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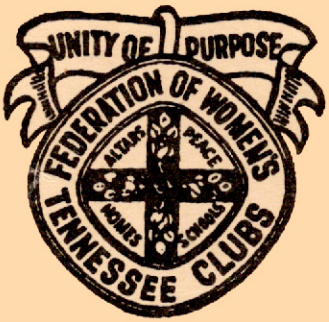

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A COLLECT FOR CLUB WOMEN

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding
And leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense
And meet each other face to face,
Without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment
and always be generous.

Let us take time for all things;
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is
The little things that create differences.
That in the big things of life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know
The great, common human heart of us all,
And, oh Lord God, let us forget not
To be kind!

Mary Stewart

GFWC INSIGNIA

The band encircling the center signifies eternity. The crusader's shield emerging from the darkened world signifies enlightenment. The enameled colors are the colors of our country. The red implies courage; the white, purity; the blue, constancy. The embossed letters GFWC stand for General Federation of Women's Clubs. The phrase — Unity in Diversity — is the motto of the Federation.

PART I

Reprint Of

A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE HISTORY OF THE TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS 1896-1950

HISTORY OF MRS. J. HUGH KNOX'S ADMINISTRATION

PRESIDENT 1950-52

By

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Historian 1950-52

PREFACE

If the woman-hours expended during the past years of federated club activities in Tennessee could be determined, the report would be astounding. Hours of study that the individual mind might be improved, hours of work that the many and various programs might be both useful and entertaining, hours in worthwhile causes, hours of personal work in home, school, church and community. But no time clock has recorded these hours contributed so freely by Tennessee clubwomen. So generously has this gift of time and skill and energy been made that the women themselves are scarcely aware of this great contribution to the cultural and social life of their State, as well as to its general welfare.

The presidents of the Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs from 1896-1970 gave lavishly of themselves and their time to the promotion of the ideals and programs not only of the Tennessee Federation but to their parent organization, the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Their examples in the performance of duty as well as their ability to inspire interest in others, have been one of the great factors in making each administration most outstanding in the history of the Tennessee Federation.

The same can be written of the officers, department, division and committee chairmen, both senior and junior. In this brief history it is impossible to list them. Each president has realized that the success of her administration has depended upon the dedicated and capable women who were elected or appointed to serve with her and has been grateful and appreciative for their cooperation and leadership.

This brief history of the Tennessee Federation is the story of women at work in Tennessee linking their efforts with their parent organization, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to help make this world a better place in which to live.

I commend Mrs. John K. Keisling, our president, for the vision to see the need for such a history. The only history in print is "A Brief Sketch of the History of the Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs" by Mary French Caldwell (Mrs. Winston Caldwell, Nashville, Tenn.), Historian 1950-52. This was in the Directory and Year Book 1951-52 during the administration of Mrs. J. Hugh Knox. It also included the history of the first year of Mrs. Knox's administration. The history of the second year of this administration, written by Mrs. Caldwell, Historian, was printed in the back of the 1952 Convention Program. This history will carry a reprint of

these articles.

Mary French Caldwell is the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Alex Caldwell who served as president of the Tennessee Federation 1917-1919 and again in 1920. Mary had access to the early records of her mother-in-law. She also had first-hand information for she grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee, and knew personally many of the early leaders in the Federation. She was an active club woman herself and a staunch admirer of Mrs. Wiley Morgan. She is a historian and a writer and has recently had published a History of Tennessee. Mary Caldwell was co-editor of the Clubwoman during part of the administration of Mrs. Susong — 1927-29.

As Historian of this 1968-70 administration, I am deeply grateful to our State President, Mrs. Keisling, for asking me to bring our Tennessee Federation History up to date. It has been a challenging and exciting experience. It would have been an impossible task without the cooperation of the past presidents who sent me their histories, reports and other information they would like included in this History. Also, copies of the Tennessee News since 1952 were in my possession. The information in the T. F. News really "tells the story."

The Diamond Jubilee History of the General Federation of Women's Clubs by Mildred White Wells (one of our beloved Tennessee women) gave me the information needed to tie each administration of the Tennessee Federation since 1952 with that of the General Federation. These sources have enabled me to briefly "tell it like it is."

I "fell in love" with the Federation as a Junior Clubwoman, 15 years of age, when the Halcyon Club of Nashville was organized in February 1914. They were just beginning to organize Junior Clubs in the State and in the nation. I caught the vision early of how much good can be accomplished by a group of dedicated clubwomen united in a common cause, "To Make the World a Better Place In Which To Live." That vision has never left me and never will. In the words of our second GFWC President, Ellen M. Henrotin, "I have faith to believe that what we have done is but the earnest of what we shall do." Mrs. Henrotin was at the organizational meeting of the Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs.

Leah Knox

At Home: November 25, 1969.

The same historic events that led to the organization of the General Federation of Women's Clubs were responsible for the beginning of women's club work in Tennessee. In 1885, a Knoxville woman, Mrs. L. Crozier French, then studying in New York, attended meetings at the Serosis Club, which so influenced her that on returning home she organized, on November 20, 1885, the first woman's club in the South. Its first president, Miss Mary Boyce Temple — Vassar graduate, social leader, writer and brilliant speaker — suggested significantly, that the new organization be named Ossoli Circle, in honor of Margaret Fuller Ossoli, who had formed women's study circles in Boston as early as 1839.

Miss Temple was a remarkable person and her activities were by no means limited to Tennessee and the South. She traveled extensively both in the United States and Europe, and spent most of her winters in a fashionable hotel in Washington, D. C. As one of the two Southern delegates, she helped to organize the General Federation of Women's Clubs and was elected its first corresponding secretary.

It was more than a decade after the organization of Ossoli Circle that the Tennessee Federation was formed. During this period the idea had grown and women in the major sections of the State had formed a sufficient number of clubs to justify an organization which could be called truly statewide. Characteristically, Ossoli Circle, the mother organization, took the lead and issued an invitation to other clubs to meet in Knoxville for the purpose of creating a State Federation. Twenty clubs sent delegates; Ossoli Circle, W. E. & I. U., King's Daughters, Woman's Relief Corps of Knoxville; Woman's Club, Nineteenth Century Club, Ingleside Literary Club of Memphis; Kosmos Club and Woman's Club of Chattanooga; Magazine Circle, Cleveland; Monday Club, Johnson City; Chilhowee Club and Tuesday Club, Maryville; Women's Literary Club, Harriman; Magazine Club, Pulaski; Literary Club, Morristown; Women's Council, Conway Alumnae Association, Memphis; Barbara Blount Literary Society, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and Soma Sala Literary Society, Morristown.

It was a matter of no little interest that Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, was present and made a speech at this organizational meeting of the Tennessee Federation, nor was it strange that Tennessee came into the General Federation at once. Ten-

nessee's pioneer clubwomen, through their delegate Miss Temple, had helped bring the national organization into being.

The story of the first twenty years of the Tennessee Federation is told by Mrs. William Stewart Harkness, recording secretary, in the beautiful 315 page leather bound volume, Women's Work in Tennessee, which was published in 1916, during the administration of Mrs. George W. Denny. Among the high points of Mrs. Harkness' history are brief resumes of the early state conventions, names of officers, delegates and members of various clubs; accounts of establishment and development of major departments and even detailed descriptions of the social events of the various periods.

During the first decade of the Tennessee Federation the foundation was laid for many of the cultural and community service activities which have not only survived but which have been enriched and enlarged during the passing years. One of the most interesting of the early enterprises, the Mountain Work Division, celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the annual convention held in Chattanooga, April 24-26, 1951. Significantly, the Chairman of the Division is now Mrs. Samuel W. Duggan, a past president of the State Federation, and daughter of Mrs. Charles A. Perkins of Knoxville, who served from 1900-1904 as the second president of the TFWC. Thus for fifty years, Mrs. Perkins and her daughter, aided by various other chairmen and such outstanding welfare leaders as Miss Margaret Henry, Mrs. Sarah Henry Hood, Mrs. Lena Warner and many others, have helped keep alive a project which has not only accomplished much good within itself but which has served to inspire educational and community improvement in localities far beyond the actual area in which the Federation work had been carried on.

It was the privilege of Mrs. Wm. B. Fowler, president of Tennessee 1947-50, to bring about one of the greatest achievements in this field, The Hancock County Health Project. Through the Federation's contribution of $20,000.00 and substantial appropriations from the State and Federal Governments, a hospital is being built to serve an area, which like many other rural sections throughout the country, is in great need of hospital service.

Traveling libraries were only one of the early projects of the Tennessee Federation, and, by the time of the third annual convention, held in Maryville, April 12-14, 1899, Miss Kate Ogden, chairman, reported fourteen in operation. When

the fourth met in Memphis in 1900 there were 108. By 1910 this pioneer work of clubwomen resumed sufficient importance to be turned over to the State of Tennessee.

Through their early legislative programs Tennessee clubwomen were active in sponsoring a compulsory education bill and a bill which would permit women to serve on school boards, as well as various types of legislation for the support and improvement of the public school system. There was great interest also in these early days in home economics, industrial education and in the improvement of labor conditions for women and children.

During the first ten years of the Tennessee Federation, three women served as president: Mrs. W. C. Beard, Memphis, 1896-1900; Mrs. Charles A. Perkins, Knoxville, 1900-04; and Mrs. A. S. Buchanan, Memphis, 1904-06.

In 1906 Mrs. Benton McMillen, Lucille Foster McMillen, was elected president of the Tennessee Federation. Even in those early days as the beautiful young wife of Governor Benton McMillen, she had begun demonstrating those qualities of leadership for which she was later so well known. As Democratic National Committee-Woman for Tennessee, as President of the Polk Memorial Association, and member of various patriotic and socially important organizations, Lucille Foster McMillen served Tennessee in numerous ways before her appointment as member of the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D. C. Her last years were spent in the national capitol where she accepted an important position in both political and social circles.

The second decade of the Tennessee Federation was even more fruitful than the first. It is interesting to observe that while the clubwomen of Tennessee at their second annual convention in Chattanooga, February 2-4, 1898, indorsed a bill to make women eligible to serve on school boards, it was not until the 19th annual convention in Morristown, May 5-7, 1915, that Mrs. Alex Caldwell, their legislative chairman, was able to report the passage of such a bill by the State legislature, and to announce also the passage of the Federation sponsored bill creating a vocational training school for delinquent girls. A year earlier Mrs. Caldwell reported, in what the historian, Mrs. Harkness, described as an address which was "quite witty and very much enjoyed," the passage of the Federation sponsored married women's property right bill.

Three women, Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. George W. Denny, and Mrs. Claude Sullivan, were given chief credit for lobbying for these bills. They were, however, given valuable assistance

by the clubwomen from all parts of the State, a few of whom came to Nashville to assist them, and many who used their influence with their local delegations to secure passage of the bills. It was a brilliant and exciting period in the history of the Tennessee Federation. How many clubwomen remember that the dainty, feminine looking lobbyists wore corsages of Princess of Wales violets from Mrs. Caldwell's little greenhouse? How many knew the dozens of humorous incidents which attended passage of these preliminary laws for the emancipation of women? It is a chapter too long to be continued at the present writing, but one, like many others in our State and national history, which should be rescued from oblivion.

The presidents of the second decade of the Tennessee Federation were: Mrs. Benton McMillen, Nashville, 1908-1908; Mrs. James McCormack, Memphis, 1908-1910; Mrs. L. Crozier French, Knoxville, 1910-1912; Mrs. A. B. Cook, Nashville, 1912-1913; Mrs. George W. Denny, Knoxville, 1913-1917.

So closely had Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Caldwell been associated in the Federation's legislative work that when the latter was elected president in 1917, their administrations seemed to merge. As they approached the period of the First World War, not only they, but every one of the thousands of women who were members of the State Federation, seemed to rise to heights of leadership. Mrs. Caldwell in her little book on the work of the Tennessee Federation during World War I, wrote: "The women of Tennessee were among the first women of the United States to tender their services to the government for production and conservation of food."

"This was done by the clubwomen before the Women's Committee Council of National Defense was organized, or before the Food Administration had been created by an Act of Congress. Soon after America entered the World War, the South was told it must feed itself or starve. Fortunately, this message was received at the planting season, which made it possible to double the acreage. The president of the TFWC at the time, Mrs. George W. Denny, offered the services of the Federation to Governor Thomas E. Rye for war work, and in reply he asked that the Federation become a part of the Public Safety and Food Preparedness, an organization of men with Dr. H. A. Morgan, University of Tennessee, as head. The Federation adopted conservation and production of food as its special war work and as soon as possible issued food pledge cards to be signed by all its members."

When the Women's Committee Council of National Defense

was formed, Mrs. Denny was elected Chairman for Tennessee and Mrs. Caldwell who succeeded her as president of the Federation, was made Chairman of Food in the Woman's Committee. Both, like the various chairmen and leaders of other women's groups, participated fully in other types of war work. Mrs. Denny eventually served overseas in an executive capacity with the YMCA having her headquarters at Bern Castle, Germany, and being attached to the 90th Division, Army of Occupation. Citizen participation in the World War I activities seemed much more generous and enthusiastic than during World War II or the present Korean affair. Either public apathy or the monopoly of such activities by the government bureaus — or both — may be responsible. The clubwomen of Tennessee in case of any great crisis have been and may be counted upon for unselfish service.

Mrs. Caldwell, the World War I president, was succeeded by Mrs. A. B. Buchanan of Memphis. Mrs. George Washington of Cedar Hill was then president. She was followed by Mrs. Flora Myers Gillentine of Murfreesboro.

The third decade of the Federation began with the administration of Mrs. Edith O'Keefe Susong of Greenville — then said to be the only woman publisher of a daily paper in the United States. Her administration reflected the busy progressive period that followed the political emancipation of women and the professional and industrial emancipation which had begun with the first World War. She was succeeded by Mrs. EldonRogers, of Memphis, and Mrs. Arch Trawick of Nashville.

Mrs. Wiley Morgan of Knoxville, who became president in 1935, inaugurated the fourth decade of the Tennessee Federation. She brought to the office not only great personal ability and charm, but a wide experience through a brilliant career in educational work in both state and national fields. Following her presidency, she served as chairman of education on the General Federation Board — a position which she resigned because of serious illness which soon resulted in her death. She was succeeded in this position on the GFWC Board by our president — Mrs. Hiram Cole Houghton.

Mrs. Morgan's immediate successor as president of the TFWC was Mrs. E. W. Hale of Whitehaven, who in turn was followed by Mrs. S. W. Duggan, daughter of Mrs. Perkins, second president of the organization. Mrs. Walter Stamper, of Chattanooga, was president in 1946 when the fifth

decade of the Federation began. Her administration took in the period of World War II.

Mrs. Wm. B. Fowler, of Memphis, known for her work in the City Beautiful there and other outstanding community work, set a high standard of accomplishment during her administration, 1947-1950. One of her outstanding achievements was the Hancock County health project but there are others too numerous to mention. She serves now as Welfare Chairman on the GFWC Board and is parliamentarian of the state federation. Needless to say, she takes an active part in both state and national club work and is frequently consulted on subjects which require her expert counsel.

MRS. J. HUGH KNOX, 1950-52

Mrs. J. Hugh Knox, who was elected president in 1950, began her Fedeeration work under Mrs. Wiley Morgan and was closely associated with Mrs. Fowler's administration, is proving herself thoroughly capable of carrying on the business and detailed work of the federation. In fact, her business-like efficiency is a constant surprise to her friends who had admired her most for her idealism and charm. She is interested primarily in strengthening the major departments and divisions of the Federation and in accomplishing things through regular channels if possible.

Mrs. Knox never evaded a problem which needed to be faced, nor has been willing to postpone or neglect steps which would lead to greater efficiency in the organization. As a striking example is the way in which she inaugurated the Tennessee Federation News and made it a thoroughly modern streamlined publication which is capable of providing prompt and frequent information to the clubwomen of the State. This innovation has proven particularly effective in helping keep Tennessee Clubs in close contact with each other as well as with the major features of state and national programs. It has been widely complimented by clubwomen in all parts of the state and nation.

Another important accomplishment of Mrs. Knox's administration has been the pleasant harmonious atmosphere of all the meetings — from the state convention, board, executive and district meetings. This has been due in part to the pleasant personality of the state president, but not entirely to this agreeable characteristic. There have been complicated problems, there have been the normal differences of opinions, mistakes and misunderstandings. In all of these the State President has sought to get to the bottom of the situation and to arrive at a fair and sensible solution; but in no case to make an arbitrary ruling based upon her own preferences and opinions. Her advice has been sought freely by local clubs and various groups in the state Federation. She has offered counsel freely but in all cases with the understanding that she sought in no way to influence the final action. These qualities, combined with a nature which is chiefly spiritual and idealistic, have won for her not only the admiration but confidence of Tennessee Clubwomen.

Being the oldest child of a large family, the mother of three children, two sons and a daughter, and a grandmother, as well as the wife of a prominent insurance executive, she

participates actively in four important circles — her family, her husband's business groups, her church and her clubs. A full, busy, demanding life, but one that is completely typical of the modern woman and one which Leah Knox seems to manage with the greatest of ease. (Mrs. Knox was chosen Tennessee Mother of the Year in 1960.)

Mrs. Knox was appointed by Governor Browning in 1950 to serve three years as the only woman on the Public Health Council of Tennessee. She had served earlier on a commission to study the medical needs of the State.

During Mrs. Knox's administration, the TFWC has participated fully in most of the major programs and projects of the General Federation of Women's Clubs as well as such national campaigns as those sponsored by the Red Cross and national groups concerned with cancer, heart, polio, tuberculosis and other medical research and education. The TFWC in 1908 was the pioneer in selling Christmas Seals for the tuberculosis work and is still participating in this field. Mrs. Knox served as chairman both years of her administration.

Tennessee Clubwomen have also contributed generously to the Cordell Hull Foundation. They have purchased stamps to help raise funds for radios for India, stamps for veterans, they have sent Christmas cards to Switzerland and Tennessee Juniors have adopted nine Hiroshima orphans. They have also contributed to the German Youth Activity Program through the General Clay Foundation and during the 1951 Thanksgiving and Christmas to the Care for Korea Campaign. The total amount contributed was $3,489.68. Many packages of clothing were sent to Korea.

The Tennessee Federation has contributed $50.00 to the Dorothy Houghton International Scholarship Fund. It has also offered nursing scholarships to two Cherokee Indian girls and has brought to a successful conclusion its program of sponsoring a year's study in a Tennessee University for RosaSchirm, a German girl exchange student. It has participated actively in GFWC Safety and Conservation Programs, Finance Forum and Civil Defense through programs and also articles in Tennessee News. One of the high points in the 1951 program was the October Board meeting, at which a National Officer, Mrs. J. L. McCaffrey of Miami, Florida, the GFWC recording secretary, was guest speaker and conductor of the club's institute.

Another interesting accomplishment is that eleven clubs sent in reports for judging in the Build Freedom With Youth

Contest, for which the Kroger Company will offer a $200 state prize. Four certificates will also be presented at the State Convention for active participation of Tennessee clubs in this contest.

In spite of all these activities on the national level, there have been numbers of special projects of state and local interest.

The Jennie Morgan Memorial Fund for War Veterans, the interest which has recently amounted to $125 yearly, has been used to purchase gifts for veteran hospitals over the state. Mrs. Walter H. Stamper (Grace), former president of TFWC and who started this fund, was serving as chairman at the time of her death in September. As a mark of appreciation for this and other services, the Tennessee Federation made a floral offering to Mrs. Stamper's church on November 11th, Armistice Day, the Sunday close to her birthday.

The celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Mountain Division was marked by a special program at the 1951 convention in Chattanooga, at which the chairman, Mrs. S. W. Duggan presided. The completion of the Hancock County Health Project, which was an outstanding feature of the administration of Mrs. Wm. B. Fowler, was another highlight in the past year's accomplishments. There is also the scholarship offered for the Egyptian Music Camp in Du Quoin, Ill., and a $300 scholarship from Penny Art Funds to be listed among the accomplishments of the TWFC State prizes have been available each year in Poetry Contests.

One of the important innovations was the series of workshop programs conducted jointly by TWFC and the University of Tennessee Division of Extension which was held in Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis in the summer of 1951. Dr. David Harkness, of the University of Tennessee, by his selection of speakers and subjects, made the program both interesting and profitable.

A crowning touch to a very successful administration will be the Tennessee Federation Endowment Fund to be inaugurated this year. Following the plan used by several other States, the interest from the fund will be used for the promotion of state federation activities. It will supplement the funds from state dues. The capital fund which will grow from year to year will remain in tact since only the interest will be used. The Tennessee Federation has long been in need of such an endowment fund and the beginning of it is one of Leah Knox's dreams. Through the years it will remain as a

means of accomplishing many fine things which otherwise might have to remain undone. It is symbolic, in fact, of the woman who gave it birth — a dreamer and idealist who possesses a rare quality of practical achievement.

PART II

HISTORY OF THE TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

1952 - 1970

by

LEAH KNOX, HISTORIAN 1968-70

PRESIDENT 1950-52

BEULAH ROSSON, 1952-1954

Mrs. Raymond Rosson (Beulah) was installed as President of the Tennessee Federation at the close of the 1952 Convention in Nashville, Andrew Jackson Hotel, April 24, 1952.

She was born in Prospect, Tennessee, educated at Radnor College in Nashville, moved to Adams, Tennessee, when she was twenty years old. It was here that she met, and one year later, married Raymond Rosson. After three years they moved to Cookeville where her husband first became County Agent. Here they became parents of twin girls and three and a half years later they again had twins, a boy and a girl. But regretfully their lost their little girl at seven months.

When elected President, Mrs. Rosson was living in Jonesboro, Tennessee, where Mr. Rosson had been a County Agricultural Agent in Washington County for 25 years. He was then serving as State President of the Tennessee County Agents Association.

Mrs. Rosson was a member of the Schubert Club of Jonesboro. This is a combined Music and Literary Club, federated in 1898. She had served as President and then was serving as First Vice-President. She had held many offices in her church, one being a member of the Board of Stewards. Other offices held in other organizations are too numerous to mention. When elected President of the Tennessee Federation, she was serving as Recording Secretary.

In one of her first messages to Tennessee Clubwomen, she expressed appreciation for the honor that had been bestowed upon her. She felt it a great privilege to serve with such a wonderful President of the General Federation, Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren. "If we are to follow the example set by Mrs. Ahlgren," she said, "we shall work unceasingly to further the cause of the various worthwhile things which the Clubwomen of the Nation are doing. Not only will we help others, we will help ourselves. We shall go forward backed by our great American Heritage to the accomplishment of the goals we have set."

Mrs. Ahlgren asked the Clubwomen of Tennessee to join with her in a rousing campaign of Americanism to restore our appreciation of our great American Heritage. She had added a new Department of Americanism and had chosen as her theme, "Back to our Great American Heritage." Mrs. Rosson chose as Tennessee's theme — "Forward, Backed by Our Great American Heritage."

The following objectives were stressed both on the National

and State level: a campaign to get out the vote; a study of comparative forms of government; a study of labor management relations; a review of our early history; a program to revive interest in Americans who had achieved greatness; a program to have American History required for graduation from high school and colleges; a thorough study of American Art, Music, Literature and outstanding Historical events; greater Religious participation; campaign for the promotion of women in public affairs; urge forums and all groups giving all sides to controversial issues; observance of Americanism Week. Department and Division Chairmen were urged to stress these objectives in their plans of work.

The Tennessee Federation Endowment Fund was established at the close of Mrs. J. Hugh Knox's administration. Mrs. Knox was chosen by Mrs. Rosson to serve as the first chairman of the fund. The following plans were adopted by the Executive Committee and State Board Members at the first Board meeting held by Mrs. Rosson: tribute pages were to be electrically typed for the Honor Roll Book and kept in a folder until enough pages were contributed to be bound in a permanent book form; one tribute page is $25.00; one tribute or as many tributes as five can be put on a page. If five tributes are sent in for one page, each tribute can have 80 words; if two tributes, 200 words and one tribute 400 words; small donations for the fund will be kept in a memory list which will be placed in the permanent record.

The fund is to be kept in a separate savings account in the Fidelity Federal Savings Bank in Nashville. Only the interest can be used to promote the work of the Tennessee Federation.

Twelve Tribute Pages were given for the Honor Roll Book during this administration and the contributions amounted to a little over $600.00.

The National Junior Projects supported by Tennessee Clubwomen were: Americanism Division; Stamps for wounded veterans; Family Councils; Youth Cooperation Division; Moral and Spiritual Values. Because Mrs. Ahlgren had the conviction that Junior Clubwomen should be represented on the Executive Committee of the General Federation, a new by-law was passed to make that possible.

One of the outstanding achievements of Mrs. Rosson's Administration was extending the opportunity to receive the benefits of the Scholarship and Loan Fund to Freshmen and Sophomores as well as Juniors and Seniors. The Scholarship

and Loan Fund, established in 1926, is one of the oldest and most important projects of the Tennessee Federation. It is one in which an opportunity is given to a young girl to get an education. It is not only a lasting gift that makes a more useful life, but enables one to give to others that which she receives.

Funds were contributed for the restoration of the first floor of Independence Hall in Philadelphia. This was a special project of Mrs. Ahlgren.

Clubwomen were urged to help educate the public to the value of the new Gamma Globin which was just beginning to be used for the prevention of paralysis caused by polio.

Contributions to the Penny Art Fund were used to supply art materials to the schools in the State where adequate materials were not available.

The Twenty First Poetry Contest was again participated in by the children in the schools. Prizes were awarded from the funds given by Mrs. Demsey Weaver Cantrell, poet laureate of the State Federation.

A week's scholarship was given to the Egyptian Music Camp in Du Quoin, Illinois.

Two past Presidents died during the closing years of this administration: Mrs. E. W. Hale of Whitehaven on March 5, 1954, and Mrs. Eldon Rogers of Memphis on February 20th, 1954.

Many accomplishments could be added to these two years under the capable leadership of Mrs. Rosson, but space will not permit. The greatest tribute that came to her was a statement made by her adoring husband: "Even though she is a very busy woman, she is an excellent wife." This is only one of the many reasons that during his life time, every morning during the summer months, Raymond Rosson, before his wife awoke, went to the garden, brought in the prettiest rose to put at her place at breakfast.

HELEN HEYER, 1954-1956

Mrs. Carl C. Heyer (Helen) was serving as First Vice-President of the Tennessee Federation when she was elected President.

She had served as Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Fine Arts Chairman and Chairman of two state Conventions in Memphis (1950-1955). She served as Vice-President of the 19th Century Club in Memphis. She also served as Board Member of the Fellowship of the Memphis Academy of Fine Arts and was a member of the American Artists' Professional League. She had been chairman of American Art Week in Memphis for that organization for the past five years.

Her husband, Carl Heyer, was a Memphis architect and their daughter, Carol, was an Art teacher at East High School when her mother was elected President of the Tennessee Federation.

In her first message to Tennessee Clubwomen, Mrs. Heyer stated that it had been 58 years since the birth of the Tennessee Federation. In her words: "The pioneer clubwomen who founded the Federation built better than they knew for they have given Tennessee a magnificent organization of women, united in a common cause, for the betterment and uplift of humanity. We, the clubwomen of today, are now responsible for the success (or failure) of the Tennessee Federation and we shall not fail."

Mrs. Theodore S. Chapman (Helen) was elected President of the General Federation for these two years. In her message to Tennessee Clubwomen she challenged them to not only recognize their own responsibilities in their clubs and communities, but to join hands and strength with other members of the General Federation of women's clubs throughout the United States and the world in an effort to realize the great dream of womankind in a new world of Peace. She called us to a renewal of faith and that "we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us." Her theme was: "You are the Light of the World"

Helen Heyer chose this as Tennessee's theme also and carried it out in all State Federation Departments and Divisions.

There were not as many Departments these two years but there were several new Divisions, namely, City Beautiful Division in the Community Affairs Department and Religion in the Home Department. Two Tennessee Women were

appointed to serve as Chairmen. Mrs. Wm. B. Fowler, of Memphis, a past State President and Chairman of Memphis City Beautiful for over 20 years, was appointed Chairman of the City Beautiful Division. Mrs. J. Hugh Knox, another past President, was appointed Chairman of the Religion Division. Mrs. Knox prepared a devotional pamphhlet, "Think on These Things" which is still available at General Headquarters.

A new project was started by Mrs. Heyer, the Planting of a Memorial Forest. She stated that "we as informed and thinking clubwomen now know that Tennessee's natural resources are not inexhaustible. All clubs should plan a program on Conservation and take a part in this worthwhile project."

Tennessee Clubwomen pledged their support to the campaign to drive Blood and Horror Comic Books off the sales racks.

The interest from the Jennie Morgan Memorial Fund was divided between the Veteran's Hospitals located at Mountain Home near Johnson City, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Kennedy in Memphis and the T. B. Hospital at Millington. This fund was started during the administration of Grace Stamper (1944-49). The fund was a memorial to Jennie Morgan, one of Tennessee's most outstanding Presidents. Contributions are to continue until we reach $25,000. Only the interest is to be used for disabled veterans in Veteran's Hospitals in the three divisions of the State.

Mrs. S. W. Duggan, a past President, was Chairman of the Mountain Division work in 1954-56, and served for many years in that capacity. She was the daughter of Mrs. Charles A. Perkins, Tennessee's second State President, who started the work in the mountains of East Tennessee. The educational side was stressed when the work first started. As time went on it became more evident it was futile to try to educate a child when his body was not strong and well. The County schools were also developing and no longer needed the help they received from the cottage teacher. Tennessee is listed in the Congressional Library in Washington as having the first Teacherage in this Country.

Thus in 1932 the Mountain Division began paying part of the salary of a Public Health Nurse in Fentress County. Miss Ellen Click began her work in Hancock County. She worked for years without receiving compensation, distributing clothing to those in need sent by clubwomen over the State. She also furnished first aid to many people, made neighborly

calls, brought numbers of the sick to Knoxville, the closest hospital, and to the doctor, etc. Finally the Mountain Division paid her the "magnificent" sum of $50.00 per month.

In 1948, when Mrs. Wm. B. Fowler was President, it was approved that the Tennessee Federation donate $20,000, in cooperation with County, State and Federal funds, for the erection of a much-needed hospital at Sneedville, Tennessee, in Hancock County. The hospital was completed by the close of Mrs. Fowler's administration, and our pledge of $20,000 was paid in full. This was a "dream come true" — an answer to the real need of the people of Hancock County. It will always stand as one of the Tennessee Federation's finest contributions.

Miss Click resigned her work soon after the completion of the Hospital due to declining health. The Mountain Division looked for a new field of service and began its work at Clear Fork Valley in Claiborne County near the Kentucky line. The State Health Department was providing medical and some nursing service but lacked $800 on a nurse's salary. This is the amount the Federation agreed to pay.

The above brief History of Mountain Division work was taken from the November 1964 issue of Tennessee Federation News and written by Mrs. Duggan. It will bring Tennessee Clubwomen up to date on the history of one of the oldest and most important projects through 54 years. Mrs. Duggan closed her article with these words: "Just what the future of the Mountain Division work will be is difficult to say. May it last another 54 years if the need continues."

A music scholarship was given to the Egyptian music camp both years.

Art was stressed. This was one of Mrs. Heyer's special interests. There were two Tennessee Federation Art Contests with exhibits and awards given at both conventions.

The Juniors had two wonderful years of achievement. There were many superior clubs and three Junior Clubs won the General Federation Participation Award. Cooperation between Juniors and Seniors was stressed and surely the light of the Tennessee Federation shone brighter because of their splendid cooperation.

Mrs. Chapman has the distinction of holding the first International Convention in the long history of the General Federation. It was held in Philadelphia and Geneva, Switzerland, followed by an European tour. Mrs. Heyer attended both of these conventions. In her words in summing up the Geneva Convention: "It is obvious that Clubwomen, no

matter what their nationality, have the same objectives. We believe first in the Love of God which gives us all the hope of living together in Peace and Friendship."

Mrs. Chapman also held a Pan American Conference in San Juan, Costa Rica in 1956. Mrs. Knox attended this Conference. As Chairman of Religion, she joined with Mrs. Chapman in leading the world Day of Prayer Service aboard ship.

The following list of achievements were taken from Mrs. Heyer's report of her two years as President of the Tennessee Federation — Fifty three clubs out of the 82 clubs entering the Community Achievement Contest sent in final reports, thereby giving Tennessee second place in the percentage of clubs entered in the larger membership clubs of the General Federation; $12,000 was contributed for the Mountain Division Work; Tennessee Memorial Forest was completed with a total of 60 acres being planted and a General Federation marker placed to designate this project.

The Jennie Morgan Memorial Fund for Veterans had grown to where the interest amounted to around $300 yearly. A Scholarship and Loan was granted a young girl from Somerville.

Subscriptions to Federation News showed a 20 per cent increase. The Tennessee Endowment Fund was substantially increased. Thirteen new clubs were organized with an increase of 500 members. Seven new libraries were established in communities where none existed. State dues to the General Federation were increased to 35 cents per capita.

The History of these two years, full of achievements in many avenues of services, proves that the 8,700 members of the Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs have tried diligently to live up to the theme, "You Are the Light of the World."

PEARL GODFREY, 1956-1958

Mrs. Elmore Godfrey (Pearl) was installed as President of the Tennessee Federation at the close of the Annual Convention in Memphis (1956).

The new president brought to the office a wide experience in club work. She had served as President of Ossoli Circle of Knoxville, the oldest and one of the largest federated clubs and organizations in Knoxville. When she was elected President of the Tennessee Federation, Mrs. Godfrey was Parliamentarian of Ossoli, Circle-City Association of Women's Clubs of Knoxville and of the Second District. She was also serving as Chairman of the Public Affairs Department of the Tennessee Federation when she was elected President.

She is the wife of Mr. Elmore Godfrey, a tire dealer, manufacturer and inventor in Knoxville. She is the mother of one son and one daughter. Mrs. Godfrey was chosen the Tennessee Mother of the Year in 1951.

In her message to the Tennessee Clubwomen Mrs. Godfrey expressed her appreciation for the privilege and honor to serve as President of such a great organization filled with challenges and opportunities. She closed her message with a poem. The last two lines are

"Let us go forward, God holds the key,
And makes into reality what we ought to be."

Mrs. R. C. Prout was President of the General Federation these two years. The theme of her administration was "Knowledge is Power."

Early in this administration Ossoli Circle generously offered a room in their club house for the office of the Tennessee Federation during Mrs. Godfrey's term of office. Here the Tennessee Federation News was edited, files kept, and club correspondence prepared.

The Fall Board Meeting was the first administration activity in 1956. It had been customary for the Executive Committee to meet prior to the Board Meeting, but Mrs. Godfrey initiated the plan of having the District Presidents meet first.

She urged the members of the Board to be alert for the opportunities to interest women in the value of Federated Clubs in their communities. She announced a specific goal of more new clubs, and more members in clubs already organized. She pledged her efforts to a bigger and better Tennessee Federation. Ten dollars would be given to the

District that organized the most clubs.

The Tennessee Federation Endowment Fund was one of her "pet" projects and clubs were urged to promote extra funds other than regular contributions. All funds were to be sent to the State Treasurer.

The General Federation and the Sears Roebuck Foundation launched, for the second time, a two year competition which would build to new heights the tradition of community service among the clubs. Again this contest included clubs of other lands. $60,000 in prize money would be given.

Clubs were urged to increase their subscriptions to Tennessee Federation News. In each issue of the News, for the first time, there was a devotional message, "Time to Pray" by the Chairman of Religion and "Gabby-Gavel" by the Parliamentarian. Each issue stressed "Knowledge Is Power" and carried important messages and programs prepared by the capable Department and Division Chairmen.

An Institute of Adult Education was held on the campus of the University of Tennessee in the summer of 1957. This was sponsored by the Tennessee Federation and the Division of University Extension. Dr. David Harkness was the leader.

Mrs. Prout, General Federation President, created a new Department, "Religions of the World Department." She felt that it was only through understanding that we may expect to develop good will among the nations of the world. Mrs. J. Hugh Knox was appointed Chairman of the Christianity Division of this Department.

The February 1957 issue of the Tennessee News carried a very comprehensive diagram for reporting Federation activities.

"The Symphony of Living" was the theme for the statewide Art talent competition for High School seniors. Three scholarships to Art Schools or Universitieis were offered by Hallmark for awards.

Mrs. Godfrey took a trip to Clear Fork Valley where our Federation nurse was working. Quote: "We found Mrs. Maude Evans, our Federation nurse, waiting for us at the clinic." The clinic was the former commissary of the Pruden Coal Company now transformed into a very acceptable medical clinic.

There was also a well-equipped dentist's office where he worked two days a week. The Federation was paying $500 toward his salary. Mrs. Evans thanked Mrs. Godfrey for the checks for this work and also for the boxes of clothing sent by

club women for the needy in the community.

Miss Ellen Click, who assisted with Mountain Division work for many years, died May 5, 1957.

An Arts and Crafts contest for clubwomen was sponsored again during this administration with exhibits judged at the conventions and prizes awarded.

A State-wide survey of Scholarships and Loans was completed and a report was sent to the Scholarship Chairman of the General Federation. The purpose of the survey was to publicize available scholarships and loans through a pamphlet the General Federation was compiling. The survey showed that several Tennessee Federation Clubs offered scholarships.

The interest from the Jennie Morgan Memorial Fund for Veterans was again distributed to the Veteran Hospitals in the three divisions of the State.

The Annual Poetry Contests were sponfored by the Tennessee Federation with prizes still given by Tennessee's Poet Laureate — Mrs. Demsey Weaver Cantrell of Nashville.

The Juniors continued with their help at Clover Bottom Home in Nashville. The Director of the Home said that the work which had been done by Junior Clubwomen of the State had been of inestimable value. Money contributed had been placed in the Residence Social Fund to be used for simple luxuries. The Juniors considered that the most effective and powerful part of their project were their letters to the legislators. "Here we can attack the problem where most good can be accomplished." The Juniors continued their project "Stamps for Veterans" and "Quarters for Headquarters." This last project was to help restore the iron canopy over General Federation Headquarter's entrance.

The work of Tennessee Clubs during 1956-58 has been outstanding in fields too numerous to be listed here. However, the few listed below, taken from the History written by Mrs. E. L. Bowman, are indicative of it:

$5,520

$5,520 has been given to public libraries;

$1,006.07 to homes of mentally retarded;

$400 to Crippled Children's Home;

$267.25 raised for Headquarters Fund;

$1,750 to aid-in-nurse and dental care in the remote mountain areas; plus

$1,050.25 and hundreds of boxes of clothing for mountain Division work;

$847 to Tennessee Federation Endowment Fund;

$1,062 for Veterans Hospitals;
$3,000 for interest free scholarship loans;
$240 for student poetry prizes.

This is only a small fraction of the financial aid given by Tennessee Clubwomen.

There had been a circulation increase of 55 per cent in the Tennessee Federation News. The membership of the Tenesseessee Federation was 8,436 — 170 clubs, 10 new clubs — net gain in membership 418 and net gain in clubs 7. Sixty-five clubs entered the Community Achievement Contest, all doing outstanding work. A Resolution adopted at State Convention aided in getting State funds released for the restoration of Old Fort Loudon, in Knoxville, an Historic monument of Colonial Days. Twenty members received ESO Certificates. GFWC markers had been placed in a number of towns.

All agencies in the United Fund Drive have been supported; definite report charts for clubs formulated, printed and distributed. Many more clubs have reported community services rendered.

And "Now having looked backward, we look forward and say: "Hats off to our past and coats off to our future."

MARION DUGGAN, 1958-1960

Mrs. Ben O. Duggan, Jr. (Marion) is the wife of a prominent lawyer in Chattanooga. They have two daughters. Marion was serving as Second Vice-President and Director of Juniors of the Tennessee Federation when she was elected President. On the State level she had been Chairman of Education, First Vice-President and Chaplain. She had served as Secretary and President of the North Side Study Club of Chattanooga and also as Secretary and President of the Third District.

In her first message to Tennessee Club women she urged every club to plan something new; a new type of program, a new committee added, some new members, a new resolve to win an award or attempt a new project. She also urged that they make full use of General Federation for ideas and programs; to give full consideration to the State Chairmen, and above all, to respond to their letters; subscribe to Tennessee News — "every member should have a copy."

The Theme for her administration was: "That we may know the sanctity of life, the price of liberty, and the peaceful pursuit of happiness." Sanctity of life: youth conservation, generotology, health, safety, mental health. The price of liberty: veterans, savings bonds, citizenship, defense legislation, international affairs. The peaceful pursuit of happiness: Fine Arts, Christianity, Motion Pictures, T.V. and Radio, libraries, City Beautiful, community achievement, music. Thus her theme incorporated all phases of the Federation work.

The Department and Division Chairmen built their programs on this theme and clubs were urged to follow their suggestions. By so doing, Marion felt they would be stressing the basic meaning of Democracy and the ideals of the Federation.

Miss Chloe Gifford was General Federation President. She was a professional woman and educator. For the first time the General Federation had an unmarried President. Miss Gifford had a great desire to be a juvenile judge. She never became one, but through her understanding of such problems she started the "Day in Court" Programs undertaken with the cooperation of the National Council of Juvenile Judges. Tennessee Clubwomen participated in this project.

Miss Gifford continued the campaign against narcotics and photographic magazines which went beyond the campaign against crime and comics.

She gained the support of the National University Extension Association, thus adding a new emphasis to the Community Achievement Contest. The Extension Service of the University of Tennessee cooperated with Tennessee Clubwomen as they had been cooperating for many years.

The property on the East side of General Federation Headquarters was purchased during these two years and renovation began for badly needed office purposes.

Mrs. Duggan led the Clubwomen of Tennessee in giving full cooperation in all General Federation projects as well as State projects.

She emphasized the need for increasing contributions to the Endowment Fund. She felt that the "one thing that would do the most for Tennessee Clubwomen was a good Endowment Fund."

Through the years the money awards for the poetry contests had been given by Mrs. Nora Johnson Cantrell (Mrs. Demsey Weaver Cantrell). In the February 1958 issue of Tennessee Federation News is this In Memoriam: "It is with deep regret that we announce the passing at this Christmas Season, of Mrs. Nora Johnson Cantrell, the beloved Poet Laureate of the Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs for so many years. Through her interest in creative poetry among Tennessee school children, and through her personal generosity and her gentle Christian spirit, her memory will live in us all. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family."

Miss Gordon Lockhart of Memphis was appointed to succeed Mrs. Cantrell as Poet Laureate of the Tennessee Federation. Miss Lockhart was the founder of the Poetry Society of Tennessee and was a member of the professional club, The National League of Pen Women (as a poet). She won many awards for her poetry, receiving outstanding awards throughout the United States and abroad for her beautiful poetry.

The Junior Clubs made a wonderful record of progress these two years. A large number of Junior Clubs and Junior Departments sent in outstanding reports for the Junior issue of Tennessee News. They continued their support for the Clover Bottom Home. Money had been sent by some clubs for much-needed playground equipment. Some clubs adopted residents at Clover Bottom and sent them cards and small gifts.

The mentally retarded in their home towns had not been forgotten either. The Stamps for Veterans Project was continued also.

One of the outstanding awards of this administration was "The Teacher of the Year Award." This was a first for the Tennessee Federation and was a worthwhile and stimulating project. Dr. H. C. Evans, Jr., of Morristown, was winner of this award. He was honored at an Educational Banquet on April 28, 1958, at the Andrew Johnson Hotel in Knoxville, during the Annual State Convention.

Reports of the various State and General Federation Awards and contests and also reports of the State projects were presented at the Conventions. Among them were: the Art Talent Contest; Vogue Sewing Contest; Poetry; Music; Year Book Awards; Score Sheet Ratings; Scrap Books; Penny Art Fund; Endowment Fund; Mountain Division; Scholarship and Loan; Jennie Morgan Memorial Fund for Veterans; and Community Achievement Contest.

Mrs. Duggan's report at the end of her administration was most outstanding. It is as follows: total membership 8,330 — an increase of 6 clubs; $3,066.30 contributed to Endowment

Hundreds of pounds of clothing (also medicine) were contributed for Mountain Division work. $3,000 was contributed by the club for work in a home for mentally retarded in East Tennessee.

There was a successful drive to plant thousands of dogwood trees. Eighty-six Clubs entered the Community Achievement Contest. Clubs stressed the removal of litter on the highways and in the parks.

An outstanding record was made in contributions to Care project, one of the outstanding projects of the General Federation; $2,000 was contributed to Care by 156 Clubs. This program was the Top Care Award for the Tennessee Federation at the General Federation Convention in Los Angeles. Nine countries were sponsored by the nine Districts of the Tennessee Federation. The Tennessee Slogan "Contribute the Price of a Loaf of Bread" was adopted by the General Federation Care Program. Tennessee's program on Education was given special recognition by the General Federation.

Mrs. Malcolm Bloom of Knoxville went on the "Around the World Tour" following the General Federation Convention in Los Angeles. She brought highlights of her trip to the 1959 Fall Board Meeting.

Mrs. Duggan was a deeply dedicated and capable leader, full of enthusiasm, with the ability to inspire others. She led the Clubwomen of Tennessee in the pursuit of many worthy accomplishments and to new heights.

LOUISE ROSS, 1960-1962

Mrs. Jones Ross (Louise) and Mr. Ross live on a large and profitable farm in Germantown, Tennessee, where they have reared thrir five children. From early childhood, Mrs. Ross has been an active member in the Capleville Church. She has held many officers in her church. She was Sunday School teacher for many years, served as the President of the Women's Society for Christian Service, and a member of the official Church Board. She had held many offices in various clubs, civic, philanthropic, and cultural organizations, too numerous to mention. She had served two terms as President of the Opportunity Club of Capleville, President of the Ninth District and First Vice-President of the Tennessee Federation when elected President. Mrs. Ross was chosen Tennessee Mother of the Year in 1956.

In her first message to Tennessee Clubwomen, Mrs. Ross expressed her appreciation for the warm and gracious messages which she had received. They inspired her to carry on although she felt inadequate for such a great responsibility. She chose as her theme: "Harmonious Cooperation, Earnest Endeavor, Worthwhile Accomplishments."

Mrs. E. Lee Ozbirn set the theme for her administration as President of the General Federation in these words: "Ours is a call to action to mobilize the woman power of the General Federation in a dynamic program of Responsible, Responsive Citizenship in all affairs of public interest and concern. Beginning where? With you in your community — the action point of Democracy. There it is made and there it will be kept."

Believing that there should be more communication between the countries of the Western Hemisphere, Mrs. Ozbirn keyed her administration to the Western Hemisphere. She concentrated the General Federation's Cooperation with Care to Projects for Latin America. The plans of Mrs. Ross for the Tennessee Federation were in complete cooperation with those of Mrs. Ozbirn for the General Federation in programs and projects.

Mrs. Elmore Godfrey, a past President of the Tennessee Federation, was appointed Chairman of the Garden Division of the General Federation. The outline of her program was in the October 1960 issue of the Tennessee News.

The first General Federation Board Meeting was held in Montreal, Canada. This was a historic event — it was the first time the Official Board of Directors of the General

Federation had met outside the United States and the first time they had met with the National Council of the Women of Canada. This meeting was attended by Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Godfrey. Another first was the Community Life Seminar in Athens, Georgia.

Mrs. Godfrey served as Vice-Chairman of the Mountain Division work during this administration, in order to help Mrs. Duggan who wasn't too well. Clothes were sent to Clairfield, Tennessee, to be distributed by Mrs. Louise Adams, Postmistress. The Mountain Division adopted the Yellow Springs School for a special project. Mrs. Acacia Rose was doing a splendid piece of work with children ranging from the first through the eighth grades, all in one room. Mrs. Rose prepared lunch for the children. The Mountain Division contributed $20 per week toward the cost of these lunches.

Trustees for the Jennie Morgan Memorial Fund were appointed from the three divisions of the State.

Mr. Dempsey Weaver Cantrell established a Trust to be known as "The Nora Johnson Cantrell Studentm Mr. Dempsey Weaver Cantrell established a Trust to be known as "The Nora Johnson Cantrell Student Poetry Trust" as a fitting and beautiful memorial to his late wife, Mrs. Nora Johnson Cantrell. The fund will provide poetry awards perpetually for the annual contest among the school children of Tennessee. Mrs. Angie Cantrell Merritt and Gilbert S. Merritt, Jr. (daughter and grandson of Mrs. Cantrell) and the President of the Tennessee Federation are to serve as Trustees of this fund. At the Executive Committee Meeting held in Nashville February 9, 1961, a trust agreement was signed. The gift was 36 Shares of Standard Oil Stock. Coupons will be clipped each year for Poetry Award Funds. The Clubwomen of Tennessee will ever be grateful for this generous gift in memory of our beloved Mrs. Cantrell.

Another first for Mrs. Ross was the News Media Panel Brunch which she planned as a pre-convention special for the 1961 convention in Memphis. This panel was composed of top men and women in the News field. These experts helped to answer the questions of Clubwomen, "How can we get better coverage to support the Federation?"

Mrs. Ozbirn established another first for the General Federation — she planned to dedicate the April 1961 issue of the General Federation's Clubwoman as a salute to State Presidents. Each State President was asked to send in a 200 word statement on the topic of one accomplishment her state

had made in the implementation of the theme — "Responsible, Responsive Citizenship" — made in the area of public issues. Mrs. Ross sent as Tennessee's accomplishment: The acceptance of an invitation from the Tennessee Planning Commission to be sponsors and assist with planning a program for the first Annual Tennessee Citizens Planning Conference. Tennessee Clubwomen would be represented on this commission. Mrs. Ross served later as President.

Tennessee Juniors had two outstanding years of service. They continued their project at Clover Bottom Home and Green Valley Home besides each club extending their service to local projects too numerous to mention. The Juniors are truly the dynamic force to perpetuate the high standards set by Clubwomen and to awaken enthusiasm in the best things of life.

The following is a list of the most outstanding accomplishments of these two years of service taken from Mrs. Ross' final report. The poetry contests were as popular as ever. Clubwomen made surveys in various areas to determine specific needs in the Literacy Program, and spent many hours in trying to carry out Mr. Lanbach's slogan, "Each One, Teach One."

Library work has long been one of our special projects. Thirty-two Clubs reported having participated in some phase of this work; 20 clubs did outstanding work in the field of Mental Health; the Endowment Fund reported a substantial growth with two clubs having 100 per cent contributions. There were 58 entries in the Community Achievement Contest; 6 new clubs added. E.S.O. reported 84 members, 6 of these being torch members; $2,023.56 was contributed to Care.

Although many of the clubs contribute to various scholarships, both State and local, 32 clubs contributed to the "Dollars for Scholars" Project; 43 Clubs participated in the seat belt project; an invitation was extended to the General Federation at Miami Beach, Florida, June 1961, to hold a Convention in Tennessee at the earliest possible date. Many more fine accomplishments could be added to this list.

Mrs. Ross was honored by Governor Ellington. She was appointed to serve as the woman member of the Public Health Council.

As a closing tribute to a most dynamic, capable and deeply consecrated woman, Mrs. Ross had the honor of being named 'Woman of the Year" by the Memphis Kiwanis Club. The Peabody Skyway was buzzing midway between 15 minute

resume of Mrs. Ross' activities being read. "How can one person do so many things?" was a frequent question. Yes, the question of many clubwomen has been, "How did our President Louise Ross accomplish so much?"

JESSIE HUNT, 1962-1964

Mrs. Cedric Hunt (Jessie) was serving as Chairman of Credentials of the Tennessee Federation when elected President. She has served as Recording Secretary when Mrs. Rosson was President. She was a member of the Nashville Woman's Club; served twice as the club's treasurer and had held a number of chairmanships before serving as President. Mrs. Hunt was also Corresponding Secretary and President of the District; member of the Housewives' League and Metaphysical Club, holding chairmanships and offices in both organizations. She was Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star and Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter; a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Nashville. Her husband, Mr. Cedric Hunt, formerly of Jackson, Tennessee, had been Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of Tennessee since 1948.

In her first message to the Tennessee Clubwomen, Mrs. Hunt expressed appreciation and pleasure of the great honor that had been bestowed upon her. She humbly accepted the expression of good-will and promised support in the advancement of the principles and objectives of the Tennessee Federation.

She spent the summer trying to locate a place to set up the first State Headquarters of the Tennessee Federation. Due to the lack of funds, it was a difficult job. The Headquarters were to be maintained by an allotment from the Endowment Fund Account. Increasing the Endowment Fund was one of the main objectives of this administration and clubs were urged to remember it in their budget.

Mrs. Dexter O. Arnold was the President of the General Federation for these two years. She was the youngest President in the History of the General Federation, but she was well trained and wise in the ways of organization work.

She chose "To Strengthen the Arms of Liberty" as her theme and used the raised arm of the Statue of Liberty with the hand holding the lighted torch as its symbol. This symbol was used on all the material issued by the General Federation and the theme proved an inspiration for programs and projects.

A fund raising campaign for construction of the American Museum of Immigration at the base of the Statue of Liberty was one of Mrs. Arnold's project.

Her support was given to financing a Bell Tower at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, New Hampshire, as a

National Memorial to the Women who had sacrificed their lives in War Service to Strengthen the Arms of Liberty.

She initiated a program against illiteracy which broadened into a world-wide program with Care, established a program to help the newcomer to feel at home on our shores.

A need for better programming brought about her program for a Study Guide in Broadcasting.

Feeling the need for trained leadership, she added leadership mobilization to her program. She inspired clubs to study the cultural heritage on national and local levels and emphasized the need for clubwomen to study the conservation problems of their regions.

These were the main objectives of Mrs. Arnold's administration. Mrs. Hunt mimeographed (in Headquarters) Mrs. Arnold's program and speech and sent it to all the Club Presidents in the Tennessee Federation.

The theme chosen by Mrs. Hunt for the Tennessee Federation was "Liberty Under God Our Heritage." The Departments and Divisions of the Tennessee Federation cooperated fully with the plans, programs and projects of the General Federation.

Poetry contest rules for the thirty-first Annual Poetry Contest were listed in the Tennessee News; also Poetry Contest Rules for Clubwomen.

Contributions to the General Federation Care projects were assigned to Iran, Turkey, Pakistan, and Mexico.

Two Tennessee women were appointed to the Board of the General Federation: Mrs. Elmore Godfrey of Knoxville, a member of the Election's Committee, and Mrs. J. Hugh Knox, member of the Resolution's Committee.

Tennessee Clubwomen supported the General Federation's Reader's Digest Outdoor Protective Lighting Contest in cooperation with the Street and Highway Safety Lighting and Flood Lighting Institute. Lighting as a crime prevention was a new project in the Division of Law Observance and Crime Prevention.

In the Literacy Division, clubs were urged to study their local needs; also give thoughtful consideration to the work, to help teach some of these people to read and write. It was reported that there were 10 million illiterates in America.

Fine Arts were stressed as a part of our cultural heritage; also, music, literature and drama. Clubs sponsored the Hallmark Talent Contest for High School Seniors. The awards given by Hallmark were three $600.00 scholarships to approved Art Schools or Colleges. Pennies for Art were used

for the stimulation of interest in the knowledge and appreciation of Art. Clubwomen again participated in the Art and Craft displays at Conventions with awards being given. The General Federation gave its support to the National Cultural Center and asked for support of State Federations.

Club Institutes were held in a number of clubs and districts. Much interest was displayed and knowledge gained; clubs urged the use of Safety Belts. A new law was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on March 15, 1963 requiring all cars in Tennessee to be equipped with safety belts. Our Federation was represented at the Southern Regional Workshop in High School Drivers Education held at Peabody Demonstration School in Nashville by Mrs. Hunt and several Tennessee Federation women.

Mrs. Hunt was appointed a member of the State Library Week Committee. The theme of the week was: "Reading Is The Key."

The Tennessee News carried reports of our many projects supported by our club — a music scholarship to the Egyptian Music Camp; Poetry Contest Awards; Winners in the Shell Oil Education Program; Winners in the Community Achievement Contest; Hallmark Art Talent Contest; ESO and Torch Guard Winners; Score Sheet Awards and Care.

The Juniors of the Tennessee Federation made an out-Achievement Contest; Hallmark Art Talent Contest; ESO Issue of the Tennessee News were filled with wonderful programs and "deeds well done". Impressive goals of this administration showed outstanding gains, the whole program strengthened. These young women, 1200 strong, really helped to "Strengthen The Arm of Liberty" by becoming involved in the life of the community and the world in which they live. For the first time, the Juniors and the Seniors occupied the same hotel at the General Federation Convention in Washington, D. C. — Mrs. Arnold's first Convention.

The Clubwomen in the Senior clubs sold 8,577 boxes of Tennessee note paper. This helped to enlarge the Treasury and advertise some beautiful spots in Tennessee. Two senior clubs and five Junior Clubs were added to the roster.

One of the most outstanding projects of Mrs. Hunt's was "Operation Know Your Federation". A copy of Unity in Diversity went to every District President with the request that it be circulated among the members. Each reader signed her name in the back of the book. A gift was awarded at the 1963 Convention for the "greatest readership."

Clubs were asked to display the American Flag at each meeting and to open each meeting with the collect or another devotional.

The Mountain Work which Tennessee Clubwomen have sustained in depressed areas of the State for many years received National attention. Besides contributions of clothing and medical supplies, money was given to help with the school lunch program.

All agencies of the United Fund Drives were supported and many community services were reported by the clubs. Report cards and sheets were printed and distributed to the clubs.

The financial goals for the administration showed substantial gains. Among many figures and reports of various programs and projects — the balance on special State funds to date, March 15, 1963 — were: Jennie Morgan Memorial Fund, $15,765.59; Tennessee Endowment Fund, $12,300.43; Mountain Division, $1,467.39. Scholarship and Loan, $4,000.00. The total program of the Tennessee Federation was strengthened during this administration.

Much more could be written about outstanding accomplishments of these two years under the untiring and capable leadership of Mrs. Hunt. Hours spent in carrying out her plans are innumerable. She travelled 18,000 miles by highway, never by air, to attend the many and various Federation meetings. To quote from the Historian of this administration (Mrs. D. Talmage Price — "Missie"): "Each one who has served remembers the hard work, but hard work is the key to achievement, Material, Intellectual, and Spiritual."

ARTA HALL, 1964-1966

Mrs. Ben Hall (Arta) was serving as First Vice President of the Tennessee Federation when she was elected President. From the time she had served as President of the Browning Circle in Athens, Tennessee, in 1952, she had held an office or Chairmanship on the Board of the Tennessee Federation. She had served as First Vice President and was Chairman of various projects in her own club. She organized the Athens Junior Browning Circle and was the sponsor for many years. Mrs. Hall was President of the Third District. On the State level she served as Chairman of the Community-Achievement Contest; Chairman of the Scholarship and Loan Fund; Chairman of the Mountain Division; Regional Vice-President for East Tennessee; Treasurer and First Vice President. Mrs. Hall was well trained and experienced in Federation work when she was elected President.

Mrs. Hall was also active in the civic and cultural activities of her community as well as in her church. She was a Mathematics Major in College, a flower judge, writer, an artist, a wife and a homemaker. Mr. and Mrs. Ben A. Hall have lived in Athens for many years.

In her first message to Tennessee Clubwomen, Mrs. Hall stated: "From the time the Tennessee Federation's President pin was pinned to my lapel in Memphis, until I give it to my successor, I hope I will represent you well, and not betray the confidence you placed in me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this great honor."

Mrs. William H. Hasebroock (Margaret) was President of the General Federation during 1964-66, serving in the Diamond Jubilee period of the organization. She chose as her theme: "A Diamond Jubilee of Service for Freedom and Growth." Service — Freedom and Growth — The Statue of Freedom that stands on the Capitol Dome in Washington was used as the symbol for the theme.

Mrs. Hasebroock chose three major projects for her administration: the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove at Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; the General Federation Care vocational training program, including the Junior project "Operation Little Bells" in Mexico; and support of the work of the Arthritic Foundation. Another special project was the construction of buildings for the Shin Ai Widows Village in Korea.

She continued the support of Radio Free Europe; the Hospital Ship Hope; and the John F. Kennedy Center for the

Performing Arts.

A color film strip, "Unity in Diversity", was produced in this administration, by Mrs. Hasebroock. Her administration closed with the Diamond Jubilee Convention in Chicago June 1966.

Mrs. Robert L. Badger of Kingston was elected to serve as Second Vice President of the South Eastern Council (1964-1966) and was appointed Junior Chairman of the International Affairs Department of the General Federation. Mrs. J. K. Keisling was appointed Chairman of Public Speaking and Mrs. J. Hugh Knox was elected President of the Mid-Century Presidents' Club (three Tennessee Women).

Mrs. Hall chose for her theme for the Tennessee Federation: "Growth in Leadership and Membership." The programs and projects of the Departments and Divisions of the Tennessee Federation cooperated fully with those of the General Federation as set forth by Mrs. Hasebroock in her inaugural address. The cooperation between the Tennessee Federation and the General Federation has been outstanding through the years.

For the first time, the Tennessee Federation had the honor of being host to the South Eastern Council. It was held in Knoxville, Tennessee, November, 1964, at the Andrew Johnson Hotel. There were representatives from 10 States. Mrs. Hasebroock was the guest speaker at the Diamond Jubilee luncheon. Each District of the State contributed many gifts and favors. It was an outstanding meeting, enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Hall had a workshop at each District Meeting, explaining all the programs and projects of the Tennessee and General Federation. Outstanding reports were given by Department and Division Chairmen at the State Cpnvention. For the first time Tennessee sponsored a Public Speaking Competition in cooperation with Southern Bell Telephone Company. Outstanding awards were given at the State Convention. A citation for the greatest progress made in public speaking was presented to the Tennessee Federation by the General Federation.

Also, for the first time, Tennessee Clubwomen participated in the Art Competition by the Outdoor Advertising Association of America. A Tennessee Club was given a citation for best observance of American Art Week.

A Special Freedom Foundation Award was given to clubs in the Tennessee Federation that contributed a $1.00 per member for the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge.

Special recognition and citation were given to clubs giving the most per capita.

Tennessee was 100 per cent in entering and reporting in the Community Achievement Contest, and received a $500 award at the General Federation Convention in Chicago. The Tennessee Federation also received second place — a $50 U. S. Savings Bond for having the greatest increase in subscriptions to the Clubwoman.

Two past State Presidents of the Tennessee Federation died during Mrs. Hall's administration: Mrs. Arch Trawick of Nashville, Tennessee, who served as President 1931-35, and Mrs. S. W. Duggan (Margaret) who served as President, 1941-44. Mrs. Duggan served as Chairman of the Mountain Division Work for many years. This was her contribution to public welfare, always working to improve the living and educational conditions in the mountain sections of East Tennessee. Her health kept her from being in service at the time of her death.

Mrs. Elmore Godfrey of Knoxville and Mrs. Ray Bradley of Morristown served as co-chairmen of the Mountain Work when Mrs. Duggan became unable to serve. Mrs. Hall also served on the Mountain Division Committee. Mrs. Bradley's report in the May-June 1966 issue of the Tennessee Federation News brings this important work up to date.

At the State Convention, slides were shown by Mrs. Bradley of the wonderful progress that had been made at Clairfield. The mines were beginning to open in the area and many were returning to work. The County had built a new school to take the place of the small one room school. The new building is of brick construction, with modern facilities. By helping in this community, Clubwomen have made a great contribution. They helped those in authority to see and meet the need for such a school. Contributions from the Mountain Division Fund helped to equip the school. $510 was spent for the equipment of the cafeteria.

Basketballs and basketball goals and other sporting equipment was purchased. For the first time, Clairfield had been able to have a basketball team; 71 arithmetic work books were purchased.

Ossoli Circle gave a piano in memory of Mrs. Duggan. Contributions from other clubs were: a television set; playground equipment; regulation first aid kit; $150 to buy extra milk for the children. Many clubs gave many, many things to help the school.

Under the Appalachian Poverty Program the school

received extra teaching aides they would not have had otherwise.

Through the adult education program two nights a week, adults learned to read and write for the first time. A small library had been set up next to the Post Office. Some of the books had been contributed by the Tennessee Clubwomen. The benches in the room were always filled with men and women "browsing" through the books.

It is impossible to list all the things that Tennessee Federation Clubwomen have contributed to Clairfield. They have put smiles on children's faces by putting food in their stomachs and clothing on their backs; shoes on their feet.

Clubwomen are to be congratulated on what they have been able to accomplish in the needed area in Clairfield, Tennessee. Again our Mountain Division will be looking for a new need elsewhere. As progress comes from our efforts, we move on. What next? Mrs. Hall asked that part of Mrs. Bradley's report be included in her history. She felt that it was one of the most outstanding accomplishments of her administration.

The Tennessee Federation continued to sponsor poetry contests; Art contests; Music scholarships; Shell Oil Contest; Scholarships and Loans; Penny Art; Jennie Morgan Memorial Fund for Veterans; ESO; Outdoor Lighting Contests and Club Institutes; membership increase and many more State and local projects. Special emphasis was given to increasing the Endowment Fund; leadership training, and increasing the membership, plus organizing new clubs. Thirteen new clubs were organized.

The Juniors made an outstanding record. They supported the Junior Projects of the General Federation; Care project in Mexico; Hope; Healthy Babies; Operation "Little Bells in Mexico"; Stamps for Veterans and Membership Increase. They continued to support their State projects; Clover Bottom Home and Green Valley Home, Tennessee Juniors also initiated and shared in many local projects. The State Junior Chairman accompanied Mrs. Hall to all District Meetings. Junior Clubwomen followed their pledge by "living each day, trying to accomplish something, not merely to exist."

The two Jewels of the Tennessee Federation were crowned at the Diamond Jubilee Banquet of the 1968 Convention in Nashville. Mrs. Frank Blair St. John, a member of the Monday Club in Johnson City, was crowned the Jewel for the longest continuous membership in the General Federation of

Women's Clubs. Mrs. J. B. Henderson, a member of the Nashville Woman's Club, was crowned for the longest and most outstanding record of leadership in the Federated Club, District and State Federation.

These women were honored with other State Jewels at the General Federation Convention in Chicago.

Four Tennessee Clubs, 75 years old or older, were recognized at this Convention, namely: Ossoli Circle, Knoxville; Ladies' Reading Circle, Morristown; Chilhowee Club, Maryville; and the Browning Circle, Athens, Tennessee.

A special honor came to Mrs. Hall during her presidency. She was selected, by Mrs. Hasebroock, to appear on a panel of State Presidents to discuss: "State Presidents: Your Success and Your Growth."

As a tribute of appreciation for "a job well done", Mrs. Hall was honored at the Jewel celebration of her club, The Browning Circle, as their special Jewel. She was given a past State President's pin set in diamonds and rubies and a beautiful piece of luggage. A friend gave her a handsome pewter pitcher. The big surprise was a portrait of Mrs. Hall painted by Mrs. Thomas Mayfield and presented to the club by Mrs. Mayfield.

"We never light a candle to show others the way without feeling the warmth of the bright little ray; we never give a rose, all fragrant with dew, without some of the fragrance remaining with you."

MARIE MEYER, 1966-68

Mrs. David A. Meyer (Marie) had been active in club work for 25 years when she was elected President of the Tennessee Federation. When she moved to Memphis in 1952, she was President of Coshocton Women's Club in Coshocton, Ohio. A member of the Lunch Forum Club in Memphis since 1953, she served as secretary, first vice-president and president. She was vice president and president of the Ninth District. She was serving as President of the Ninth District when elected President of the Tennessee Federation. Family, home, church, federated club activites and civic activities are the life of Marie Meyer. She is a registered nurse. Homemaking has taken first place in the Meyer home. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are the parents of three children, two sons and a daughter.

In her first message to Tennessee Clubwomen she stated that she accepted, with humility, the office of President of the Tennessee Federation. "I will endeavor to make our State Federation a strong one in membership and a fruitful one in service." How will we go about accomplishing this good? First, by each individual selling the program of Federated Clubwork to her community."

Mrs. E. D. Pearce served as President of the Federation during this administration. She chose as her Theme: "Build with Youth for a Better World." She asked that we interpret this objective broadly. "So join hands with me," she said. "Let us cross the bridge with courage. Let us make our deeds great and find our joy in a deed well done."

In her inaugural address, Mrs. Pearce stated that we would not be called upon to participate in any special project. "I would prefer to see all your marvelous talents concentrated on that project of your own choosing in your community." She also said: "I will not ask you for any donations to any cause, any agency, any charity, however, worthy and splendid it may be."

Mrs. Pearce encouraged Clubwomen to accept responsibilities for constructive leadership in their communities; to rebuild and increase membership; organize sub-Junior clubs; "to walk hand-in-hand with youth in our communities for community improvement."

Mrs. Ben A. Hall, past President of the Tennessee Federation, was appointed General Federation Chairman of Exhibits and Sales.

Mrs. Meyer chose as her theme for Tennessee Clubwomen: "Take Time for Youth in Order to 'Build with Youth' for a

Better World." Again the Tennessee Federation and the General Federation joined hands in building a united program of progress for clubwomen of the world. Emphasis on National, State, and local levels was for Youth Education and Community Service through ideas, programs, and community improvement.

Mrs. Meyer prepared a Tennessee Federation Directory, the first to be printed in pamphlet form. This was distributed early to members of her Board; thus coordinating the plans and programs of the two organizations.

The following contests were projects of the General Federation and the Tennessee Federation: Better Highway Lighting, sponsored by Readers Digest; Community Improvement, sponsored by Sears-Roebuck and Co.; Hallmark Art Contest for High School Senior Students, sponsored by Hallmark Cards; and Shell Oil Educational Contest, sponsored by Shell Oil.

It was up to the individual clubs to decide whether they would participate in Care or Health Programs. Clubs were encouraged to use funds for local improvement in their communities. Clubs were urged to incorporate in their programs — Safety, Drug Abuse, "Movies and You", Clean Air, Community Action Programs and the Essay Contest for Clubwomen. Clubwomen were encouraged to be a "Lookout" for Leadership.

More than $57,000 was given for scholarships by Tennessee Clubwomen; $28,000 in support of community projects; a member of one club gave a building worth $35,000 for a library.

The State projects were continued, namely: Mountain Division, Tennessee Federation Endowment Fund, Jennie Morgan Memorial Fund for Veterans; Scholarship and Loan and Penny Art Fund; State Contests were also continued; Poetry Contest for School Children and Clubwomen; Creative Writing; Art Contest; Music Scholarship to Egyptian Music Camp; Public Speaking Contest; Membership Contest and ESO Awards were presented for both State and National Contests at Conventions.

Due to the accomplishments of the Mountain Division, during the past few years, it was recommended by the Board of the Tennessee Federation to consider directing our interest and help to some underprivileged area in a different locality of our State. Several investigations had been made. Fortunately, many such areas are getting Government aide.

No specific area has been approved by the Tennessee

Federation. However, there continues to be a definite need for children's clothing in Clairfield. All clubs were urged to continue to send their boxes of clothing; also to continue their contributions for Mountain Division in order to have financial support when a new project is approved.

Mrs. Jones Ross was appointed by Mrs. Meyer to serve as Chairman of Protocol. This was a new chairmanship for the Tennessee Federation. Protocol is the "How" to handle proper procedures and courtesies; something every Clubwoman should know. A Protocol "How" was in the Federation News each month.

"We Pause To Pray" was another "message" in the monthly Tennessee News. This message was written by Mrs. D. Talmage Price, Chaplain of the Tennessee Federation. "Missie," as she was known, had been active in Federation work for years. Her tributes at Conventions to those "we loved and lost for awhile" will always be remembered. We deeply regret that she is now among that number. She died in the early spring of 1968. Her influence, inspiration and consecrated leadership will be missed by the many clubwomen who knew her, admired her, and loved her.

Mrs. Elmore Godfrey, a Past President, was endorsed at the 1967 Convention in Jackson as a candidate for Recording Secretary of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The Tennessee Federation was proud to present one of its outstanding women for the office. Mrs. Godfrey is well known on the State and National level for her abilities, friendliness, and sense of humor. Her accomplishments in the State and General Federation work, as well as other avenues of service, are indicative of her capabilities. This endorsement carried with it the love and esteem of the Tennessee Clubwomen.

Tennessee Clubwomen again participated in the 7th Annual Tennessee Citizens Planning Commission which Tennessee Clubwomen helped to organize when Mrs. Jones Ross was President.

Again, Tennessee Clubwomen were recognized in helping to "come into being" the Art Council of Tennessee. They were asked to write letters to their legislators, endorsing the work of the Art Commission, and requesting that a permanent Art Council be created; also, to ask the legislature to allocate sufficient funds for its successful implementation. This Art Council was created. A contract for Scholarship purposes has been given to the Sewanee Music Center by the Council. These scholarships form a part of the Commission's

Education in the Art Program. "Never Underestimate the Power of Women."

Mrs. Meyer fully realized the importance of the cooperation of the Juniors in the Tennessee Federation. The Junior State Chairman went with her to District Meetings and the Juniors met with the Senior Clubwomen in Convention Sessions in Gatlinburg, in 1968. She deeply appreciated their enthusiasm and dedication to the Tennessee Federation, their help in volunteer service, to help make this a better world. Realizing that they will be the leaders of the Tennessee Federation in a few years, she challenged them to set their sights high "not just for today, but for tomorrow."

Junior awards were given at the Convention for their participation in many projects: Clover Bottom Home: Green Valley Home; Mental Health; Care; Hope; Operation "Healthy Babies"; Liberty Bell Award; Fine Arts Special Award; Membership Award; and Iris Bulb Award.

Mrs. Meyer received many honors while serving as President of the Tennessee Federation. The Lunch Forum entertained with a tea in honor of Mrs. Meyer.

The Ninth District of the Tennessee Federation honored Mrs. Meyer at a luncheon on November 14, 1966. Mayor Ingram of Memphis issued a proclamation declaring November 14, 1966 Federation Women's Club Day, in recognition of 50 years of service rendered by the Clubwomen of the Ninth District in many fine endeavors, including conservation, education, fine arts, public and civic affairs. He commended the giving of scholarships by individual clubs and the districts -- particularly underwriting nursing scholarships for four Memphis Hospitals.

The Mayor presented Mrs. Meyer with the Key to the City and a copy of the Proclamation.

The County Commissioner, Mr. Ramsey, gave the honoree a key chain and a citation for the work done by the Ninth District.

Governor Frank Clement sent a Certificate to Mrs. Meyer and made her an Honorary Colonel on his Staff.

Mrs. Meyer spoke to the group outlining the programs and projects of her two year administration.

Mrs. Meyer was honored at the Convention in Jackson, 1967, by being presented a Certificate from Governor Ellington naming her an Honorary Colonel on his Staff. In 1968, Governor Ellington appointed Mrs. Meyer as Vice Chairman on the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women.

Mrs. Meyer set her sights high "not just for today, but for tomorrow" and many outstanding goals were reached.

MRS. J. K. KEISLING, 1968-1970

The President likes Roses, Hats and Clubs was the heading of the article in the September issue (1968) of the Tennessee News. "Does she like club work?" "Apparently, I do," was the understatement answer of the new President of the Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. J. K. Keisling of Sparta, a lady of pretty hats and much love of clubwork was elected at the Convention in Gatlinburg to lead some 8000 member Federation of Tennessee Women for the next two years.

Mary Norman Keisling was born and reared in Sparta where she still resides. She has served as President of the Sparta Woman's Club; as District President of the Tennessee Federation; as State Department and Division Chairman and twice as First Vice-President. She has been Regent of her DAR Chapter; a former PTA Council President; a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians; a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority; and the Central Church of Christ.

A graduate of the old Ward-Belmont College in Nashville and of George Washington University at Washington, D. C., she majored in speech.

There are three men in the President's life: Her husband, John, who is in the lumber business, and her two sons. Her hobbies are golf and growing roses. She admits being better at the latter.

In her inaugural speech she stated: We shall have three major goals: to increase the Tennessee Endowment Fund; to increase Tennessee Federation membership; and to improve communication between local, district, state and general organizations. Our Theme for the administration shall be: "Service, To Serve Rather Than To Be Served."

"A great challenge lies ahead with out state theme," she stated. "It holds out to each of us the promise of making this federation of women's clubs whatever we want it to become."

Mrs. Walter V. Magee was elected President of the General Federation of Women's Club for this administration. She chose as her theme: "Individual Involvement." It will emphasize the importance of voluntary efforts. The administration's emblem is the volunteer, the valiant, vital and valuable member of each club. Mrs. Magee stated that each federated clubwoman will have the opportunity to develop their potential to the greatest degree. "Service will bring

Joy: "Action will bring Satisfaction."

Again, as in all previous administrations of the Federation, Mrs. Keisling asked the support of the Tennessee Clubwomen for good, meaningful promotion of Community Improvement; for improved programs in the clubs and support of the current Departments, Divisions and Projects of the General Federation. Both leaders realized the great federated truth: "That we serve best when we serve others."

Mrs. David A. Meyer, immediate past President of Tennessee Federation, was appointed to serve as General Federation Chairman of the News Bulletin for International Clubs.

Tennessee Clubwomen were asked to cooperate with the General Federation in the following projects and contest:

Community Improvement Contests. Incentive awards of over $90,000 were offered by the Sears Roebuck Foundation in the Community Improvement Contests. National awards range from $1,000 to $10,000. State awards will be presented at the State Convention in April, 1970.

A new Community Clear Air Contest with four awards was started this year.

Community Clear Air Project. $50 Tennessee State awards will be presented by Country Beautiful Magazine during the State Convention.

Shell Oil Education Contest. Cash awards totaling $1,000 will be presented the winning club in the State by the Shell Oil Company.

The new contest: "Fashion Designs for the Handicapped" — is sponsored by Singer Sewing Machine. The State with the highest number of entries per capita membership will receive $500. National awards include a Singer Sewing Machine, TV, and a $1,000 for the special project to benefit the handicapped in the local community.

Awards in the Hallmark Art Contest for High School Seniors will be presented at the Convention. State awards in the contest will be $50 — first; $25 — second; and $15 — third.

Crusade for Light Contest is sponsored by Reader's Digest. National Awards are $900 to $2,000.

Care Awards will be presented at the State Convention.

Awards will be presented at the State Convention for the following State Projects: Tennessee Endowment Fund — an award will be presented to the club that makes the largest donation to this fund.

State Safety Automobile Contest. Club and State Awards will be given in this field.

Family Forums: The State will select a winning club to receive this citation.

Creative One-Act Play Writing Contest. The subject for the play is to deal with the history of the community.

Recognition will be given to ESO and Torch Members. Dr. David Harkness, Extension Service, University of Tennessee, is continuing his help in this program, also including available materials for clubs.

Poetry Awards are presented each year. Money for these awards is obtained from the Memorial Fund set up by the family of Mrs. Nora Johnson Cantrell (Mrs. D. W.), who was the former poet laureate of Tennessee.

Scholarships were given to the Egyptian Music Camp in Du Quoin, Illinois. These scholarships rotate to the different districts in the States.

A Scholarship Loan of $500 was given to a Tennessee girl during this administration.

There was still the need for clothing, books and other articles in the Clairfield Community. The Mountain Division Chairman asked the Clubwomen to send such articles to Mrs. Jean Luce, Clairfield Community Center, Clairfield, Tennessee, and to contact her for other needs in the Community. A time clock was given by the Federation for the gymnasium in Clairfield at the Clairfield School which cost over $500, including installation. This fund came from the Mountain Division Fund. This time clock enabled the school to have a wider athletic program.

The interest on the Jennie Morgan Memorial Fund, established in memory of one of the past Presidents, continues to provide supplies and equipment to the Veterans' Hospitals in the State.

"Pennies For Art" (the Penny Art Fund) is used to encourage Art help for young artists.

The Programs and Plans of the Department and Division Chairmen of the General Federation were emphasized by the capable Department and Division Chairmen of the Tennessee Federation.

The 73rd State Convention in Nashville, April, 1969, had the largest attendance on record of any State Convention. The Credentials Chairman reported 430 present, including delegates, board members and visitors.

Mrs. David A. Meyer, Past President, was endorsed at this Convention for the office of Treasurer of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Election will be held at the 1970 Convention of the General Federation at San Antonio,

Texas. This challenges the Tennessee Federation to a large delegation at the San Antonio Convention to support Mrs. Meyer.

Board Meetings had been held in Nashville in previous years. The Fall Meeting of the Board of the Tennessee Federation was held at the Holiday Hills Motor Lodge in Crossville, Tennessee, on August 21, 22, 1969, with approximately 80 Board Members attending. At the meeting it was announced that four districts of TFWC were 100 per cent in entering the Community Contest this year. Each District will receive $50 when reports are received. This was a two year project.

The Board Meeting was like a small convention — with outstanding speakers, luncheons, banquets, and other forms of entertainment plus important business sessions. It was noted that The History of the Tennessee Federation, compiled by Mrs. J. Hugh Knox, Historian (our first published history) will be published in booklet form. Extra money for this would be available from the sale of Tennessee Place Mats. Approximately $1,000 has been made from these sales and more money will be available by the end of this administration.

Telegrams were sent from the Board Meeting to Tennessee Congressmen and Senators regarding promotion of Library Bills that are before Congress.

In the report of the Junior Director, Tennessee News, September, 1961, she stated that the Juniors had a "whiz bang year." According to her report there were 1251 Juniors in Tennessee Federation, including members of the Junior Clubs and members of the general clubs who work in Junior Departments. This year there were 31 Clubs — 4 Junior Departments that paid GFWC dues. Three new clubs were included in this report. From the 29 clubs that filled out the score sheet for 1969 the following financial report was given: to State and GFWC Junior Projects: $478.27 to TFWC Endowment Fund; $62.00 to Penny Art Fund; $33.00 to Jennie Morgan Memorial Fund; $147,000 to Care; $422.65 to Hope; $1,202.00 to Project Concern; $386.50 to National Association Retarded Children; $97.00 to TFWC Scholarship Fund. At the GFWC Convention in Cleveland, Dr. Jim Turpin, founder of the Project Concern, was present to speak and give awards to the winning clubs and State Federations. And the winning Federation in the Medium-Sized category was Tennessee. Lucy Proffitt, Junior Director, was called to the platform and presented with a certificate and a huge Snoopy Doll designed

by Charles Schultz, creator of "Peanuts." Lucy had put in a large amount of hard work for Project Concern in Byrdstown, Tennessee, and it was a well-deserved honor for her.

Tennessee Juniors were recognized for their gain in membership and new clubs and barely missed the National Membership award because several clubs had turned in dues past the deadline. (Motto: "Pay Dues On Time.") What a wonderful Junior Report — an enviable one to follow in "future Histories".

Following the GFWC Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, a group composed of over 100 members of the General Federation left on an European Tour, the NATO Study Mission Tour. Our State President, Mrs. Keisling, was among those making the trip. Slides of this trip were shown by Mrs. Keisling at the Fall District Meetings.

Each issue of the Tennessee News during this administration has been filled with important information for clubs and clubwomen. Very outstanding articles have been written by Department, Division and Committee Chairmen. A special tribute goes to the News Editor and her staff for a "full" account of this administration. This History will go to print before the close of our President's final report. The Tennessee News will carry it I feel sure. (CLIP IT TO THIS HISTORY.)

Two of our past State Presidents died during this Administration: Mrs. William B. (Margaret) Fowler passed away July 13, 1969; Mrs. Fowler served as President 1947-50. Mrs. Raymond (Beulah) Rosson passed away on December 31, 1969. Mrs. Rosson served as President 1952-54.

Mrs. Keisling gave a Progress Report of the Tennessee Federation at the Southern Conference in November 1969. The following are excerpts from this report:

"The signs of progress in the Tennessee Federation have been varied, yet they are encouraging. We are an old federation. One of the clubs in our State was the first Woman's Club in the South. Tennessee was one of the States that gathered at Madison Square Theatre in 1890 and helped bring the General Federation into being. A Tennessee woman served as the first Corresponding Secretary of the General Federation. Our leadership development division is stressing the survey of clubs. We are trying to find out what our clubs need and how we can make improvements.

We have a large increase in subscriptions to Tennessee Federation News which is published monthly. Many clubs are subscribing 100 per cent. Six new clubs were organized

this past year. We are having more response to district workshops and the entries in GFWC contests has been excellent. There has been a $5,000.00 increase in our Endowment Fund.

There have been increases in participation of State Board Members in speaking and visiting clubs. This has been stressed in order to improve the communications program from the local, district and state level. Regional Parliamentary Law Workshops were conducted in cooperation with the Tennessee State Association of Parliamentarians.

New club houses have been dedicated. Cooperation of Junior and Senior Clubs has been stressed. All of these items and many more make it evident that Tennessee is looking to the future. We are asking ourselves, how did we get where we are and where are we going. We are trying to carry out with vision our State Theme of Service: "To Serve Rather Than Be Served"; and the GFWC Theme of "Individual Involvement."

During this administration a new music scholarship was offered at the Sewanee Summer Music Center on the campus of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. This was a five week scholarship. Also ten new clubs have been added during the past two years. A Financial Report as of December 31, 1969, from our efficient State Treasurer shows the amounts in some of our Special Funds in the Savings Accounts: Mountain Division — $5,219.79; Scholarship and Loan — $2,722.03; Endowment Fund — $25,005.26; Jennie Morgan Memorial Fund — $18,562.40. There are additional amounts for these funds in the General Account and more to come in from clubs. A final Financial Report for this Administration will be given at the State Convention in April.

The Woman's Forum at Lebanon entertained at a tea on May 28, 1968, in honor of Mrs. Keisling. Many honors have come to Mrs. Keisling. She had the distinct honor of being appointed to serve on the General Federation Board as Chairman of the Public Speaking Division before serving as the President of the Tennessee Federation. Her greatest honor has come from the fine Tennessee Clubwomen by their loyal cooperation and support, carrying out the theme of their efficient and dedicated President, "To Serve, Rather Than To Be Served."

So ends the History of the Tennessee Federation 1952-1970. The achievements listed and many, many others which have not been mentioned, plus the list of all the fine clubwomen

who contributed to the success of each administration (which could not be included because of limited space), represents a tremendous amount of time and energy. One needs only to read through copies of the Tennessee Federation News 1952-1970 to begin to comprehend how true this is. And through all these reports and messages runs the note of gladness, the feeling of gratitude that there has been given this privilege, through the club life, of doing "these tasks of kindness." The hope is unfailingly expressed: "That next year we may do more."

This history demonstrates this fact, for each succeeding administration has done "more and more". The number of members and clubs have tallied about the same since 1952 but our activities and accomplishments have greatly increased.

I can wish for my successor as Historian of the Tennessee Federation no greater reward than is mine . . . . . the reward that comes from memories of having had loving contacts with fellow clubwomen all over the State, Nation, and around the World. The memory of kindness, good will, and affection which makes one rich indeed. May God continue His boundless blessings upon us all as we continue to "Serve, Rather Than Be Served."

Leah Knox
January 6, 1970

THE CHARTER
OF
THE TENNESSEE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

The Charter of incorporation was granted September 23, 1915, to Mrs. George W. Denny, Mrs. Mary Giles Howard, Mrs. W. S. Harkness, Mrs. T. P. Miller, Mrs. Lula T. Reese, Mrs. Clarence Crege.

The purposes for which the Charter was granted were: To form an organization of the clubwomen of the State of Tennessee for literary, social and similar objects, such as the eradication of illiteracy throughout the State; the furtherance of an interest in painting, music and the fine arts; the dissemination of the ideas of social welfare; the promotion of higher education for women; and the betterment of the general welfare of the people of the State.

(Clubwoman, November, 1933)
Year Book Issue
Mrs. Arch Trawick, President

OFFICIAL PLEDGE OF

The Tennessee Federation of Women's Clubs:

"We pledge ourselves to use our united strength to make better homes, better schools, better surroundings, better scholarship and better lives to work together for civic health and civic righteousness; to preserve our heritage — the forests, the natural beauties of the land; to procure for our children an education which fits them for life — the training of the hand and the heart as well as the head; to protect the children of our own who are deprived of the birthright of natural childhood; to obtain right conditions and proper safeguards for the women who toil."

APPENDIX

THE HISTORY

of the

TENNESSEE FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS

COOKEVILLE NEWSPAPERS, INC.

PRESIDENTS
TENNESSEE FEDERATION

+Mrs. W. C. Beard, Memphis.....1896-1900
+Mrs. Charles A. Perkins, Knoxville.....1900-1904
+Mrs. A. S. Buchanan, Memphis.....1904-1906
+Mrs. Benton McMillin, Nashville.....1906-1908
+Mrs. James McCormack, Memphis.....1908-1910
+Mrs. L. Crozier French, Knoxville.....1910-1912
+Mrs. A. B. Cook, Nashville.....1912-1913
+Mrs. George W. Denny.....1913-1917
+Mrs. Alex Caldwell, Nashville.....1917-1919
+Mrs. A. S. Buchanan, Memphis.....1919-1920
+Mrs. Alex Caldwell, Nashville, Feb. to May.....1920
+Mrs. Clarence Steward, Chattanooga.....1920-1923
+Mrs. George Washington, Cedar Hill.....1923-1924
+Mrs. Flora Myers Gillentine, Murfreesboro.....1924-1927
Mrs. Edith O'Keefe Susong, Greeneville.....1927-1929
+Mrs. Eldran Rogers, Memphis.....1929-1931
+Mrs. Arch Trawick, Nashville.....1931-1935
+Mrs. Wiley Morgan, Knoxville.....1935-1938
+Mrs. E. W. Hale, Whitehaven.....1938-1941
+Mrs. S. W. Duggan, Knoxville.....1941-1944
+Mrs. Walter Stamper, Chattanooga.....1944-1947
+Mrs. Wm. B. Fowler, Memphis.....1947-1950
Mrs. J. Hugh Knox, Nashville.....1950-1952
+Mrs. Raymond Rosson, Jonesboro.....1952-1954
Mrs. Carl Heyer, Memphis.....1954-1956
Mrs. Elmore Godfrey, Knoxville.....1956-1958
Mrs. Ben O. Duggan, Chattanooga.....1958-1960
Mrs. Jones W. Ross, Sr., Germantown.....1960-1962
Mrs. Cedric Hunt, Nashville.....1962-1964
Mrs. Ben A. Hall, Athens.....1964-1966
Mrs. David Meyer, Memphis.....1966-1968
Mrs. J. K. Keisling.....1968-1970

+Deceased

MEMPHIS....1897
CHATTANOOGA....1898
MARYVILLE....1899
MEMPHIS....1900
HARRIMAN....1901
KNOXVILLE....1902
JOHNSON CITY....1903
CHATTANOOGA....1904
MEMPHIS....1905
NASHVILLE....1906
JACKSON....1907
PARIS....1908
NASHVILLE....1909
CHATTANOOGA....1910
MEMPHIS....1911
SEWANEE....1912
MEMPHIS....1913
PULASKI....1914
MORRISTOWN....1915
CHATTANOOGA....1916
TULLAHOMA....1917
JACKSON....1918
NASHVILLE....1919
KNOXVILLE....1920
LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY....1921
DYERSBURG....1922
BRISTOL....1923
CLARKSVILLE....1924
MEMPHIS....1925
CHATTANOOGA....1926
NASHVILLE....1927
KNOXVILLE....1928
MEMPHIS....1929
JOHNSON CITY....1930
CHATTANOOGA....1931
MONTEAGLE....1932
NASHVILLE....1933
JACKSON....1934
KNOXVILLE....1935
MEMPHIS....1936
CHATTANOOGA....1937
NASHVILLE....1938
JOHNSON CITY....1939

MEMPHIS....1940
KNOXVILLE....1941
BRISTOL....1942
NASHVILLE....1943
CHATTANOOGA....1944
CONVENTION 1945 — Cancelled Due to War
MEMPHIS....1946
NASHVILLE....1947
KNOXVILLE....1948
JOHNSON CITY....1949
MEMPHIS....1950
CHATTANOOGA....1951
NASHVILLE....1952
MEMPHIS....1953
GATLINBURG....1954
NASHVILLE....1955
MEMPHIS....1956
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GATLINBURG....1958
KNOXVILLE....1959
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MEMPHIS....1961
CHATTANOOGA....1962
NASHVILLE....1963
MEMPHIS....1964
GATLINBURG....1965
NASHVILLE....1966
JACKSON....1967
GATLINBURG....1968
NASHVILLE....1969
MEMPHIS....1970