Reece donated $300.00 to the club - (This was used at a later date to purchase the piano for the club).

9. Club voted appreciation to the President and others and elected Emma Comer as next President.

The first year ends and the "ship" is still "making toward shore."
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* Mrs. A. D. Folger (Gertrude) served as District Six - President of N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs (1932 - 34) District Six includes Women's Clubs from Surry, Yadkin, Forsyth, Davidson, Davie, Rowan, and Stockes counties.

* Closing out the club year with the May Dinner became an annual affair.

The Next Two Years

Need for Club Quarters

Early in this club year, Miss Comer, president - presented plans for securing a building in which the club could hold its meetings. Up until this time, Mrs. W. B. Norman had graciously offered her home (The Brady Hotel) as a place for the club meetings. It was through Miss Comer's efforts that the Tom Folger Store Building was secured. The vacant building was located just above the present Dobson Post Office on Kapp Street. It could be purchased for $750.00 or could be rented for $25.00 per month. The club voted to rent the building, ~~were~~ where we remained, for five years - 1932-1937.

Plans were made to furnish the building. The club bought a Wood Range and a Refrigerator for the kitchen (at the rear of the building). Tables and chairs were donated by members. It was at this time that the piano was bought with the $300.00 donation from Mrs. W. L. Reece - a donation which she had made at the May 1931 Dinner Meeting. A Library was also set up and books were donated by various club members. This was Dobson's first library - as such!

During this year the two major projects were namely:
1. Up keep of the Dobson cemetary
2. The building of side walks around the courthouse square - (aided by W. P. A.).

The nominating committee suggested that all of the present officers be re-elected for another year - for which the club voted unanimously. Mrs. R. A. Freeman (Bessie) chairman of the nominating committee voiced the sentiment of the club in expressing appreciation to Miss Comer for ~~the~~ her contribution to the club's progress. Miss Comer* pledged her best efforts for the next year. And she lived up to her pledge!

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General Information

1. The sixth district meeting will be held in Kernersville, N. C., on October 23, 1932, Mrs. A. D. Folger - president of 6th district.

2. The 32nd annual convention of N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Asheville - May 3-5, 1934. Mrs. R. H. Latham, Winston-Salem, N. C. President, N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs.

3. Forty-three members on Roll for Dobson Woman's Club for May 1934. Annual dues are 75¢.

Under the able leadership of our president, Miss Comer, our club grew in membership and service to our community.

Thus ends another two years of the club!

* Miss Emma Comer - served as President of N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs - District Six - during 1936-1938. It was a great honor for our club to furnish two presidents of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs - District Six - Mrs. Folger having held this post at an earlier date. Miss Comer was married several years after this to Mr. John D. Dickenson of Galax, Va. She has been a frequent visitor at the club.

The Next Several Years

THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS

1934-1971

For the next two years 1934-36, the club continued to hold its meetings at the "Club House" (the former Tom Folger Store building). And it continued to help make Dobson a better place in which to live!

CLUB OFFICERS for 1934-1936

President	Emma Reece Mock
Vice President	Bessie Willis Freeman
Recording Secretary	Nanny Gordon Riggs
Corresponding Secretary	Myrtle Hortense Burgess
Treasurer	Lucile Pugh Hancock

NEW CLUB HOUSE NEEDED

At this point in time, the club membership was rapidly increasing; so during the year of 1936 the members began to dream and to talk about having their very own Club House. A lot was bought from Mr. D. W. Hemmings. It was located on Kapp Street (just south of the present Surry Rest Home). The building of the club house was a challenge to the Dobson club women. But build it they did! It had a large reception or "meeting room" and a well equipped kitchen - two rest rooms - a cloak-room and a screened-in-back-porch. There was a front and a side entrance. The club members moved to the new quarters in 1938. They had a difficult time paying for the house and lot. But they put their shoulders to the task and ere long it became "debt free." One way the indebtedness was reduced was by renting the building to the school-for use as a Home Economics Building during the school terms. This did not interfere with the club's activities in any way. It was attractively furnished and landscaped.

The construction of the Dobson Woman's Club House was perhaps the clubs greatest contribution to the Dobson community. It was in continuous use for 37 years.

It was used for:

1. The regular meetings of The Dobson Woman's Club
2. The Lions Club meetings
3. Jaycee Club meetings

-- church group meetings
-- community meetings
-- wedding receptions
-- banquets and Parties
-- dances and Teas
-- dinner meetings
-- and various other meetings and activities

CLUB OFFICERS for 1936-1940

President	Mrs. W. E. Hancock (Lucile)
Vice President	Mrs. John W. Comer (Ruth)
Recording Secretary	Miss Edythe Reece
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. J. G. Llewellyn (Violet)
Treasurer	Mrs. D. T. Sparger (Lura)

Departments and Chairmen

Health	Mrs. W. M. Jackson (Magdalene)
Civics	Mrs. C. L. Folger (Florence)
American Homes	Mrs. W. E. Reid (Mattie)
Public Welfare	Mrs. C. G. Comer (Cindy)

CLUB OFFICERS for 1940-1946

President	Ruth Gibson Comer 1940-1942
President	Florence Devitt Folger 1942-1944
President	Fannie Folger Llewellyn 1944-1946

(NOTE: NO MORE RECORDS AVAILABLE for the years of 1940-1946.)

CLUB OFFICERS for 1946-1948

President	Miss Elizabeth Norman
Vice President	Mrs. Margaret Smith
Recording Secretary	Miss Eleanor Cooper
Treasurer	Mrs. Jessye B. Blackwelder
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Elizabeth Moore

*At this time the Roll of Members numbered 82.

CLUB OFFICERS for 1948-1950

President	Mrs. Margaret Smith
Vice President	Mrs. Jessye Belle Blackwelder
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Zella Cooper
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Jenny Stanley
Treasurer	Mrs. Cindy Comer

CLUB OFFICERS for 1950-1952

President	Jessye Belle Blackwelder
Vice President	Minnie Ruth Gentry
Recording Secretary	Blanche Folger
Corresponding Secretary	Edythe Reece
Treasurer	Mary Stone

CLUB OFFICERS for 1952-1954

President	Minnie Ruth Gentry
Vice President	Blanche Folger
Recording Secretary	Henrietta Gillispie
Corresponding Secretary	Lenora Kidd
Treasurer	Ruth Comer

CLUB OFFICERS for 1954-1956

President	Blanche Gambill Folger

(NOTE: No other records available for this year.)

CLUB OFFICERS for 1956-1958

President	Henrietta Gillispie
Vice President	Mrs. H. M. Adams
Recording Secretary	Loree Johnson
Corresponding Secretary	Oma Norman
Treasurer	Ruth Freeman

(NOTE) We had 87 Members on Roll. This was our highest ENROLLMENT!! It was also the year of our SILVER ANNIVERSARY - (1956).

This was the year in which the president, Henrietta Gillispie appointed me as Club Historian.(- Elizabeth Norman)

CLUB OFFICERS for 1958-1960

President	Ruth Freeman
Vice President	Mary Freeman
Recording Secretary	Edythe Reece
Treasurer	Elizabeth Bolich
Corresponding Secretary	Juliet Poole

CLUB OFFICERS for 1960-1962

President	Lenora Kidd
Vice President	Martha Graham
Recording Secretary	Rachel Freeman
Corresponding Secretary	Carol Newman
Treasurer	Mary Freeman

CLUB OFFICERS for 1962-1964

President	Kathleen Gilleland
Vice President	Hester Jackson
Recording Secretary	Margaret Smith
Treasurer	Mrs. Tommy Miller
Corresponding Secretary	Nanny Riggs

CLUB OFFICERS for 1964-1966

President	Julia Hall
Vice President	Joyce High
Recording Secretary	Rachel Earnest
Treasurer	Mrs. Max Brintle
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Stone

CLUB OFFICERS for 1966-1968

President	Annie Laura McMillion
Vice President	Camilla Cook
Recording Secretary	Glenna Lanier
Treasurer	Mary Davis
Corresponding Secretary	Peggy Comer

CLUB OFFICERS for 1968-1970

President	Peggy Hemmings
Vice President	Iris Hagwood
Recording Secretary	Pat Everette
Treasurer	Mary Bet Haymore
Corresponding Secretary	Hester Jackson

CLUB OFFICERS for 1970-1972

President	Patricia Stallings
Vice President	Kathryn Crownfield
Recording Secretary	Barbara Alberty
Treasurer	Helen Walker
Corresponding Secretary	Louise McNeill

It's now the year of our 40th Anniversary - 1971.

And we are ready for a CELEBRATION! We have our highest membership (87) to date - and our "old ship" is rolling along in the "wind."

The 40th Anniversary

Tea 1971

The Dobson Woman's Club celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a tea at the club house on Tuesday, October 14, 1971.

The past presidents and guests were greated at the door by Mrs. Willard Stallings and Mrs. D. T. Sparger. Mrs. J. Grayson Hall was at the guest register. Past presidents were given gold chrysanthemum corsages-tied with blue ribbons. The Club colors were carried out in the refreshments and decorations.

Mrs. Stallings welcomed charter members of the club along with past presidents, members and guests. She then turned the meeting over to Miss Elizabeth Norman, Club Historian. Miss Norman presented a beautiful Silver Tea Service - given by Mr. Burhl Stalnaker in memory of his wife - with Mrs. Stallings accepting on behalf of the club.

Miss Norman recognized past presidents and charter members. She gave a brief history of the club using illustrations by (the very talented) Mike Nations - to show the many club activities and projects through the years; those of community service and money making.

Delicious refreshments were served with Mrs. William Crownfield serving cake squares and Mrs. Millard Stallings at the punch bowl. Other refreshments included sausage biscuits, cheese straws, nuts and mints. Miss Edythe Reece, Mrs. R. G. Holyfield and Mrs. Guy McCann entertained with piano selections during the refreshment hour.

CLUB PROJECTS

Through the years, 1931-1971, our projects have been of two types:

A. Community Service Projects

and

B. Money-Making - (to carry out our various projects)

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A. COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Dobson Woman's Club sponsored the following projects:

1. Served 700 free lunches to Dobson School children (NEEDY) from 1931-1934.
2. Paid bills for street lights around the Dobson Court House Square from 1933-1950.
3. Secured and distributed clothing to children and families (NEEDY) from 1931-1940.
4. Assisted with WPA project in paying for side walks for Dobson from 1932-1935.
5. Paid for up-keep of the Dobson Cemetary from 1932-1963.
6. Participated in Mass Immunization campaign of 1964.
7. Promoted the Beautification of Dobson, at intervals.
8. Rented the Tom Folger Store Building for five years - furnished it and used it as our club building from 1932-1938.
9. Built the Woman's Club Building on Kapp Street in 1938.
10. Sponsored Red Cross - Polio - Cancer and Heart Drives 1950-1971.
11. Furnished First Aid Kits for Dobson School for several years.
12. Planted shrubbery at Dobson School (Elementary).

13. Furnished some playground equipment for the Dobson Elementary School.

14. Donated a T. V. set to Mountain View Nursing Home - in 1971.

15. Made yearly donations of $50.00 to Hope Valley Alcholic Rehabilitation Center - 1968-1971.

16. Established a Scholarship Fund at the Surry Community College for deserving students.

17. Made contribution to State Park, Pilot Mountain, N. C., in 1969.

18. Contributed to Exchange Student Program at Surry Central High School (1968-1970).

19. Made contributions annually to Scout Troops.

20. Sponsored a "Tea" for officials of Surry Community College - 1967.

21. Sponsored the 40th Anniversary Tea for Dobson Woman's in 1971.

B. MONEY MAKING PROJECTS

The club sponsored the following money-making prjects by:

1. Serving Dinners
2. Holding Bazaars
3. Having Benefit Bridge Parties
4. Giving Bingo Parties
5. Conducting Rummage Sales
6. Having Bake Sales
7. Selling Avon Beauty Products
8. Selling Flowers with the cooperation of the Woodruff Flower Shop of Mounty Airy, N. C.
9. Holding Bake Sales
10. Selling Marion Kay's Flavorings
11. Selling N. C. Note Cards
12. Sponsoring Dances - at the club house
13. Selling Refreshments at the Court House and at Auction Sales

14. Selling Candy at various times

15. Offering the Community Calendars for sale - 1955-1971

16. Publishing for sale The Dobson Woman's Club Cook Book-1971

17. Renting the club house for various community activities.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Concerning this period of the Club's History 1965-1971

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QUESTION OF FEDERATION

The matter of the Club becoming a member of the Federation of Women's Clubs was brought to the attention of the members, by Margaret Smith, at the October 15, 1965 - regular meeting. She felt the Club would benefit by joining the Federation again. A committee was appointed to look into the matter. They were: Juliet Poole, Patty Marion, and Margaret Smith.

DISCUSSION

At the November 18, 1965 meeting, Miss Marjarie Yokeley of Mount Airy - who at that time was 1st Vice President of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs - told the members of the advantages of a Federated Club.

VOTING

At the January 13, 1966 meeting, Julia Hall, president, asked if the members were ready to vote. The motion was made by Juliet Poole and seconded by Ruth Freeman that the club vote at this time by secret ballot. The voting results were:

6 votes FOR becoming Federated
19 votes AGAINST becoming Federated .

SURRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr. I. John Kreprick, president of the college, was the guest speaker at the November 18, 1965 Club meeting. He stated that the college needs and wants to meet the needs of the community - and that the college will have an "Open Door Policy." He said that it is a comprehensive college in that it is a college parallel, vocational and techinical.

At the October 13, 1966 meeting, the club voted to sponsor a "Tea" honoring the College falcuty and officials. The president of the club, Annie Laura McMillion, appointed Julia Hall, Patty Marion, and Louise McNeill to make plans for this event. The "Tea" was held on Sunday, February 12, 1967 from three to five o'clock. Letters of appreciation were received at a later date - from the college officials.

At the October 12, 1967 regular club meeting, it was proposed by the President (Annie Laura McMillion), the Executive Committee, and the Standing Committees - that the Club sponsor a Scholarship Fund* at the college. The amount of the fund being $300.00 per year to be offered to worthy students.

Scholarship Fund Committee would consist of:
Hester Jackson (Chairman)
Kathleen Gilleland
Minnie Ruth Gentry
Iris Hagwood
Mrs. Max Brintle

*Additional information concerning this Scholarship Fund will be found on a later page. — See under General Information — in the last chapter of this book.

CLUB HOUSE REPAIRED

During the 1965-1967 period, considerable work was done toward repairing the club house.

Mrs. Blanche Folger served as chairman of the committee during the year of 1965-for this project. It was under her direction that much needed repairs were attended to - such as:

A new roof, inside painting, new floor coverings in the kitchen and bathrooms, replacing some of the plumbing fixtures, and windows made more secure. Approximate cost - $800.00 - for repair work.

During this 1967 club year, the club house was painted outside and re-decorated on the inside - with Emma Mock, serving as chairman for this project along with Mary Stone, Minnie Ruth Gentry, and Camilla Cook. Approximate cost - $300.00 - for this repair work.

In October of 1968 new draperies were purchased for the "meeting room" at a cost of $300.00. In October of 1970 additional curtains were donated to the club by Louise Houston and Annie Laurie McMillion. So by now - everything is in "ship" shape.

The club owes a vote of thanks to Pauline Tolley who served, for several years, as Chairman of the House Committe. The house was well-kept at all times under the supervision ~~of each~~ of the House Committee Chairmen - who served at different times. It was "our house" and every member took pride in it!

IN MEMORIUM

At the January 15, 1970, Louise McNeill - chairman of the membership committee for several years, suggested a "quiet period" during which the club members stood for silent prayer in remembrance of:

Mrs. Ruth Comer
Miss Lillian Harkrader
Mrs. Florence Folger
Mrs. Emma Mock
- all charter members - whom we had lost during the last club year.

YEAR BOOK CHANGES

At an Executive meeting - July 28, 1970, it was decided that the colors of the club year book would be changed to gold and blue and that a new emblem would be made for the cover. Patty Stallings, president, suggested that the emblem could be designed and presdented to the club at our 40th Anniversary celebration. When completed it depectid - a hand - clasp within a circle - mountains in the background - the land and the sea. It bore the inscription:

CONJUNCTION OMNIUM PRO BONO OMNIUM
DOBSON WOMAN'S CLUB-DOBSON, NC
- arranged around the circle -

This emblem or madallion is used on the two Plaques - (displayed on the wall at the Community Building) which shows the names of Past Presidents and Charter Members.

NOTE: The mold of the Madallion was prepared by Nathan Nixon (local craftsman). It is being preserved at his quarters for the Club's future use. It was rather expensive to have this mold cast, but copies of it can be had for a small fee - in the event the club would wish to use it at some future date. It could be used for service plaques - book-ends, paper weights, gifts - etc. The Club would do well to keep this in mind.

SERVICES

The club owes its special thanks to Fannie Folger Llewellyn [illegible] who served as chairman of the Cemetary and Grounds Committee for a number of years. For many years the cemetary had been neglected and was in a badly run down condition. It was through her efforts-and the efforts of [illegible], many of the other club members-that the cemetary was put into a good state of repair. For about 35 years-the club hired a caretaker and paid his salary-in addition to planting grass, trees, and shrubbery.

And now on the lighter side, I might add that so many of the members gave so much of their time working at the cemetary that their husbands would often say, "Our women never stay home much anymore. If we don't know where to find them, we'll just go looking for them at the cemetary."

LET'S REMEMBER

For about 30 years, the club took part in "lighting up the courthouse square." Much to our delight, the TOWN OF DOBSON now takes care of the cemetary, (the club did this for ~~forty~~ 31 years), the lights, the side-walks and beautifying our town in general!

During all of the years of the womans club existance, the Dobson Schools have been one of the first concerns of the club. Up until this time we have sponsored numerous activities and school improvements.

Let's Also Remember

At October 15, 1970 regular meeting - the finance committee reported that 1,100 listings were made on the Community Building Calendars-and that over $500.00 should be cleared for the sale of the calendars.

November 12, 1970 - Helen Walker - treasurer, reported that proceeds of $256.37 were received at the Kemlin Hotel Auction - held October 1971.

The 40th Anniversary Planning Committee consisted of:

Patty Stalling
Elinor Cooper
Barbara Alberty
Kathryn Crownfield
Margaret Smith
Nannie Riggs
Edythe Reece
Julia Hall
Lura Sparger
Annie Laura McMillion

In May 1971 - club planted shrubbery at Dobson Elementary School

May 13, 1971 annual May Dinner meeting at Holiday Inn in Pilot Mountain - Mrs. Emma Dickenson spoke briefly and commended our club for the many beneficial projects we had undertaken.

THIS ENDS ANOTHER PERIOD IN OUR HISTORY

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After the next decade, 1971-1981 - we will have reached our first half-century of the Dobson Women's Club!!

The Next Jen Years

THE NEXT TEN YEARS

1971-1981

As we continue to "make toward shore"----new ideas and new fields of service emerge. Each year's work builds on the accomplishments of previous years. As John Ruskin states:

> "Therefore, when we build,----Let it not be for present delight, nor for present use alone; let it be such work as our descendents will thank us for-----."

This is a special time in our history. After our 40 years (which have just passed), we can now look back and honor our past. And at the end of our next 10 years (1981) we can celebrate the FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of our Club. In the march of years a Golden Anniversary is celebrated but once!

Patty Stallings continued to serve as president - along with the other officers (listed on page 23) during the year of 1971. This club year was brought to a close when the club held its annual May Dinner at the Holiday Inn in Pilot Mountain.

OFFICERS for 1972-1974

President	Kathryn Crownfield
Vice President	Nell Carter
Recording Secretary	Annie Laura McMillion
Treasurer	Louise Houston
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Gillispie

At the October 12, 1972 meeting, Kathryn Crownfield, President, selected the following members to serve on the Scholarship Committee with Mrs. Gene Everette: Eleanor Cooper, Ruth Freeman, Linda Brown and Peggy Hemmings.

At the February 22, 1973 meeting, the club voted to donate $25.00 to the Fine Arts Center in Mount Airy.

SELLING THE CLUB HOUSE

For several years, the question of selling the club house had been "batted about"-but the motions to sell the house wound up being tabled. But at the March 22, 1973 meeting, the club got down to business concerning this matter. The committee appointed to look into the possibility of selling the house consisted of: Eleanor Cooper-Chairman, Elizabeth Norman, Ruth Freeman, and Barbara Alberty.

-BACKGROUND-

As far back as October 12, 1967, Elizabeth Norman brought the club a proposal from the Dobson Lion's Club and the Dobson Jaycee Club that Woman's Club join with them in buying a lot and constructing a larger building than the present club house. It was suggested by the first two clubs (mentioned above)- that the proceeds from the sale of the club house could be used as the Woman's Club contribution toward a new building. The club voted to delay the decision on this matter. More time was needed for making such an important step.

At the regular club meeting on April 13, 1972, Annie Laura McMillion, reported that the Community Council had met to discuss the possibility of constructing a DOBSON COMMUNITY BUILDING. The council also thought it would be feasible for the club to sell the club house and apply the proceeds from the sale toward the construction of a Community Building. The club again decided to make that decision at a later date.

AUCTION SALE

When the club really "got down to business" about selling the clubhouse, things moved swiftly. The Selling Committee was appointed in March and by April - plans had been laid. At the April 12, 1973 meeting - Eleanor Cooper (Chairman) reported that the club house was to be sold on Saturday, May 12, 1973 - at PUBLIC AUCTION. The building was sold to George Marion, Jr. for $10,000.00.*

TRUSTEES

It became necessary to appoint three new trustees due to the fact that Mrs. Zella Cooper and Mrs. Dora Reece are now deceased and Mrs. Bessie Freeman is not at this time an active club member. New trustees were appointed - namely: Misses Eleanor Cooper and Elizabeth Norman and Mrs. Ruth Freeman. They were appointed by Kathryn Crownfield, President. At a later meeting, Eleanor Cooper (Trustee) reported that the first payment had been made - the deed had been recorded and the money had been deposited in the Northwestern Bank. At a still later date, the three remaining payments were made and duly deposited in the bank.

* This was the amount given by the Trustee, Eleanor Cooper, in her last report concerning the sale of the club house (October 18, 1973).

LOOKING BACK

The last meeting held at the clubhouse was the annual May Dinner on May 17, 1973. A covered dish dinner was served. Kathryn Crownfield, president, presided. It was a sad time - in that the members would be giving up their "old house." It was a glad time - in that they would be looking forward to meeting in the new Community Building which was still in the planning stage at this time.

NEW MEETING PLACE

The next regular meeting of the club was held at the United Methodist Fellowship Hall on October 18, 1973. Kathryn Crownfield continued to serve as President during this club year. She reported that Peggy Hemmings - Membership Chairmen - had sent out 40 letters inviting new comers to Dobson - to join the club.

On October 18, 1973, Kathryn Pendergraft became the Vice President due to the resignation of Nell Carter - who had held this post. Elinor Cooper reported on sale of club house - the Deed of Trust had been signed - the terms of the sale ~~was~~ were 1/4 down or $2,500.00 and the balance to be paid in 3 equal payments.

November 15, 1973 - a short memorial service was held in memory of Fannie Folger Llewellyn (Mrs. R. C.)

Sent $50.00 check to Hope Valley - also the china from the old club building.

Sent $250.00 to Surry Central Band to buy a new sterio.

Donated $100.00 to church for use of Fellowship Building.

Club dues raised to $5.00 for next year.

NC HEART FUND DRIVES

CHAIRPERSONS	YEAR	AMOUNT COLLECTED
Nell Folger Margaret Motsinger	1965	not specified
Julia Hall Nannie Riggs	1966	$460.00
Julia Hall Peggy Hemmings	1967	not specified
Ann Gehlen	1968	$358.87
Iris Hagwood Louise McNeill	1969	$267.38
No Record	1970	not specified
No Record	1971	$512.00
No Record	1972	$400.00
Kathryn Pendergraft	1973	$805.00
Kathryn Pendergraft	1974	$1,731.46
Kathryn Crownfield Ruth Freeman Camilla Cook	1975	$1,644.75
Kathryn Crownfield Barbara Alberty	1976	$1,625.92
Kathryn Crownfield Sally Twiford	1977	$1,493.75
Kathryn Crownfield	1978	$1,861.65
Kathryn Crownfield Kathryn Pendergraft	1979	$1,595.65
Kathryn Crownfield Carol Lawson	1980	not specified
Barbara Alberty Kathryn Crownfield	1981	$1,956.15

SPECIAL AWARD

In 1976 - one of our club members, Mrs. Kathryn Crownfield, was awarded a BRONZE MEDALLION by the NC Heart Association - in recognition of her leadership in raising funds for the Heart Association.

SURRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Seventeen (17) students receiving scholarship fund - from 1967 to 1981 are as follows:

Judy Wall
Judy K. Hamlin

Bruce Whittington
Jerry Ward

Georgia Robertson
Teresa Key

Betty Benge
Vickie Smith

Bobby Smith
Freeda Nixon

Guy Inman
Shirley Edmonds

Lee Harrison
Jimmy Marion

Tammy Draughn
Drew Walker

Bracky Llewelly
(Declined to accept)

Need for Club Quarters

Early in this club year, Miss Comer, president - presented plans for securing a building in which the club could hold its meetings. Up until this time Mrs. W. B. Norman had graciously offered her home (The Brady Hotel) as a place for the club meetings. It was through Miss Comer's efforts that the Tom Folger Store Building was secured. The vacant building was located just above the present Dobson Post Office on Kapp Street. It could be purchased for $750.00 or could be rented for $25.00 per month. The club voted to rent the building were we remained for five years - 1932-1937.

Plans were made to furnish the building. The club bought a Wood Range and a Refrigerator for the kitchen (at the read of the building). Tables and chairs were donated by members. It was at this time that the piano was bought with the $300.00 donation from Mrs. W. L. Reece - a donation which she had made at the May 1931 Dinner Meeting. A Library was also set up and books were donated by various club members. This was Dobson's first library - as such!

During this year the two major projects were namely:
1. Up keep of the Dobson cemetary
2. The building of side walks around the courthouse square - (aided by W. P. A.).

The nominating committee suggested that all of the present officers be re-elected for another year - for which the club voted unanimously. Mrs. R. A. Freeman (Bessie) chairman of the nominating committee voiced the sentiment of the club in expressing appreciation to Miss Comer for the contribution to the clubs progress. Miss Comer* pledged her best efforts for the next year. And she lived up to her pledge!

General Information

1. The sixth district meeting will be held in Kernersville, N. C., on October 23, 1932, Mrs. A. D. Folger - president of 6th district.

2. The 32nd annual convention of N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Asheville - May 3-5, 1934. Mrs. R. H. Latham, Winston-Salem, N. C. President, N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs.

3. Forty-three members on Roll for Dobson Woman's Club for May 1934. Annual dues are 75¢.

Under the able leadership of our president, Miss Comer, our club grew in membership and service to our community.

Thus ends another two years of the club!

* Miss Emma Comer - served as President of N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs - District Six - during 1936-1938. It was a great honor for our club to furnish two presidents of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs - District Six - Mrs. Folger having held this post at an earlier date. Miss Comer was married several years after this to Mr. John D. Dickenson of Galax, Va. She has been a frequent visitor at the club.

Dobson Presented Top Award

Dobson was congratulated for being "concerned about the total welfare of the town and its citizens" as it received a top award from the Northwest North Carolina Development Association at a dinner Tuesday night.

For winning first place in the small town category, Dobson received a $300 cash award and two signs designating it as an "All Northwest Community."

The dinner was held in the Fellowship Hall of Dobson United Methodist, with Mrs. Kathryn Crownfield, chairperson of the Dobson Community Council, presiding.

Community leaders and association officers from Surry, Alleghany, Alexander and Forsyth Counties attended.

Mrs. Crownfield and Charlie C. Jackson, Surry Extension chairman, were credited with spearheading efforts in bringing the award to Dobson.

Jackson, in remarks following the dinner, said the association's award was "the greatest honor any community has won" since he had moved to Surry County. He cited the cooperation of citizens, banks, ministers and other groups in working for a better community.

Mrs. Crownfield said that "the big thing is people" in the progress of the town. "The people have given so much," she said.

Gary Lail of the Bethlehem community of Alexander County, chairman of the association's Community Development Division, listed projects which Dobson had accomplished in winning the award.

These included efforts for a community building, zoning of the town, health projects, expanded recreation, Senior Citizens Club, fire protection improvements, church activities and support of the detoxification unit at Hope Valley.

Association leaders on hand for the dinner in addition to Lail, were John Woodruff of Sparta, president; and Bill Austin, secretary-treasurer, and Bob Tannehill, information officer, both of Winston-Salem.

Also attending, and congratulating the town, were Joe Richardson, area development specialist, A & T University, Greensboro; Dr. Vance Hamilton, area development specialist, N. C. State University, Raleigh; Elizabeth Meldau, district Extension chairman.

Dobson citizens included Bill Crownfield, the Rev. Jack Yarborough, George and Edna Stockton, Jasper and Camilla Cook, Annie Laura McMillian and Frank and Carolyn Comer.



COUNTY SEAT HONORED--Displaying sign presented to Dobson in awards program of Northwest North Carolina Development Association are [l-r] John Woodruff of Sparta, association president; Mrs. Kathryn Crownfield, chairperson of Dobson Community Council; and Gary Lail of Alexander County, chairman of the association's Community Development Division. [TIMES Photo]



May 16, 1974 - annual May Dinner held at Holiday Inn at Pilot Mountain. Mrs. Crownfield, president read a letter commending the club for its fine work for the Heart Fund - also showed the award or certificate which was sent to the club from the NC Heart Association.

A report was given concerning the progress being made on the Community Building. This club year ends on a note of anticipation - with all of us anxiously awaiting the move to new quarters.

OFFICERS FOR 1974-1976

President	Kathryn Pendergraft
Vice President	Camilla Cook
Treasurer	Janet Tucker
Recording Secretary	Nannie Lou Kidd
Corresponding Secretary	Betty Miller

This new club year began on October 17, 1974. Kathryn Crownfield attended the Community Council meeting and reported that plans for the new Dobson Community Building are now complete. Also reported that the council will accept responsibility of maintenance of the Dobson entrance signs located on Highway 601 and the Turkey Ford Road - which the club had formerly looked after. However, the club voted to pay for plants and shrubbery at these locations. Club voted to sponsor one visit of the BLOODMOBILE each year.

The regular meeting of the club was held on October 15, 1975. Mrs. Kathryn Pendergraft, president, expressed the clubs appreciation to Mrs. Nannie Riggs for the splendid work she did as chairman of the Bloodmobile Spring visit.

Janie Johnson was chosen to act as Treasurer since Janet Tucker - the acting Treasurer - was moving out of town.

Club voted to give the amount of $100.00 to the Methodist chruch for the use of their facilities.

Motion was made and carried that the club give $100.00 for landscaping the town's two entrance areas.

Criteria for scholarship fund presented and accepted - a copy of The Dobson Women's Club Scholarship Criteria for Surry Community College will be found in the club History ~~scrapbook~~ --- date: November 1978.

NOTE-NAMES OF ALL SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPIENTS TO YEAR OF 1981 ARE LISTED ON A LATER PAGE.

A contribution of $50.00 was made of the Empty Stocking Fund - and members also gave staple food - stuff.

At the December 1975 meeting, Barbara McLean reported a profit of $333.50 from the Bazaar - held at the Methodist Fellowship Hall.

The Blue Chip Award was presented to the club from the Northwest NC Development Association - with a rating of EXCELLENT - for helping to make their community a better place to live, work and play-through involvement in community projects. (February 1976).

At March 18, 1976 meeting, Kathryn Crownfield reported the Heart Fund Drive had been most productive.

NOTE: A List of ALL money collected for ALL HEART FUND DRIVES - during the years - will be found on a later page in this volume. The names of the workers or chairman for each year are also listed up to the present year of 1981.

WORTHY OF NOTE

At the regular meeting of the club, held on April 22, 1976, Annie Laura McMillion reported that $1,056.23 had been received from sale of Community Birthday Calendars - after deducting the expenses - the club had a profit of $635.60.

Elizabeth Norman, Club Historian, reported that the Ground Breaking Ceremony was held for the new Community Building on February 12, 1976 - and the building would soon be started. The historian also stated that she has served for the past 20 years - as the club's historian.

Mrs. McMillion reported that she would purchase - for the club - 20 flower planters to be placed at conspicious locations around town - to improve the town's appearance.

Each member was asked to vote for CLUB WOMAN OF THE YEAR - winner would be announced at the May Dinner.

The Corresponding Secretary, Betty Miller, reported that she had posted a letter to the Town Commissioners - asking that they include in the 1976-77 budget funds for the Dobson Library. A copy of said letter was also delivered to the Library Staff.

The annual May Dinner was held at the Lantern Restaurant on May 13, 1976. Several husbands accompained their wives for this affair. Kathryn Pendergraft, president, announced that Kathryn Crownfield had been chosen Club Woman of the Year. The President's Award went to Annie Laura McMillion - who had given valuable assistance to the president during her term of office.

CLUB OFFICERS
1976-1978

President	Camilla Cook
Vice President	Janie Johnson
Recording Secretary	Barbara McLean
Treasurer	Mrs. Brent Dover
Corresponding Secretary	Phyllis Hunter

At the Executive meeting held on July 8, 1976 it was decided the club would appoint a committee to assist with the Bloodmobile visit at SCC. The committee would be responsible for furnishing refreshments for this visit.

A Bazaar Committee was appointed as follows: Phyllis Elmore, Ann Hollar, Carol Lawson, Camilla Cook, Janie Johnson, Frances Martin, Barbara McLean, Mrs. Phil Bowers, Mrs. Brent Dover, and Mrs. Doc Twiford. Phyllis Elmore and Ann Hollar were to act as Co-chairmen.

Standing Committee	Chairpersons
Finance	Kathryn Crownfield and Kathryn Pendergraft
Historian	Elizabeth Norman
Membership	Annie Laura McMillion
Publicity	Eleanor Cooper
Scholarship	Ruth Freeman

Program Committee	Chairpersons
October	Barbara Alberty
November	Lenora Kidd
December	Julia Hall
January	Ruth Freeman
February	Nannie Lou Kidd
March	Mrs. Tom Short
April	Betty Miller
May	Camilla Cook

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

At the October 14, 1976 meeting, Kathryn Pendergraft - Finance Co-chairman - reported that a profit of $802.40 had been received from the calendar sale - profit was higher than for previous years.

NOTE: Kathryn Crownfield was recognized for her leadership in raising funds for the Heart Fund. She was awarded a Bronze Medallion from the NC Heart Association.

November 11, 1976 meeting was held at the Dobson Baptist Church Fellowship House - The Bazaar ~~would be~~ was held here this month. Phyllis Elmore and Ann Hollar were recognized for the splendid work they had done as co-chairmen. Profits from the Bazaar totaled $705.23.

The club received a citation from the NC Heart Association for its splendid participation in raising funds in the community for the Heart Fund.

Barbara Alberty announced that a new shipment of FLAVORING had arrived and was ready for distribution and sale by the club members.

February 17, 1977 meeting - proft from calendars was $765.40. It was suggested that this money be placed in a savings account.

The club would again apply for the Blue Chip Award from the Northwest Development Association - (North Carolina).

Pat Coe was asked to become the club Treasurer and she accepted the post.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Kathryn Crownfield announced that the traditional "Bake Sale" for benefit of Heart Fund would be held on February 24th at the Northwestern Bank. For a number of years the bank has graciously offered space for the club women to sell their "goodies." Other fund raising activities for this fund in addition to the bake sale would be: road block collections, house to house solicitation, business and civic club solicitations.

Open discussion was held concerning the annual Bazaar. The motion was made by Myrtle Moore that ~~the Bazaar~~ the Bazaar be held in the fall rather than in December. The motion was carried and $125.00 was set aside for bazaar expenses.

The club decided to furnish and help serve refreshments, April 17, at the Open House of the Dobson Library - which had moved into new quarters. The club also gave $100.00 to the library for needed equipment.

It was also decided that that the club would give a dinner, honoring the Volunteer Fireman. Camilla Cook, president, announced the dinner for the firemen and their wives would be held at the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church on May 14th. Mrs. Gladys Smith would cater the dinner at $3.00 per plate.

MAY DINNER -(1977)

And now this year closes - with a delightful meeting at the Lantern Restaurant. It's time again for the annual May Dinner. The club officers have established the custom of acting as hostesses for this evening dinner. A large number of husbands attended. The president, Camilla Cook, announced the clubs choice for "Club Woman of the Year." Barbara McLean was the recipient and she received a gift from the club. The outgoing president was presented a gift of pewter in her chosen pattern. Mrs. Cook donated a book, Love is an Everyday Thing, by Colleen Townsend, to the library for all members as the President's award.

NEW CLUB YEAR

The club opened this club year on October 18, 1977 with a regular meeting at 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church.

A special ceremony followed, for a charter member who had expired in June, Mrs. Cook made this a special time in memory of Edythe Reece by lighting a candle and making touching remarks about Edythe's contribution to the club - especially her work with the music at each meeting.

The finance co-chairman, Kathryn Pendergraft, reported 300 calendars were sold and the gross profit would be about $700.00.

There was discussion concerning the Community Building. Hopefully, the November meeting would be held in the new building.

IT DID HAPPEN

Much to our delight, the November 10, 1977, meeting was held at the new Dobson Community Building! Since this was the first meeting in the new building, each member brought a gift for the kitchen.

The club members furnished the desk and chairs (which had been used in their old clubhouse) and had been re-finished. Also provided some folding chairs and crystal serving dishes.

NOTE: The bazaar had been held earlier in November - and was a great success. JoAnn Hayes and Myrtle Moore served as co-chairmen and reported a profit of over a thousand dollars!

THE PAST IS WORTH REMEMBERING

At this first meeting in the new building, Lenora Kidd, Chairman of the November Committee introduced the club historian and charter member - Elizabeth Norman - ~~she~~ who gave an account and compared the activities of 46 years ago when the club was organized (on January 30, 1931) to the present time. Six of the 40 charter members still live in Dobson. They are: Lib Bolich, Evelyn Bowles, Louise McNeill, Nannie Riggs, Lura Sparger, and Elizabeth Norman - and the last four named were present at this meeting. Mrs. Sparger has the honor of being the oldest (admitted) active member of the club to date. Gertrude Folger, the club's first president, was invited but was unable to be present for this meeting. The new building was started on March 4, 1977 and we occupied it for the first time for this meeting - November 10, 1977. A memorable date for us!

At the December regular meeting, it was decided that the club would hold Open House for the New building on Sunday, January 8, 1977 from 2 til 4 - the members would furnish and serve refreshments. Annie Laura McMillion is a member of the Board of Directors for the Community Building. She is the "keeper of the KEY." Any one interested in donating furniture and other items for the building, should contact the Board of Directors.

The Open House was held and the members were duly thanked for their cooperation, by the President, Camilla Cook.

February 16, 1978, Kathryn Crownfield reported $928.90 collected for the Birthday Calendars. Mrs. Cook, in turn, thanked every one participating in the project - for a job well done.

Eleanor Cooper gave a final report on the SALE of the old clubhouse. The club sold the building for $9,200.00 and earned $2,460.00 interest during the two year period.

The table and mirror, in the foyer of the Community Building, was donated by Kathryn and George Pendergraft in loving memory of Robert Alexander Freeman, Jr.

The president, Camilla Cook, said that most clubs have a Chaplain, so the members voted to include this as an officer for the coming club year.

CONCERNING PLAQUES

Betty Miller asked (at the February meeting) about wall plaques being made up to preserve the names of the past presidents and the charter members. Ann Hollar agreed to ask some one on the building committee about plaques being hung in the building. At the March meeting a committee was appointed to look into the matter of securing the plaques. They were; Elizabeth Norman, chairman - Ruth Freeman, Kathy Pendergraft, Nannie Riggs, and Barbara McLean.

At the February 16th meeting Kathryn Crownfield moved that the Constitution and By-Laws should be reviewed. The motion was carried. Officers in service and those newly elected would serve on the committee.

(March 16, 1978), collections for Heart Fund announced - grand total of $1,861.65. The chairman, Kathryn Crownfield, said that those responsible for the big success are - Lion's Club - Lantern Restaurant - Surry Central Student Council - Northwestern Bank and the Dobson Women's Club.

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TABLEWARE NEEDED

Kathryn Pendergraft gave a report on the china, glassware and silverware the club would be furnishing for the Community Building. Service for 100 would be needed. Each place setting would include an 9" dinner plate, salad plate, cup and saucer and dessert plate. Also needed would be 6 oz. and 12 oz. glasses and flatware (in stainless steel) for 100 settings. The price of all above mentioned would be $650.00 if they were purchased at Williamsburg, Virginia. The club decided on this order and they were delivered at a later date. The name of the pattern was Yorktown. This proved to be a wise and fitting choice. Camilla Cook and several members motored to Williamsburg to ~~bring~~ purchase and ~~to~~ bring back these needed articles.

CONSTITUTION CHANGES

At the April 13, 1978 Executive Meeting, the main discussion concerned the club's Constitution. The Committee thought best to re-write the entire Constitution and By-Laws. Specifics discussed were adding a Chaplain, electing officers every year instead of every two years and Article VII - Section 3. The committee would meet again on May 10 to revise the constitution.

(April 13, 1978) Camilla Cook, president, announced that the town of Dobson had won second place in Northwestern Development awards. Our town was recognized for the wonderful programs and also for our wonderful new Community Building.

DINNER TIME AGAIN - 1978

How nice it was on May 18, to have the annual May Dinner at the new building. We had the first chance to use and "show-off" our pretty TABLEWARE! Camilla Cook, president, welcomed the guests and led in a prayer which preceeded the lovely evening meal.

After dinner, several presentations were made. The members had voted that the recipient of this ~~*~~honor would be Kathryn Pendergraft. The president's award went to Jasper Cook, her husband. He richly deserved this award and received a kiss from the president and loud applause from the guests.

Installation of officers was held - as is the custom at each May Dinner. The gavel was turned over to Janie Johnson who pledged her best efforts for this 1978-79 club year.

Each member had been given a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws. The members voted in favor of the new proposals. So a new Constitution came into use.

Phyllis Hunter presented to Mrs. Cook - out going president - a gift of appreciation from the club for an outstanding job as president for these past two years.

OFFICERS FOR 1978-79

President	Janie Johnson
Vice President	Barbar McLean
Recording Secretary	Lois Hodges
Corresponding Secretary	Margaret Smith
Treasurer	Ann Hollar
Chaplain	Hester Jackson
Reporter	Kathryn Pendergraft

The September 14th meeting was held in the Commmunity Building with Janie Johnson - president - presiding.

Elizabeth Norman, historian, reported that at a previous meeting it was suggested that something symbolic of the Woman's Club be displayed on the wall at the Community Building. The Lions Club had placed plaques, containing names of past presidents, on the wall. The building committee gave their permission for our club to do likewise. She said her committee was in the process of securing plaques - for the names of the club's past presidents and charter members ~~past~~. Hopefully, these plaques could be presented at the May Dinner meeting.

*Elinor Cooper, Publicity Chairman, was commended for her efficiency in getting letters and reminders to members.

Surry Central High School is in the process of printing the club year books.

ANOTHER COOK BOOK

JoAnn Hayes reported that 299 recipes have been submitted to the printers for publication of A Cook's Joy. She had ordered 400 cook books to be sold at $3.50 each. She also said that the Bazaar would be held on December 1 from 8 till 5 o'clock. The president expressed her appreciation - to Margaret Honbarrier and Camilla Cook for their work on the calendar project - and to Carol Lawson, JoAnn Hayes, and Myrtle Moore for their efforts on the Bazaar project.

January 11 -1979 meeting - Margaret Honbarrier reported ~~that~~ $1,095.00 received from the calendar project.

-Club voted to give $100.00 to Close Up Foundation - at the request of R. O. Lanier, Principal, Surry Central High School.

-16 families benefited from club's contribution to the Empty Stocking Fund.

-$100.00 was contributed to Surry Friends of Youth.

-$50.00 contributed to Surry Arts Counci

-Heart Fund Committee selected:

Kathy Pendergraft — Eleanor Cooper
Kathy Woodruff — Barbara McLean
Janie Johnson

-An order was placed for an additional 200 cook books for sale.

-Motion made and passed that the Club buy the needed items: 1 serving cart, 1 coffee maker, 2 push brooms, and cream and sugar dishes.

-A piano (used) was given to the club by Larry Williams, former pastor at Dobson Baptist Church - The club voted to have it "tuned up."

February 11, 1979 meeting - Contribution of $100.00 given to Association for Retarded Citizens.

-February 25 was designated as Heart Sunday.

-49 pints of blood had been donated at the recent Bloodmobile.

-Profit from calendar project was $692.50.

-Club to join in Activities for 4th of July Celebration at High School - along with other community organizations.

March 8, 1979 - Kathryn Pendergraft reported $1,595.62 collected to date for Heart Fund.

-Club voted to give party to T. M. (Retarded) Class at Dobson School.

-A committee for Heart Fund Drive was added to standing committees.

-Approved contribution of $25.00 for Special Olympics at Surry Central.

-Approved contribution of $250.00 per year for use of Community Building.

LET US EAT - - May 1979 -

'Tis time again for our May Dinner. It was held at the Lantern Restaurant. Installation of officers was held in an impressive ceremony.

JoAnn Hayes was named Club Woman of the Year by vote of the members.

Barbara McLean was presented the President's award.

Elizabeth Norman displayed two plaques to be placed in the Community Building. The American Walnut plaques have the names of the Charter Members and all the Past Presidents, engraved on brass plates. The Club Seal bearing the club motto is placed in the center of each. They were designed by Nathan Mixon (local craftsman). We felt like these names should be preserved for posterity.

CLUB OFFICERS 1979-80

President	JoAnn Hayes
Vice President	Linda Alderman
Recording Secretary	Lois Hodges
Corresponding Secretary	Margaret Smith
Treasurer	Ann Hollar
Reporter	Kathryn Crownfield
Chaplain	Hester Jackson

September 13, 1979 - JoAnn Hayes, president called to the members attention that various citations received by the Club should be properly preserved. It was decided that these should be placed in a Scrapbook, and kept by the historian.

Carol Lawson and Camilla Cook were selected as co-chairmen of the Heart Fund, to be assisted by chairmen of all other committees.

October 11, 1979 - Hester Jackson gave an inspiring devotion as a tribute to the memory of Gertrude Reece Folger, the first president of the Dobson Woman's Club.

October 11, 1979 - Hester Jackson and Annie Laura McMillion agreed to serve as co-chairmen of the Bazaar for 1980.

April 10, 1980 - Emma Comer Dickenson presented a program on English History. She served as Second President of the Club - 1932-34. Six members who were present at this meeting were club members when she was president.

WE CAME FOR DINNER - 1980 -

As we go sailing along - another very successful club year comes to an end. The dinner was held at the Community Building. Using an impressive candlelight ceremony, Hester Jackson installed the officers.

Officers for 1980-81 will be the same as for the previous year - with only one change being made - Jessie Stewart will replace Kathryn Crownfield as Reporter.

Margaret Honbarrier was named Club Woman of the Year by vote of members. She also received the President's award.

Being the oldest (admitted!) active member of the Club, Mrs. Lura Sparger, was recognized and received a gift.

Eleanor Cooperwas recognized for 10 years of service as Publicity Chairman - She received a gift as a token of appreciation for outstanding service to the club.

A silver tray was given to JoAnn Hayes, President, in appreciation of her service to the club during the past year.

The club disbanded for the summer after the May Dinner and we start out this new club year with a covered dish dinner which was greatly enjoyed by all. JoAnn Hayes, president was in the chair. (September 11, 1980)

Club decided to have the Bazaar on November 21 - Hester and Annie Laura showed us things that could be made for sale.

Lois Hodges and Nellie Hill were chosen to serve with Ruth Freeman on the Scholarship Committee.

December 11, 1980 - The Club members met at the Community Building for their annual Christmas Dinner. The meal was prepared and served by the Early Bird Club (Dobson). We enjoyed Christmas music presented by Miss Sandra Bullington- who directed the Dobson Ensemble.

CLUB FUNDS

January 8, 1981 - Balance $3,012.81 on checking
$1,120.72 on savings
$ 14.97 petty cash

Profit from Bazaar - $2,145.07 and from Quilt $203.50. Quilt money collected was paid on the principal of debt due on the Community Building. Balance owed on Building - $70,340.50. Motion was carried to apply the $2,145.07 (Profit from Bazaar) as a payment on the Community Building.

February 12, 1981 - Margaret Smith introducted the speaker - Lynn Urst, Chapter Representative for the N.C. Heart Association. She expalined where the money goes that is collected each year for the Heart Fund.

Elizabeth Norman, historian, announced that the club would be 50 years old this year!

A committee was appointed by the President, JoAnn Hayes. It would consist of:

Eleanor Cooper - Chairman
Margaret Smith -
Kathryn Crownfield
Annie Laura McMillion
JoAnn Hayes
Elizabeth Norman

It was the duty of this committee to make plans for the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

March 12, 1981 - It was reported that the 50th Anniversary Committee had met at the home of Miss Norman. It was decided the Club will Celebrate with a Tea on April 26 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Community Building. Officers will be at the Refreshment Table to serve. Charter members and past presidents will be in the Receiving Line. All members should make an effort to be present.

Frances Martin reported from Finance Committee that $1,341.75 had been collected for calendars.

Margaret Honbarrier and Annie Laura McMillion reported that Dobson had been canvassed for the Red Cross. They did this work. Motion was carried to give a donation of $50.00 to the Red Cross.

Heart Fund Collections by our club for this year (1981):

Heart Sunday	$ 609.82
Bake Sale	205.50
Lions and Leos	343.84
Eleanor's Bingo	199.00
Businesses	459.00
Copeland 7th & 8th graders	69.00
Clubs and Organizations	25.00
TOTAL:	$ 1,956.16

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The old club ship sails on and on -----, but their historian feels as if she were about to sink! At this point, I accept what Thomas Jefferson said:

"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."

Our club has been blessed with a great past; we are proud of our heritage. If the dreams of the future can be greater than our history, we can truly look forward to a glorious tomorrow!

Note: It is at the end of this page #51 - That I am furnishing this portion, of the Club's history, to be displayed at the 50th Anniversary Celebration - along with Scrapbooks - etc.
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APRIL MEETING - 1981

Officers for the Dobson Woman's Club were elected at the April meeting held at the Dobson Community Building.

Mrs. Hester Jackson was named president; Mrs. Lois Hodges, vice president; Mrs. Judy Thompson, secretary; Mrs. Rachel Earnest, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Margaret Honbarrier treasurer; Mrs. Ann Hollar, chaplain, and Miss Lenora Kidd, reporter.

The eighth grade chorus from Copeland School, under the direction of Mrs. Susan Gentry and accompanied by Mrs. Ray Doby, gave a program using songs from the events of the year 1980. These were illustrated by posters and recitations.

The club will sponsor a Surry Central High School girlto Girls' State at UNC-Greensboro and a Surry County child to a 4-H Nutrition Camp. Members also voted to make a contribution to the Surry County Speical Olympic Games.

Mrs. Hester Jackson reported that the club is to receive a Spode tea service given by the late Mrs. George K. Marshall, who had been an honorary member of the club (she organized our club in 1931).

Mrs. Jo Ann Hayes, president, conducted the meeting and Mrs. Camilla Cook gave an inspirational devotion on thoughts for Easter. Refreshments were served by the committee of the month.

DINNER BELLS RING - AGAIN - May 1981 -

On May 14, 1981 we gather together again for our annual May dinner at the Community Building. The president, Jo Ann Hayes welcomed the guests and club members. Some of the guests were gentlemen - as some of the club ladies invited their husbands to attend! The invocation was given by Camilla Cook, our club chaplain.

Enteratinment was provided by Lisa Dollyhigh accompanied by Sandra Bullington. Miss Dollyhigh rendered selections from "Westside Story."

Mrs. Hayes recognized the outgoing officers and presented each with a gift from the club. Officers for the coming year were installed. (They are listed above under the title of the April meeting).

The Club Woman of the Year award was presented to Miss Elizabeth Norman. This honor is voted on by members of the Woman's Club. Miss Norman is a charter member of the club which was organized in 1931. She is a Past President and has been Historian of the club since 1956. Miss Norman is a retired teacher and an active member of the Dobson First Baptist Church.

The President's Award was presented to Mrs. Hester Jackson. This award is given annually by the president to a member in appreciation for the work she has done during the club year. Mrs. Jackson was chairman of the 1980 Christmas Bazaar. She is an energetic member of the Extension Club - called the "Early Birds." She is an able leader in the community in raising funds for the Dobson Community Building.

Club members gave Mrs. Hayes a brass basket in appreciation for her leadership. The outgoing officers also remembered her with a gift. Everyone received a gift of cross stitch made by Mrs. Camilla Cook.

The dinner was catered by Smith Catering Service. Strawberry motif favors were given to each one present - as they had been used at each place-setting.

We members were pleased to hear that Dr. and Mrs. Swanson Richards had presented the club a BIBLE in honor of the club's 50th Anniversary. To them we will be forever grateful. (Dr. Swanson Richards is President of Surry Community College at Dobson).

Now that dinner is over, we will rest a-spell in a safe harbor. The sailors need a bit of rest during the summer time - then we'll set sail again in September.

The Anniversary Year

OUR

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

DOBSON WOMAN'S CLUB

1931 - 1981

BRIEF SUMMARY OF

FIRST FIFTY YEARS

It was on 20 January 1931 that a group of forty women met at the home of Mattie Reid Hill for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Club in Dobson. Economic hardships induced by the Depression, apathy and timidity among women were difficulties with which the founders coped. Gertrude Reece Folger, our first president, proved to be a capable leader. Throughout the next fifty years, hundreds of our club members have helped to make Dobson a better place in which to live and they have changed attitudes about women becoming active in community affairs and service.

Mrs. George Marshall of Mt. Airy, State President, helped to organize the Dobson Club. In the early years, the club was part of the Federation of N.C. Woman's Clubs. Gertrude Folger served a term as District Federation President. Several years later, the Dobson Club decided to leave the Federation. In 1931 the membership dues were $1.00 per year. At the present time (1981) our dues are $5.00 annually.

After the first meeting at the Reid home, the club held their regular meetings at Brady Hotel. This was the home of Betty, Louise, and Elizabeth Norman.

Sometime later, the Tom Folger (vacant) store) building was secured as our meeting place. It was here that the first Dobson Library was started. After a few years, plans were laid to build our own Club house. For the sum of $300 - a lot was purchased from D.W. Hemmings on W. Kapp Street. The new building was completed at a cost of about $2,000 in 1938. This club building was used by all the community for 37 years and was probably the greatest contribution of the club to the Dobson Community.

It became necessary for the club to secure larger quarters. The movement for a new building was begun around 1971 by various community organizations. The Woman's Club sold their building which stood on W. Kapp Street on May 12, 1973 for $10,000 and gave this amount toward the erection of the Dobson Community Building. The last meeting in the old building was the May Dinner in 1974 with Kathryn Crownfield, presiding.

The club met at the Methodist Fellowship Building until November 1977 when the first meeting was held in the new Community Building, with Camilla Cook, presiding.

Throughout our fifty years in existence, our club has sponsored many worthy projects-as you will note-if by any chance you have read the history of the FIRST FIFTY YEARS contained herein. NOTE: These projects are listed on Page 21 of the 1981-82 yearbook.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION

This day, 26 April 1981, we proudly celebrated the Golden Anniversary of the Dobson Woman's Club. More than a hundred guests and members were present for this gala event, held at the Dobson Community Building from three to five o'clock- on a balmy Sunday afternoon.

Out of the FORTY CHARTER MEMBERS, eight were present for this celebration. They were: Mabel Llewellyn Folger, Bertha Byrd Houck, Mary Mills Stone, Lura Wagoner Sparger, Nannie Gordon Riggs, Elizabeth Folger Bolich, Louise Norman McNeill, and Elizabeth Ann Norman - the last five mentioned (who were there at the genesis) are still active members! Seventeen of the Charter Members are still living, but nine of them were unable to attend.

Seventeen of the past Club presidents were also present for this momentious occasion. They were Jessye Bell Blackwelder, Lenora Kidd, Blance Folger, Minnie Ruth Gentry, Margaret Smith, Kathy Pendergraft, Elizabeth Norman, JoAnn Hayes, Patty Stallings (of Mt. Airy), Julia Hall, Peggy Hemmings (of Dublin, Va.), Ruth Freeman, Henrietta Gillespie, Kathryn Crownfield, Camilla Cook, Annie Laura McMillion, and Emma Comer Dickenson (of Galax, Va.).

How lovely our appointments were on this memorable occasion! The club colors of gold and blue were used throughout the room. A centerpiece of mixed spring flowers (given by The Northwestern Bank) and a tiered anniversary cake were featured on the serving table. Cake squares, bite sandwiches, cheese straws, mints, and punch were served.

Mrs. JoAnn Hayes expressed appreciation to everyone who participated in making this celebration a success. Eleanor Cooper was chairman for the reception and was assisted by Elizabeth Norman, JoAnn Hayes, Annie Laura McMillion, Margaret Smith, and Kathryn Crownfield.

Officers serving for this anniversary year - along with Mrs. Hayes, the president - were: Linda Alderman, vice-president; Rachel Earnest, corresponding secretary; Margaret Honbarrier, treasurer; Jessie Stewart, reporter; and Camilla Cook, Chaplain.

We all enjoyed seeing old and new members and guests. The club's history for <u>The First Fifty Years</u>, compiled by Elizabeth Norman was on display - along with a collection of yearbooks, scrapbooks, a picture album, and minutes of the first year recorded on a tablet in pencil.

The Spode China tea set, which Mrs. George Marshall had willed to the club, was proudly displayed. A letter of congratulations, sent to The Historian, from Congressman Steve Neal was also displayed. We won't ever forget this day in the history of our club.

FOR THE YEAR OF 1981
- SOME HIGHLIGHTS -

Monthly programs were furnished mostly by local talent, speakers and craftsmen such as the following:

Pine Needle Crafts
Chapter Representative for N.C. Heart Association
Surry Community College Chorus
Copeland School Eighth Grade Chorus
History of Dobson And Its Functions, Old & New, given by a town councilman and town manager.
Dobson Ensemble
Local Country Group
Community Watch, by Surry County Sheriff & Deputy

The Woman's Club celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary this year with a tea - open to the community.

Chief money raisers for the year:
Community Birthday Calendars netting $1,341.75 and Christmas Bazaar netting $1,662.91. The Bazaar money was given to the Community Building Fund.

The members helped with raising money for the Heart Fund, such as having bake sale, marching on Heart Sunday, Bingo Party, Collecting from businesses, etc. They also helped with Red Cross bloodmobiles, furnishing workers and refreshments.

Dobson Woman's Club sponsored two scholarships yearly to Surry Community College.

CLUB CONTINUES TO DO

- GOOD WORKS -

Donations and Gifts for 1981

Heart Fund	$ 25.00
Red Cross	50.00
Bloodmobile Refreshments	40.41
TMH Easter Party	15.90
Sponsor Student to Girls State	75.00
Sponsor Child to 4-H Nutritional Camp	35.00
Surry County Special Olympics	25.00
Tuning Piano (Community Building)	26.00
Hope Valley	50.00
Cystic Fibrosis	25.00
Dobson Boy Scouts	50.00
Christmas Fund for Foster Child	25.00
Close-Up Program	50.00
Scholarships	226.90
Community Building Supplies	75.62
Yearly Pledge to Community Building Fund	250.00

The Club also held a Fashion Show with the net of $270.00 being applied on the Community Building Fund.

A Time of Both Endings and Beginnings

We celebrated the Golden Anniversary of the Dobson Woman's Club. This occasion provided us with rich opportunities to reflect upon the past, with its milestones of growth and progress and to experience a sense of pride and excitement in the present. A Fifty Year Anniversary is indeed an important milestone in the life of any organization. In the march of years a Golden Anniversary is celebrated but once. It is the time for backward glances and forward visions. It is a time to honor those who pioneered in the Club, our 40 Charter Members.

It is a time when we sail from a spendid past into a prmising future. As we are now poised on the threshold of our second 50 years as a Club - we can ask ourselves, "What will characterize the Dobson Woman's Club celebration in 2031?" Some of our youngest members will surely participate in that Centenial. But all of us (Club Members) can feel that we have served in some way to build the bridge from today's celebration into the 21st century.

General Information

DONATIONS

Out of loyalty to the Dobson Woman's Club, it was my choice and my pleasure at the time of our Golden Anniversary to donate the following items:

The Scrapbook

The Photo Album

The two notebooks used for recording the history of The First Fifty Years and The Second Fifty Years (the paper and the typing thereon) ~~—~~ for my part of the compilation) E.A.N.

The storage facilities for the above mentioned items

I trust these donations will be of use to the Club in the present and in the future.

In this Photo Album, I have placed material to bring it up to the May 13, 1982 date. As this date marks the end of my term as Club Historian, I have tried to make it as complete as possible.

I am indebted to my sister, Betty, for donating all the Kodak color pictures, which she made, showing various Club activities. In view of this, I want to put a picture of the "photographer" in this Album. This will be my final entry (in this Album) as Your Historian.

Elizabeth Norman

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DOBSON WOMANS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
CRITERIA FOR
SURRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

I. GENERAL CRITERIA

A. Said scholarship will become effective for current Fall Quarter of each fiscal year.
B. The student selected must be in financial need, he must be academically capable of further study and have a sincere desire to improve himself.
C. The recipient of the scholarship must be living in the Surry Central High Scool district and must be a graduate of said school.
D. There will be NO RESTRICTIONS imposed concerning age, sex, or race.
E. The student/recipient must make application, be accepted, and enroll in Surry Community College.
F. The scholastic ability of the applicant will be based on the admittance requirements of said school. No (SAT) scores will be required.
G. The recipient shall use his own judgment in the type of curriculum he wishes to pursue, such as: College Parallel, Vocational, or the Technical Program at the college.
H. A copy of the criteria governing the scholarship shall be on file at Surry Community College, Surry Central High School and given to the scholarship chairman of the club. Each recipient receiving the scholarship shall also be given a copy of said criteria.

II. METHOD OF SELECTION

A. A committee shall be appointed and shall be made up of the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee (Standing Committee), three other members of the Dobson Womans Club (including the President of the Club), and the local high school Guidance Counselor.
B. Only one candidate will be selected each year to receive the scholarship, unless recipients selected the previous year did not use the scholarship. Then, the committee shallselect two recipients in order to have two recipients for each academic year.
C. The committee shall also select an alternate---second place, in case the recipient becomes disqualified or discontinues his education at Surry Community College.

III. NOTIFICATION

A. The recipient shall be notified in writing by the president of the club about the selection made by the committee. The recipient shall also, at this time, be invited to be a guest of the club at the annual May dinner.
B. The scholarship chairman shall present the award to the recipient (s) at the May dinner meeting.
C. The club shall notify the college and the high school IN WRITING of the selection made by the committee.
D. An announcement is also to be made on Awards Day at Surry Central by a member of the club.
E. The publicity chairman of the club shall be responsible for an announcement of this scholarship, with pictures, in the local newspapers, after the May meeting.

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IV. VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

A. The recipient shall receive tuition, books, lab fees, activity fees, and supplies necessary for the completion of two academic years in the recipients selected curriculum.

B. The total amount of the scholarship will be ~~$300~~ $400.00 for two years of study at Surry Community College. Each year there will be ~~$150.00~~ $200.00 given. If, in any case the recipient does not use all of the money the first year, it may be carried over to the second year, but, not more than ~~$150.00~~ $200.00 is to be paid on the first year. The scholarship will at no time exceed the amount specified and is to be paid in full for two academic years.

C. The funds furnished by the Dobson Womans Club can only be used at Surry Community College, Dobson, North Carolina.

V. METHOD OF PAYMENT

A. The college shall send a statement indicating the amount due the college for the enrollment of said recipient at the beginning of each quarter. The treasurer of the club shall then send the college a check in the amount requested.

B. The College shall notify the club when amount of the scholarship is depleted.

C. The college is also expected to notify the club if the recipient of the scholarship does not meet the standards set forth for continued enrollment at the college or if the recipient discontinues enrollment for any reason. This is to be done at the end of the last quarter that the recipient was enrolled at the college.

D. The Scholarship Committee recommends the the scholarship be flexible and solely dependent upon the financial status of the Dobson Womans Club.

E. The College is also to notify the Club, in writing, of any change in tuition fees that are made at the college.

F. If at anytime, the financial status of the club becomes inadequate to meet said demands, then the club will have the discretion to forfeit said commitments. If the club should terminate, therefore, the scholarship automatically terminates.

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Treasurer's Report

Balance Brought Forward to May, 1979		$2202.26
Income:		
Cook Books		87.50
May Dinner		207.00
	Total Income	$2496.76
Expenses:		
Heart Fund Donation		$ 25.00
TMH Easter Party		15.94
Special Olympics Donation		25.00
Bike-A-Thon Donation		15.00
Drew Walker Scholarship		100.00
Girl Scout Troop 209 Flag		24.10
Community Building Yearly Pledge		250.00
Nutrition Camp		35.00
Postage		9.72
General Services-Placques		290.98
May Dinner		207.00
Airmont Florist-May Dinner		47.32
Shirley Jean Edmonds Scholarship		45.00
	Total Expenses	$1090.06
Total Balance On Hand		$1406.70
Petty Cash		23.21

July 18, 1979-opened new savings account-drafted $1200.00

Total Balance On Hand		$ 206.70
Petty Cash		23.21
Income:		
Cook Books		210.00
Flavoring		41.10
	Total Income	$ 457.80
Expenses:		
Postmaster		$ 50.00
Owen's Jewelry-May Dinner		33.80
	Total Expenses	$ 83.80

TOTAL BALANCE	$374.00
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	$1200.00
PETTY CASH	23.21

DOBSON WOMAN'S CLUB
Dobson, N. C. 27017
November 10, 1980

Dear Club Member:

I'm sure that you are all aware that the busy season of the year has arrived. And we have some more important events that we want to make sure are not left off of your calendar.

The November Woman's Club meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building. This meeting will be held for the purpose of displaying the goods and preparing the building for the Bazaar to be held the next day, Friday, November 21st from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

We know that each of you have at least $30.00 worth of merchandise to sell at the Bazaar and we ask that you bring this with you on Thursday night and come prepared to help set up for this, our largest money making event of the year.

We will have a White Elephant table and we need canned goods and baked goods.

We are still holding our workshops on Wednesday nights at the Community Building and we need your help to finish up several projects that have been started.

Please remember that the Dobson Woman's Club is your club and we need your help and support if our Bazaar is to be a success.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Hayes

Jo Ann Hayes
President

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Forward from April 10, 1980			$1462.05
INCOME:	Flavoring		40.60
	Cookbooks		10.50
		Total	51.10
EXPENSES:	Margaret Honbarrier (TMH Party)		1.93
	Annie L. McMillian (TMH Party)		9.53
	Drew Walker...SCC Scholarship		100.00
	Community Building Pledge		250.00
	Nutrition Camp Donation		35.00
	Surry Special Olympics Donation		25.00
	Surry Arts Council Donation		50.00
	U.S. Postoffice		9.90
	Smith's Catering...May Dinner		29.12
	General Services...May Dinner		20.80
	Margaret Smith (Postage)		1.40
	Teresa G. Key...SCC Scholarship		45.00
		Total	577.68
TOTAL BALANCE ON HAND			$ 935.47
SAVINGS ACCOUNT			1077.42
		Interest	14.19
			1091.61
PETTY CASH			14.97

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Hellar, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forward from April 8, 1981		$ 990.31
Income: Cookbooks		7.00
Expenses: Surry Central High School (Girls State)		75.00
Times Book Store (50th Anniversary Invitations)		31.82
Jackson Piano Service		26.00
Nutrition Camp Donation		35.00
Surry Special Olympics		25.00
Dobson Community Building Pledge		250.00
Annie L. McMillion (TMH Party)		15.90
	TOTAL	$ 458.72
Total Balance on Hand		$ 538.59
Savings Account		$1,150.45
Petty Cash		$ 14.97

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to each member of the Woman's Club. I hope you will enjoy your May Dinner as much as the officers have enjoyed planning it for you.

I would like to tell you thanks for electing me as your President for the past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed this challenge and I hope I have succeeded in someway for you. Again thank you.

Please let me remind each of you to let our new officers for the next year know how much we appreciate them for taking their time and talents to serve us. Also, Annie Laurie McMillon wants each of us to be making things now for our bazaar next year.

Everyone have a wonderful summer and I will be looking forward to seeing each one of you at our September meeting. Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Hayes

Jo Ann Hayes
President

Route 3, Box 8
Dobson, N. C. 27017
May 1, 1981

Dear Club Members:

We are again nearing the end of another Club Year and I would like to thank each of you for your help and participation these past two years.

It has been a very special year for all of us to be able to celebrate our club's being organized for 50 years and this presents us with a challenge to make a special effort to make our next years bigger and better for our Club.

Our president for next year, Hester Jackson, is going to need the support of all of us to help our club grow by obtaining as many new members as possible.

Our May Dinner will be held Thursday, May 14, 1981 at the Dobson Community Center at 7:00 p.m. and will cost $6.00 per person. The dinner will be catered by Gladys Smith and will be a buffet dinner. I hope this year each member will support our club and our new officers by making a special effort to attend this dinner meeting.

Please return the enclosed card to me by May 8, 1981.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Hayes

Jo Ann Hayes
Club President

Enclosure

P. S. Please remember to vote for the Club Woman of the Year on the enclosed card.

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The Dobson Woman's Club

Dobson, North Carolina 27017

August 31, 1981

Dear Friend,

We have completed fifty years of work in the Dobson Woman's Club and September marks the beginning of our fifty-first year. Our goal is to meet the challenges of the next fifty years with the same devotion to rewards and successes.

With that in mind, our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Building. We will join the Community Council and other community citizens in fellowship at a Bar-be-cue Chicken Dinner ($5.00 per plate).

After dinner there will be a community planning session to discuss the needs and desires of the community. The Dobson Woman's Club will have a LARGE part in plans and solutions, as usual. We feel that this will be one of the most important meetings of the coming year. Let us be heard!

A chicken bar-be-cue will be a change from our usual covered dish supper at year's beginning. Proceeds will go on the building fund.

Annie Laurie McMillian, Bazaar Chairman, reminds all members to make items for the Bazaar to be held in November. Each member is to provide $30.00 worth of items or make a $30.00 contribution.

We are rolling onward - so join us!

Says Hester Jackson

Club President

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BELK FASHION SHOW

Camilla Cook, Chairman

Mary Frieburgher, Coordinator

Kitchen and Serving

Jessie Stewart
Rachel Earnest
Ruth Freeman
Nellie Hill
Minnie Hyler
Chris Hoosier
Sandy White
Marion Gillespie
Pat Everette
Nancy Hill
Jeana Everette

Models

Ashley Lawson
Gretchen Hollar
Andrea Motsinger
Jennifer Hollar
Pam Stewart
Tiffany Comer
Shari Cook
Myra Hayes
Karen Cook
Becky Motsinger
Carol Lawson
Ann Hollar
Glenda Atkins
Rosemary Miller
Margaret Smith
Juliet Poole

Organist - Nancy McCann

Tickets - Margaret Honbarrier

Door Prizes - Hester Jackson

Persons Donating Food

Nannie Riggs
Margaret Smith
Vonda Comer
Betty Miller
Louise McNeill
Elizabeth Norman
Margaret Motsinger
Lola Davis
Barbara Alberty
Minnie Ruth Gentry
Eleanor Cooper
Dianne Bowers
Judy Thompson
Ann Weaver
Pat Everette
Ruth Freeman
Rachel Earnest
Barbara Steele
Betty Hemmings
Sandy White
Janice Nixon
Myrtle Moore

Kathryn Crownfield
Nannie Lou Kidd
Lilo Comer
Lib Bolich
Libby Maye
Linda Alderman
Shirley Stanley
Era Snow
Kat Austin
Oma Norman
Helen Walker
Nellie Hill
Pauline Eads
Mary Jackson
Shirley Wright
Frances Scott
Treva Johnson
Carol Lawson
Rosemary Miller
Becky Motsinger
Ann Hollar
Camilla Cook

Viola Alberty
Martha Graham
Frances Martin
Lana Martin
Clara Freeman
Minnie Hyler
Chris Hoosier
Jessie Stewart
Nancy McCann
Marion Gillespie
Pauline Tolley