

# Club Holds Anniversary At Dobson

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DOBSON, Dec. 3—A birthday is being observed in Dobson, the county seat of Surry County.

This is a 25th birthday and is unique in that it is not being celebrated by an individual. There is no birthday cake with candles, no fanfare, no big party.

Yet there are "candles" so to speak, all through the town of Dobson which reflect the gifts which the celebrator has presented to the community during the past 25 years. Back in the chaotic years of the depression, 1931-32, the Dobson Woman's Club was born.

A group of 24 women with Mrs. A. D. Folger as president, who had as their motto, "The Union of All for the Good of All," banded together to form the organization. They undertook as their first project to prepare and serve lunches to approximately 100 boys and girls who could not afford to buy them.

The charter members of the club are Mrs. W. W. Ashburn, Mrs. P. G. Bolich, Miss Myrtle Burgess, Miss Minnie Chandler, Miss Emma Comer, Mrs. Grady Cooper, Mrs. A. D. Folger, Mrs. Frank Folger, Mrs. Maude Freeman, Mrs. Robert Freeman, Mrs. Emma Hampton, Miss Eva Hancock (deceased), Mrs. W. E. Hancock, Mrs. W. M. Jackson, Miss Verdy Jackson, Mrs. Emma Mock, Miss Elizabeth Norman, Mrs. W. B. Norman (deceased), Mrs. W. L. Reece (deceased), Mrs. W. E. Reid, Mrs. John Richards, Miss Thelma Shore, Mrs. D. T. Sparger and Mrs. Metta Nance.

From this minute beginning, the Dobson Woman's Club has played a vital role in the modernization of the town and is a tremendous force in the fast growing Surry County community.

Probably few residents in Dob-



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**Two Presidents** Mrs. Roland Gillespie (left), president of the Dobson Woman's Club, presents the 1956-57 yearbook commemorating the club's silver anniversary, to Mrs. A. D. Folger, the club's first president.

son remember that it was this woman's organization which was responsible for lighting the streets of the town and also for the installation of the first sidewalks around the Surry County Court House. The club financed the first street lights and paid for their upkeep for 10 years. The lighting project and the sidewalks were later taken over by the town of Dobson.

Perhaps the club's greatest contribution financially and fulfilling the greatest need of the community, was the construction of the Dobson Woman's Club building which is used for club meetings, activities of the young people, church groups, community meetings, wedding receptions and parties.

The attractively furnished club building, complete with a well-equipped kitchen, was a challenge to the clubwomen. The women had a difficult time paying for the building, but through hard work and by taking advantage of every opportunity, they succeeded in paying off the debt. One way the indebtedness was reduced was by renting the building to the school for use as a home economics building during the school year, which did not interfere with the club's activities in any way.

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the school and has acted as sponsor for a number of school activities.

Mrs. Roland Gillespie is serving as president during this silver anniversary year. To mark the beginning of the anniversary year, attractive yearbooks with silver covers were presented to each of the members. The year will conclude with an anniversary dinner in May.

The Dobson Woman's Club has grown from 24 to the present enrollment of 84 members. The club has been guided through its 25 years of service under the capable leadership of Mrs. A. D. Folger, Mrs. Emma Comer Dickenson, Mrs. Emma Mock, Mrs. W. E. Hancock, Mrs. John W. Comer, Mrs. Carl Folger, Mrs. R. C. Lewellyn, Miss Elizabeth Norman, Mrs. Neill M. Smith, Mrs. R. B. Blackwelder, Mrs. J. S. Gentry and Mrs. R. L. Folger, past presidents of the organization.

Present officers in addition to Mrs. Gillespie are Mrs. H. M. Adams, vice president; Mrs. Marvin Johnson, recording secretary; Mrs. R. A. Freeman Jr., treasurer; and Mrs. John Norman, corresponding secretary.

# Jonesville Club Sets Festival

ELKIN, Dec. 3 — Members of the Jonesville Junior Woman's Club have been learning the art of quilting and have proven to be experts at the task by turning out a beautiful finished product which will be given away at the club's second annual Winter Festival Sale Saturday, Dec. 10.

The sale will get under way at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Jonesville Town Hall and will be climaxed with an auction sale at 7:30 p.m. James Randleman will be auctioneer.

Highlighting the event will be a visit of Santa Claus who will make his appearance during the auction sale.

The Winter Festival Sale will feature hand-made Christmas gifts, stuffed toys, dolls and doll clothes, Christmas decorations, home-baked pies and cookies. The club members have been diligently working for months in preparation for the annual event.

The club members were assisted in making the pretty "Dutch Girl" quilt which is to be given away at the conclusion of the auction sale by Mrs. Arthur Martin and Mrs. Grady Pinnix. Door prizes will also be given at the sale.

Mrs. James Mathis is chairman of the committee in charge of the Winter Festival Sale and Mrs. Thad Martin was chairman of the quilt committee.

Mrs. Bob Martin is president of the Jonesville Junior Woman's Club.

# Decorations Sale Set at High Point

HIGH POINT, Dec. 3 — The High Point Council of Garden Clubs will sponsor a Christmas Decorations Sale on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 5 and 6. The sale will be held in the new Pontiac showroom, 944 North Main Street.

On sale will be door decorations, table and mantel arrangements, choir boys, angels, tree skirts, dried arrangements and other items to decorate any room in the home for Christmas, according to Mrs. John C. Alexander, merchandise committee chairman.

The sale will begin at noon on Wednesday and will last through the evening and will continue from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday.

## Engagements And Weddings

Engaged girls and brides who want their pictures published in the Sunday Journal and Sentinel should have the story and picture in the Journal office by 2 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday.

The Sunday Journal and Sentinel carries pic-

tures of only those brides married on Saturday, the day before. No brides' pictures are published later than one week following the wedding.

If you are about to announce your engagement or to be married, phone or write the Journal Women's Department and request our engagement and wedding questionnaires.

Members of the club are always interested in the appearance of the Dobson community. One of its long-range projects has been the upkeep of the Dobson cemetery which had been neglected and was in a badly run down condition. The club employed a caretaker and has paid his salary for the past 15 years in addition to sowing grass and planting shrubs in the cemetery.

The Dobson School has also been one of the first concerns of the Woman's Club. The club has been responsible for furnishing many supplies and equipment for

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