

11. THE WOMEN'S IMPROVEMENT CLUB

The same burst of civic enthusiasm that created the State Farm Promotion Committee and the Chamber of Commerce also led to forming a Women's Improvement Club.

Women's groups such as this one in Davisville were

created in towns across the nation in this same period.

The idea was that towns might be run much like housewives ran households, and that housewives should lead what was called "municipal housekeeping."

Women's Improvement Club (WIC) Formed, June 17

Club officers are a "who is who" of Davisville society.

Editor Scott makes his editorial views part of this news story

Davisville's Woman's Improvement Club

Officers Elected and By-Laws Adopted at Saturday's Meeting Prospects Bright.

Twenty-five of Davisville's good women assembled per call of the temporary chairman in K. of P. Hall Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. W. G. Read, who had been elected temporary chairman at the previous session the preceding Tuesday afternoon, called the assembly to order. Temporary secretary, Miss Maud Russell, read the minutes of the preceding session. The committee on resolutions, which had been appointed at the previous meeting, reported progress, but owing to circumstances uncontrollable were unable to complete their work and were granted additional time.

Election of officers for the ensuing year was declared in order and the nominating committee reported the following named for the various offices: President, Mrs. W. G. Read; first vice president, Mrs. F. E. Russell; second vice-president, Mrs. O. B. Wilbur; third vice-president, Mrs. Jackie Grieve; treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Filbert; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. J. Plant; recording secretary, Miss Kate Stone. There being no other nominations the above-named were declared unanimously elected to serve for one year.

The committees are as follows, the first-named being chairman:

Press—Mrs. O. W. Pierce, Miss Louise Elm and Mrs. E. Gasiger.

Advertising—Miss Virgie Klays, Mrs. W. E. Bates and Miss Maud Russell.

Legislation—Mrs. Jackie Grieve, Miss Etta Bullard and Mrs. J. E. LaRue.

Park—Mrs. J. E. LaRue, Mrs. Percy Hoag and Mrs. G. W. Pierce.

Street Improvement—Mrs. J. W. Campbell,

B. C. French.

Publicity—Mrs. G. B. Holt, Mrs. W. E. Bates and Mrs. M. Elm Reed.

Membership—Mrs. H. A. Hine, Mrs. B. F. Brewster and Miss Lulu Miner.

Decoration—Mrs. W. E. Bates, Miss Maud Russell, Mrs. W. G. Read and Mrs. F. W. Wilson.

Entertainment—Miss Etta Bullard, Mrs. H. W. Filbert and Mrs. O. B. Wilbur.

School House Grounds—Mrs. H. H. Smith, Mrs. E. Yuter and Mrs. H. W. Filbert.

The formal name adopted was "The Woman's Improvement Club of Davisville." The regular monthly meetings were set for the fourth Thursday of each month at 2 o'clock.

The committee on by-laws reported a set of by-laws; the same was read by the temporary secretary and adopted by sections. Membership fees and dues were made practically nominal, as it was the sense of the Club that the policy should not be that of attempting to raise money by membership fees and dues, as it is hoped to live all the ladies in this vicinity not to contribute dollars and cents, add influence and effort in the way of promotion and precept.

The Enterprise has for the past two or three years urged the formation of a "Woman's Improvement Club," and it is with great pleasure that we note the launching of this valuable institution to our community's assets. Davisville has been a little slow to get in the van, both with her Chamber of Commerce and lastly her Woman's Club, but the prospects for the future now have a rosy hue. In fact, there is every reason to anticipate an unprecedented upbuilding and renovation in the future. Nearly all towns and villages now have such clubs, and they accomplish splendid results, covering their own special work and field.

The attendance at Saturday's meeting was good, and a goodly number have signed the roll; it is expected that all will join, putting shoulders to the wheel of progress in which all are, or should be, equally interested. It is believed there will be no women knockers—at least they will have to make an exhibition of their little hammers before the laymen will be convinced.

There are many things that need attention at the hands of the ladies and we predict a healthy auxiliary working force, hand in hand with the Chamber of Commerce. Undoubtedly we may expect much initiative enterprise.

Meeting on October 28, the Club decides to organize a benefit dance

Although automobiles were quickly coming into use, horses remained an important form of transportation.

Here, we see that sheds were needed to protect horses that people rode to school.

Meeting at Sacramento

Federation of Women's Improvement Clubs of the Sacramento Valley
Met last Saturday.

The Woman's Improvement Club met in the Court room Thursday afternoon. The president, Mrs. W. G. Read being absent, Mrs. O. B. Wilbur presided, pro tem also the secretary, not being present, Mrs. H. W. Filbert served. The Women's Improvement Club is seemingly very much in earnest and are determined to make a showing for the near future. Final action was taken in the matter of benefit dance. The date being fixed for Thanksgiving. It was also decided that one of the first things to receive attention, should be the school house grounds, the same being very much in need of grading and levelling. The ladies requested the Enterprise to say that a very cordial invitation is extended all who feel inclined to contribute toward the work, a few loads of gravel would be very acceptable.

Another bad feature of the conditions prevailing on the school grounds is the fact that there are no sheds for horses. We never could see the propriety in removing the the sheds that formerly answered the purpose very well.

Enterprise Report of
the Club's
November 30th Ball

Because Davisville
apparently had so
little civic activity, a
fund-raiser of this
sort could
reasonably be
thought of as a "big
social and financial
success."

At times, Editor
Scott was already
calling
"Davisville"
"Davis."

December 2, 1905.

WOMEN'S IMPROVE- MENT CLUB BALL

**A BIG SOCIAL AND
FINANCIAL SUCCESS.**

**Miss Lulu Maud Russell and John F.
Henle and Miss Margaret E.
Stone and John E. Montgomery
have joined the ranks of benedictes.**

The untiring efforts of the Women's Improvement Club in the preparations for the grand ball given Thursday evening at Davis were rewarded with the fullest measure of success.

Seldom has there been a larger attendance seen in the K. of P. hall than assembled, there Thursday evening no doubt a large percentage, not alone for the enjoyment the occasion afforded, but also to show their appreciation of the commendable purpose to which the funds are to be applied, that of improving the local school grounds, and to lend encouragement to those who are as individuals laboring unselfishly for the public good. The Davis Cornet Band furnished an abundance of good music and there was present an unusual number from distant towns and everyone seemed to have the best of a good time.

Lunch was served on the stage in the hall, ice cream and an abundance of home made cakes, ham sandwiches and excellent coffee. The ladies are to be congratulated upon the fact that it was a financial success. Their improvement fund will be swelled to the extent of nearly one hundred dollars.

The Women's Improvement Club poses for a group picture circa 1915, some ten years after founding.

