

## HISTORY

The Mount Airy Junior Woman's Club was organized in October, 1947, under the leadership of Mrs. Jack Myers, Mrs. Ed Early, and Mrs. Jim Vaughn. Twenty-nine charter members held their first meeting in November of 1947, at which time they were also chartered by the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

During the years of 1948 through 1950 the Club sponsored the Cancer Control Drive as its major project. Projects in world Peace and world Government were carried out with a high school speaking contest, gifts of food and clothing sent abroad and foreign correspondence by members. These projects were continued through 1951. In November of 1950 the club assisted with the Empty Stocking Fund, established the Clothing Closet, and undertook support of the Children's Home Society, all of which have become permanent projects.

Community Recreation was the theme in 1950 - 51, and with other civic groups the club participated in a Halloween Carnival. The Stamps for wounded Veterans program was added as a permanent project. Books were collected for overseas.

In 1951 and 1952 Youth Conservation & Community Service were club projects with contributions made to Veterans Park and Reeves YMCA.

Support of the Caswell Training School was added to the club's activities in 1952 - 53. The local elementary schools and the Reeves YMCA shared in the proceeds raised through local fund raising projects.

In addition to the permanent projects in 1953 and 1954 the club participated in these local service projects: Sponsored Angique Show, Banc & Glee Club Concert, City-wide School and Art Contest, Campaign for state and local bond elections and contributed service to the YMCA Circus. Funds realized from club projects were distributed among the local elementary schools, Reeves YMCA and Veterans Park.

The Club in 1954 and 1955 completed a three-year project of donations to the YMCA and the 3 elementary schools. We assisted with the Community Chest campaign and have continued to support the campaign now known as the United Fund. An attempt to make a change in the Town Charter concerning the School Board resulted in two new members being appointed to the Board.

Highlighting 1955 - 56 was the organization of the Hospital Auxiliary. The club received state recognition for its Year Book, Clothing Closet and Stamps for Wounded Veterans. Of significance too was the club-sponsored Bolldmobile, participation in the Savings Stamps project and a contribution to South Main Junior High School.



In 1956 - 57 we contributed clothing to the Red Cross after the Flat Rock School fire. The club helped with the YMCA membership drive. Certificates of Merit were won for efforts in the Get Out and Vote campaign, Clothing Closet and Stamps for Wounded Veterans. Our Year Book won a blue ribbon for the second consecutive year. We gave a reception at the formal opening of the Northern Surry Hospital.

In 1957 - 58 our efforts were concentrated on the Children's Clothing Closet. Merit Awards were received in Education and Conservation. We won fifth place for our Stamps for Wounded Veterans and our Year Book rated second in the State. A Croupette was donated to the Hospital and some children were sent to summer camp.

In the year 1958 - 59 Arts & Crafts classes and a Choral Group was organized. Our press book won second place in the district and our year book won third. We received merit certificates in Four Fold Fitness, Citizenship and International Affairs.

Our Club calendar was changed in the fall of 1959 to coincide with the Actual calendar year and the club structure reorganized with a comprehensive Board of Directors to supplement the Executive Committee. We were awarded certificates in Education, Conservation, International Affairs, Public Affairs and given recognition for our support of CARE.

Our Year Book won a District blue ribbon. In addition to our permanent projects we assisted in a Cancer Research Survey, worked in the Get Out and Vote Campaign and the Choral Group gave a Christmas program at the hospital. Outstanding among our efforts were the three television reading classes for adults which we sponsored.

Becoming aware of the need for better library facilities we began with our production of the 1961 Follies to initiate the project of a new Library-Cultural Center for Mount Airy. This was a tremendous undertaking, but a successful one, and we were able to put over \$1,000 in our new Library Fund.

As a direct result of our interest in the Library needs, the club was largely responsible for the consolidation of the Public Library with the Northwestern Regional Library and the Library Board has been increased by two members, one member from the Junior Woman's Club.

Our Adult Reading Classes were continued. We had a lovely supper for foreign college students during International Weekend. We sponsored the "United Nations Week" in October and "Know Your America Week" in November. We also cooperated with the Senior Club in presenting apples to the teachers in local schools during "National Education Week."

We continued to assist in the Cancer Research program and began continuing projects on "Conquering Uterine Cancer" and a "Safety Seat Belt Campaign."



We helped sponsor a Bridge Benefit for new uniforms for the High School Band. We solicited for the United Fund and continued the distribution of clothing through our Clothing Closet. We worked diligently with preparations for Empty Stockings for Christmas.

Mrs. Jack Greenwood beautifully represented us in the Vogue Sewing Contest. Kathlene Bray, a local high school Senior, represented us in the Music Contest and was a District Winner. She then went on to participate in the State competition.

Along with the Senior Woman's Club and the White Plains Woman's Club we were hostess to District 6 in Mount Airy and we were quite proud when so many remarked, "Never has there been a District Meeting equal to this." It was a splendid success.

Again in 1962, the Follies was held and we voted to give the Mount Airy Library Foundation the sum of \$3,800.00. We incorporated our club in February so that we might accept contributions from any interested persons. We entered the Community Improvement Program contest for the period 1962-1964 with concentration on working toward a new Library Cultural Center. As a result of our interest we have two voting members on the library board.

We held an enjoyable fashion show in February with Mount Airy High School girls who entered the Vogue Sewing Contest modeling their outfits. The winner was Margaret Ware. She represented our club in the District competition in Salisbury.

We provided a buffet dinner for foreign students during International Week End, sponsored United Nations Day and had Oda Jensen, our exchange student from Germany, as our guest speaker. When she returned home in June we gave her a farewell tea, at which time she was made an honorary member of our club.

A successful shower was held for the Children's Home Society. We supported National Education Week with the Senior Woman's Club by writing notes of appreciation to the teachers of Mount Airy. We sponsored the Children's Story Hour at our local library with JWC members telling or reading the stories.

During the year we were proud of two of our members who were elected to serve as state officers.

In 1962, we again plunged into plans for a benefit "Follies" production. \$1500 was added to our Library Foundation Fund, bringing the total raised to approximately \$5300. A portion of this was given to help make the down payment on a lot which will be the future site of our Library Cultural Center.

For the first time, our club was formed into departments, all of which were active during the year. The Fine Arts Department entered a student in the Hallmark Art Contest. The Education Department prepared our dinner in



order to raise money for nursing scholarship. The Fine Arts Department started a precision dance group of high school juniors and seniors, who performed at football games and in parades, known as the "High Steps."

The Public Affairs Department and Fine Arts Department joined as co-hostesses to show a model home. The International Affairs Department sponsored UN Day with every church and school participating.

The Home Life Department sold aprons in order to pay for prayer cards presented to all local restaurants. The Education Department donated money in support of National Education Week.

A Red Cross First Aid Course was held for six weeks for any interested members. Showers for Children's Home and the Clothing Closet and participation in the Empty Stocking Fund were continued.

Two Ways & Means projects were held - a Children's Carnival at the end of school and selling Christmas gift wrapping paper.

Our Club is strong and alive and a vital force in our community. We, as a group, are working example of all that can be accomplished by a sense of duty and perservation. We have accomplished much and in return have had opportunities to serve as a group and grow individually.

Continuing support of the future Library Cultural Center, our club started the year of 1964 by donating \$1,000 to the Library Foundation Fund. Interest in our community promoted our members to conduct an active telephone campaign to encourage voters to assure Surry County of a Community College. Departments within the club have been very active.

Public Affairs has a member serving on the Traffic Council and hospital Auxiliary as our club representative. Members stuffed 10,000 Easter Seal letters. Full co-operation was received on the K. O. Polio campaign in which members worked at feeding stations, carried literature to schools and served food to clinic workers.

The Fine Arts Department had two entries in the Art Contest, and they were awarded first and third places in district competition. Two of our club members entered paintings at the convention art contest for clubwomen. A High School voice student was entered in the music contest. Work was continued with our precision dance group of high school girls. "The High Steps," who performed at football games and parades. For our Heritage Project a tour of "Old Salem" was conducted.

The Education Department started a project to help a retarded class and needy children in schools, interested other groups in the community in helping with the project, and remembered teachers with pound cakes during "Education week."

The Home Life Department contributed toys to a Methodist Day Nursery, adopted our "Birthday Remembrance" girl from "Samancand", had American Home week proclaimed by the Mayor, and made a down town window display using this theme, helped the Education Department with their assistance to needy children, and helped teachers in emergencies.



Conservation has conducted plant swaps, worked on a food merchandising program, and has plans for a living Christmas Tree.

Ways and Means has held two fashion shows, a bake sale, a Spring auction, sold coffee during our Presidential election to voters, sold Christmas gift wrap, and had a Christmas Auction.

Our Club was happy to receive the Dorothy Heath Brown Fine Arts award and the Mary C. Jamieson Stamp Award. Mrs. Bill Needham received the state stamp champ award and we were proud to have her elected to the state chairmanship for stamps. Continuing our support of Veterans, our club adopted a veteran at Oteen Veterans' Hospital and remembered him often. This year our club will present a local stamp champ award.

Our Clothing Closet has continued to assist needy families. We also sort clothing for the Empty Stocking Fund at Christmas.

During 1965 our work with "Operation Headstart," a kindergarden for under-privileged Children, was most rewarding along with furnishing a room in the new Salvation Army Citadel. We were also happy to solicit funds for the Citadel.

The Fine Arts Department had first and second place winners in the District Art Contest and had a Hallmark Art Entry. Lou Ashby was our piano entry in the music contest. Fine Arts sponsored "The High Steps," a high school precision group.

Home Life started "Operation Healthy Babies" project, assisting a Mother Baby Care Class; carried on our "Birthday Remembrance" project by sending gifts to Jackson Training School; had an entry in the Spadea Sewing Contest and sponsored a Bake Sale; donated articles and cash to Children's Home Society, western Carolina, Caswell and Murdoch.

Ways and Means had a Talent Show, two Fashion Shows, and sold NCFWC stationery to help build a chapel for the State woman's Prison in Raleigh. Our Talent Show first place winner, Laura Jones, competed in the State Talent Contest.

Public Affairs petitioned for the Motor Vehicle Safety Law; adopted a veteran at Oteen; collected stamps for veterans and had members on Hospital Auxiliary Board and the Traffic Council, Our Clothing Closet served many needy families, and we worked with the Christmas Empty Stocking Fund. We endorsed the Better Roads Bond Issue.

Conservation helped landscape the Salvation Army Citadel and make book markers carrying out the "Save Our Trees" theme. These bookmarkers were given to hospital patients.

International Affairs sponsored a dinner for foreign students from the University of North Carolina; sold "Little Bells" bracelets to build schools in Mexico and collected stamps for Norway.



Educational Department paid students' fares to Raleigh for educational tour; served cake to the teachers during American Education Week; had a member on Library Foundation Board and contributed to the Library Memorial Fund for a future Mt. Airy Library Cultural Center.

The Club was happy to receive the following NCFWC awards: The Mary C. Jamieson Club Stamp Trophy and the D. A. Hocutt Award - Public Affairs. Annie Mae White received the State Stamp Champ Award.

Our Club will continue to present an award to the "Outstanding New Member," to the "Clubwoman of the Year," and to the "Stamp Champ" within our membership.

During 1966 our Ways and Means projects were two fashion shows, a talent show, three bake sales, and the auctioning of an oil painting. Our club appeared daily for a week on the TV Quiz Club Show and won several prizes, also.

We had entries in the District Art, Music, Sewing, Drafts, and Scholarship Contests; held a weekly story hour for Head Start; distributed 1,000 paper litter bags; sponsored three series of Mother-Baby Care Classes, Sent Birthday Remembrance Gifts; Had a Shower for Children's Home; Collected Stamps for the Wounded; Kept our Clothing Closet going; sold Little Bells Bracelet; Wrote to soldiers in Viet Nam; Had a Hawaiian Luau; made window displays for UN Day and for the United Fund; Sold NCFWC Note Paper, Continued to Remember our adopted veteran at Oteen; remembered teachers during Education week; Sorted the Empty Stocking Bundle Day Clothing; Erected a new Federation Sign; Made contributions to the Ten Penny Art Fund, the state scholarship fund, the Little Symphony, the YMCA, and the United Fund.

We were honored to have a member of our club, Jane Needham, elected Junior Editor of the NCFWC Magazine, and to have a graduate of our club, Marjorie Yokley, elected President of the NCFWC.

We received a certificate of merit at the state convention for our work done with veterans and received the Blue Ribbon for our Year Book at the annual district meeting.