

**TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB  
CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE**

The Twentieth Century Club met at the M. W. A. hall December 6th, 1924. The hostesses were Mrs. O. W. Steffek, Miss Herried, Miss Brown and Miss M. Thompson. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Arnold. Twenty-eight members responded to roll call with anecdotes. Leader, Mrs. Voemastek, assisted by Mrs. Arnold. The day was dedicated to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Twentieth Century Club.

Mrs. Voemastek gave a summary of the Club as follows:

"Whereas the twentieth day of January, 1924, marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Twentieth Century Club, be it

"Resolved, that in fitting recognition of the event the sixth day of December, 1924, be declared and known as 'Silver Jubilee Day.'"

The minutes of the first meeting of this organization show that several ladies met at the home of Mrs. C. F. Bowman, Friday, January 20 1899. The object being to organize a literary club. The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p. m. with Mrs. C. F. Bowman in the chair. Those present were Mesdames Bowman, A. M. Fredericks, J. W. Allard, Walter McLaughlin, A. M. Corbett, Angus Kennedy, T. R. Begley, and O. Lange. The organization was named "The Twentieth Century Club." The topics for that year were "American Authors."

On January 29th, 1899, several new members joined the club. The names of the charter members were: Mesdames C. F. Bowman, A. M. Corbett, A. M. Fredericks, W. A. McLaughlin, J. W. Allard, A. Kennedy, Wm. Pringle, O. Lange, Mary Timme, Addie Mac Lennan, Anna H. Bushey, T. R. Begley, Mary McManus, and the Misses Myra Gardner, Bernice Andrews and Jeannette Kennedy.

The membership has changed from year to year as new members came in and others moved away. Five have crossed "The Great Divide." The total membership has been 189. Of this number 91 were teachers. Mrs. J. J. Voemastek has the distinction of having been a member for 24 years.

The following is a list of members since the club's inception, taken from the minute books:

Mrs. C. F. Bowman, Mrs. A. M. Fredericks, Mrs. W. A. McLaughlin, Mrs. A. M. Corbett, Mrs. J. W. Allard, Mrs. A. Kennedy, Mrs. Wm Pringle, Mrs. O. Lange, Mrs. Mary Timme, Mrs. Addie MacLennan, Mrs. Anna Bushey, Mrs. T. R. Begley, Miss Myra Gardner, Miss Bernice Andrews, Miss Jeannette Kennedy, Mrs. Mary McManus, Mrs. F. M. Van Giesen, Mrs. Clydie Getchel, Miss Mamie Miller, Miss Mabelle Gorman, Miss Jennie DeGroat, Miss Ina Palmes, Mrs. Edna Kelnhofer, Miss Hellen O. Wade, Mrs. Anna Goodnough, Mrs. F. C. Bailey, Mrs. Geo. Williams, Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, Miss Vinnie R. Hewitt, Miss Edith Scott, Miss Thea Commentz, Miss

Delia Tupper, Miss Alice Bushey, Mrs. Nora Shepard, Mrs. Selina Rousseau, Mrs. Emma Voemastek, Mrs. Chas. Fredricks, Miss Tena Kennedy, Mrs. Robert Aitken, Mrs. A. Aitken, Mrs. Linea A. Taylor, Miss Cora L. Hance, Miss Clara Calver, Miss Georgie Carter, Mrs. S. Hagan, Miss Edith M. Davis, Mrs. A. J. Allard, Mrs. A. M. Chynoweth, Miss Mattie B. Warner, Miss Pearl M. Hewitt, Mrs. Elizabeth Aylesworth, Mrs. Geo. E. Hazen, Mrs. G. C. Wichman, Miss Catherine Cameron, Miss Maggie McDonald, Miss Inez Metzger, Miss Clara Collins, Miss Marie Watson, Miss Tilda R. Natwick, Miss Edna Edwards, Mrs. A. J. Sones, Mrs. Frank Rich, Miss Bessie R. Foote, Miss Emma Schwantes, Miss Anna Cress, Miss Marie McClellan, Miss Nellie Timme, Miss Nellie Sickler, Mrs. Grace Hyatt, Mrs. Janness, Miss Mary E. Gay, Mrs. H. Drescher, Mrs. Theo. Engstrand, Mrs. B. Hoer, Mrs. S. J. Williams, Miss Ruth E. Swan, Miss Agnes Holmberg, Miss Brown, Miss Doherty, Miss Mukina, Miss Rose Mauch, Miss Malone, Miss Thyra Olson, Miss Bernice Smith, Mrs. Bullard, Miss Alice Bailey, Miss Raymond, Mrs. Joe Mauch, Mrs. Bruce, Miss Sullivan, Miss Rudolph, Mrs. Thomas Miss Bailey, Mrs. H. Begley, Miss McRae, Miss Nelson, Mrs. S. Faber, Miss Rush, Miss Hichock, Miss Quinby, Mrs. Stoeber, Miss Wagner, Miss Johnson, Miss Maurer, Miss Simerson, Mrs. Claussen, Miss Mary Hazen, Mrs. Killinger, Miss Killinger, Miss Id Nelson, Mrs. H. Batzer, Mrs. Ingstrum, Mrs. Marcus, Mrs. Harder, Mrs. Bonnaville, Mrs. Lapham, Mrs. Irene Begley, Miss Greisinger, Mrs. Judd, Miss Thornton, Miss Murphy, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Pence, Miss Ducried, Miss Opitz, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Patrick, Mrs. Estes, Mrs. Lambright, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Prah, Miss Allen, Mrs. Detert, Miss Peterson, Mrs. G. Fenius, Miss Hale, Miss Wisner, Miss Hawkins, Miss Land, Miss Gummo, Miss Jones, Miss Newburg, Miss Roberts, Miss Webster, Miss Yahr, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Bushaw, Mrs. Poole, Miss Becklund, Miss Bottelsohn, Mrs. Duff, Miss Greenwood, Miss Isaacson, Miss Elsie Jacobs, Miss Martin, Miss McLeod, Mrs. Olson, Miss Janny, Miss Arndt, Mrs. Baker, Miss Clendenning, Mrs. O. A. Peterson, Mrs. C. Peterson, Mrs. C. Ta'bot, Mrs. W. Taylor, Mrs. Schroeder, Miss Helen Williams, Mrs. Diesing, Mrs. Dresden, Mrs. Korn's, Mrs. Meek, Mrs. Nystrum, Miss Smith, Miss Sharp, Mrs. Browne, Miss Barrington, Miss Brown, Miss Brooks, Mrs. Freiberg, Mrs. Hahney, Miss Hamman, Miss Herried, Mrs. Klister, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Lemke, Miss Larson, Mrs. Reistad, Miss Sandnes, Miss Schwanzel, Miss M. Thompson, Miss E. Thompson, Mrs. O. Winter.

Mrs. Arnold outlined the outstanding activities of the club in the following manner:

The Twentieth Century Club is a literary club which has for its object the improvement of its members in reading, literature, citizenship, etc.

In 1900 the club federated with the state and district organizations; in 1909 with the General Federation, and in 1923 with the County Federations

Various subjects were studied. The programs were usually miscellaneous. A few years were devoted to the study of American and U. S. history and foreign countries, including Austria, France, Spain, Norway, Sweden and Holland. One entire year was devoted to the study of Wisconsin.

The club has helped many worthy movements. In 1900 we had the beginning of our present library and for a number of years donated and raised money for that purpose in various ways. We subscribed to the Loan Fund for Higher Education, Suffrage Fund, Boys' Farm Home and School Endowment Fund, Chicago Women's Shelter, General Headquarters Federation at Washington, D. C., Downer College Endowment Fund, and donated money to the high school orchestra. Toys were sent to the orphan asylum at Sparta for Xmas. In war-time we extended help to the Red Cross, adopted a French girl for a time, subscribed to the "Home Coming" celebration, gave to the Belgian children, Armenians and Near East relief. The organization has sponsored every item of public interest. At various times we have petitioned the legislature and men of influence for things we believed in, among them being the right for women to serve on school boards and for a county nurse. We instituted the first lecture course in Rib Lake which later was turned over to the Men's Alliance.

The schools have always been of foremost consideration. For a number of years the graduation classes were presented with flowers.

The manual training department was first started thru the efforts of the club and by the assistance of Mr. J. Sig. Stone who donated his services for a period of two years.

Four years ago we started the serving of hot lunches to the school children, which has been a marked success.

Aside from the more serious activities, many pleasant social events have been enjoyed, among them being Christmas, Valentine and St. Patrick's parties, Children's Day programs, Progressive Luncheons, Tour of Nations, Dinners and Picnics, sleigh rides, hikes and many others, and for many years the last meeting was Fete Day.

The hostesses served a mixed salad and sandwiches, coffee, Baltimore chocolate with whipped cream. The club will hold its first meeting after the New Year, January 10th, instead of January 3rd, as is in the Year Book.

Present membersip:

Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Baker, Miss Barrington, Mrs. Batzer, Miss Brooks, Miss Brown, Mrs. Browne, Mrs. Claussen, Mrs. Freiberg, Mrs. Hahney, Miss Hamman, Miss Herried, Mrs. Klister, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Konrs, Miss Larson, Mrs. Lemke, Mrs. E. McLeod, Mrs. Meek, Mrs. Patrick, Mrs. O. Peterson, Mrs. C. Peterson, Mrs. Reistad, Miss Sandnes, Mrs. Schroeder, Miss Sharp, Mrs. O. Steffek, Miss Schwangle, Miss M. Thompson, Miss E. Thompson, Mrs. Uppjohn, Mrs. Voemastek, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Winetr, Mrs. Bushaw, Mrs. Welch