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Seventh Year, 1909-1910

General Culture Club

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Organized 1903.



Joined Women's Club League 1903

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“Little by little,” an acorn said,
As it slowly sank on its mossy bed,
“I am improving every day,
Hidden deep in the earth away.”

Little by little, each day it grew,
Little by little it sipped the dew,
Downward it sent out a threadlike root,
Up in the air it sprung a tiny shoot.

Day after day and year after year,
Little by little the leaves appear;
And the slender branches spread far and wide,
Till the mighty oak is the forest's pride.

Club Colors--Pink and Green.

Officers.

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|----------------|-----------|------------------------|
| President | - - - - - | Mrs. Gertrude S. Carey |
| Vice President | - - - - - | Mrs. Maud Brown |
| Secretary | - - - - - | Mrs. Laura E. Bolens |
| Treasurer | - - - - - | Mrs. Nora Sterling |

Past Presidents

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|------|
| Mrs. Edna M. Houck | - - - - - | 1903 |
| Mrs. Harriet E. Line | - - - - - | 1904 |
| Mrs. Adda Stockbridge | - - - - - | 1905 |
| Mrs. Elsie S. Houk | - - - - - | 1906 |
| Mrs. Jessie M. Sarver | - - - - - | 1907 |
| Mrs. Gertrude S. Carey | - - - - - | 1908 |

Program Committee

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mrs. Elsie S. Houk. | Mrs. Verna Duglay. |
| Mrs. Gertrude S. Carey. | Mrs. Gertrude E. Zollinger. |

Order of Business

- Roll Call.
 - Reading Minutes.
 - Program.
 - Critic's Report.
 - Unfinished Business.
 - New Business.
 - Good of the Club.
 - Proposals for Membership.
 - Adjournment.
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Meetings of the Woman's League

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| October Second | - | - | - | - | - | - | Industrial |
| November Sixth | - | - | - | - | - | - | Art |
| December Fourth | - | - | - | - | - | - | Economics |
| February Fifth | - | - | - | - | - | - | Education |
| March Sixth | - | - | - | - | - | - | Civic |
| April Second | - | - | - | - | - | - | Philanthropic |
| May Seventh | - | - | - | - | - | - | Annual Meeting |

Delegates—Mrs. Gertrude S. Carey, Mrs. Mabelle C. Stamm.

Alternates—Mrs. Jesse M. Sarver, Mrs. Verna Duglay.

Current Events

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|------------------------------|-----------|--|
| National and State News | - | Mrs. Gertrude E. Zollinger |
| Immigration and Foreign News | - - | Mrs. Nora Sterling |
| Child Life | - - - - - | - - - - - |
| - - | | Mrs. Mary E. Emrick, Mrs. Gertrude S. Carey |
| Persons in the Foreground | - - | Mrs. Elsie S. Houk |
| Literature and Art | - - | Mrs. Mabelle C. Stamm |
| Religion and Ethics | - - - - - | - - - - - |
| - - | | Mrs. Lillie Cramer, Miss Margaret L. Goshorn |
| Music and Drama | - - - | Mrs. Verna Duglay |
| Science and Discoveries | - - | Mrs. Laura E. Bolens |
| Recent Fiction and Poetry | - - | Mrs. Maud Brown |
| | | Domestic Science. |

Course of Study

Shakespeare.

Julius Ceasar.

United States History.

Madonna in Art.—Hurl.

Domestic Science.

Supplementary Reading

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|-------------|
| The Crisis | - | - | - | - | Churchill |
| Legends of the Madonna | - | - | - | - | Jameson |
| The Christ Child in Art | - | - | - | - | Van Dyke |
| Responses | - | - | - | - | Shakespeare |

Program

October Seventh

Mrs. Stamm—Hostess.

Julius Ceasar.

Act I, Scenes I and II.

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|---|------------|
| Gertrude S. Carey | - | - | - | - | Leader |
| Mary E. Emrick | - | - | - | - | Critic |
| The Era of Good Feeling and Industrial Development | | | | | Maud Brown |

Current Events.

October Twenty-First

Mrs. Sterling—Hostess.

Act I, Scene III. Act II, Scene I.

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|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------------|
| Lillie Cramer | - | - | - | - | Leader |
| Elsie S. Houk | - | - | - | - | Critic |
| Rise of the Democratic Party | | | | | Verna Douglass |

Current Events.

November Fourth

Mrs. Zollinger—Hostess.

Act II. Scenes II, III, and IV.

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| Verna Duglay | - | - | - | - | Leader |
| Jessie M. Sarver | - | - | - | - | Critic |
| Jackson Epoch | - | - | - | - | Elsie M. Houk |

Current Events.

November Eighteenth

Mrs. Bowen—Hostess

Act III. Scene I.

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|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---------------------|
| Mary E. Emrick | - | - | - | - | Leader |
| Mabelle C. Stamm | - | - | - | - | Critic |
| The Whig Ascendency | - | - | - | - | Margaret S. Goshorn |

Current Events.

December Second

Mrs. Bolens—Hostess.

Act III. Scene II.

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|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------|
| Ettie Bowen | - | - | - | - | - | Leader |
| Nora Sterling | - | - | - | - | - | Critic |
| Polk's Administration and | - | - | - | - | - | |
| The War with Mexico | - | - | - | - | - | Gertrude S. Carey |
| Current Events. | | | | | | |

December Sixteenth

Mrs. Brown—Hostess.

Act III, Scene III. Act IV, Scenes I and II.

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|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----------------|
| Jessie M. Sarver | - | - | - | - | - | Leader |
| Gertrude E. Zollinger | - | - | - | - | - | Critic |
| The Rise of the Slavery Controversy | - | - | - | - | - | Mary E. Emrick |
| Current Events. | | | | | | |

December Thirtieth

Mrs. Carey—Hostess.

Act IV. Scene III.

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|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------------|
| Mabelle C. Stamm | - | - | - | - | Leader |
| Ettie Bowen | - | - | - | - | Critic |
| Taylor-Fillmore Administration, | - | - | - | - | |
| Pierce's Administration, | - | - | - | - | Nora Sterling |
| Current Events. | | | | | |

January Sixth

Mrs. Cramer—Hostess.

Act V.

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| Elsie S. Houk | - | - | - | - | Leader |
| Laura E. Bolens | - | - | - | - | Critic |
| Administration of Buchanan, | - | - | - | - | |
| Secession of the Southern States | - | - | - | - | Verna Duglay |
| Current Events. | | | | | |

January Twentieth

Mrs. Duglay—Hostess.

Domestic Science.

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|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----------------------|
| Responses | - | - | - | - | Tested Recipes |
| The Arrangement and Care | - | - | - | - | - |
| of the Kitchen | - | - | - | - | Jessie M. Sarver |
| Walls and Floors | - | - | - | - | Gertrude S. Carey |
| Sanitary Sleeping Rooms | - | - | - | - | Gertrude E. Zollinger |

General Discussion.

Current Events.

February Third

Mrs. Houk—Hostess.

Madonna in Art—Hurl.

Chapter I.

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--------------|
| Gertrude E. Zollinger | - | - | - | - | Leader |
| Ettie Brown | - | - | - | - | Critic |
| Life of Mary, Mother of Christ | - | | | | Lulu Schrock |

Current Events.

February Seventeenth

Mrs. Sarver—Hostess.

Chapter II.

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------------|
| Elsie S. Houk | - | - | - | - | Leader |
| Gertrude S. Carey | - | - | - | - | Critic |
| The Outbreak of the Civil War | - | | | | Lillie Cramer |

Current Events.

March Third

Mrs. Emrick—Hostess.

Chapter III.

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|---|------------------|--------|
| Laura E. Bolens | - | - | - | - | Leader |
| Lillie Cramer | - | - | - | - | Critic |
| The War in the West | - | - | | Jessie M. Sarver | |

Current Events.

March Seventeenth

Mrs. Stamm—Hostess.

Chapter IV.

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|------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------|--------|
| Maud Brown | - | - | - | - | Leader |
| Verna Duglay | - | - | - | - | Critic |
| Operations in the East | - | | | Gertrude E. Zollinger | |

Current events.

March Thirty-First

Mrs. Sterling—Hostess.

Chapter V.

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|--------------------------|---|---|---|-----------------|
| Gertrude S. Carey | - | - | - | Leader |
| Mary E. Emrick | - | - | - | Critic |
| Vicksburg and Gettysburg | - | | | Laura E. Bolens |

Current Events.

April Fourteenth

Mrs. Zollinger—Hostess.

Chapter VI.

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|-------------|
| Lillie Cramer | - | - | | Leader |
| Maud Brown | - | - | - | Critic |
| The Last Year of the War | - | | | Ettie Bowen |

Current Events.

April Twenty-Eighth

Mrs. Carey—Hostess.

Chapter VII.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|--------|
| Verna Duglay | - | - | Leader |
| Jessie M. Sarver | - | - | Critic |
| General Observations on the War | - | Mary E. Emrick | |
| Current Events. | | | |

May Twelfth

Mrs. Duglay—Hostess.

Chapter VIII.

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|--------------------|---|---------------------|--------|
| Elsie S. Houk | - | - | Leader |
| Mabelle C. Stamm | - | - | Critic |
| Andrew Johnson and | - | - | |
| Reconstruction | - | Margaret L. Goshorn | |
| Current Events. | | | |

May Twenty-Sixth

Social afternoon.

Club Directory

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Mrs. Don E. Bolens | - | - | 2028 Hanna St. |
| Mrs. S. J. Bowen | - | - | 418 E. Leith St. |
| Mrs. Calvin Brown | - | - | 422 Fairmount Place |
| Mrs. W. W. Carey | - | - | 2525 S. Calhoun St. |
| Mrs. G. C. Cramer | - | - | 2628 Fox Avenue |
| Mrs. W. C. Duglay | - | - | 123 E. Williams St. |
| Mrs. F. A. Emrick | - | - | R. F. D. No. 14 |
| Miss Margaret L. Goshorn | - | 1210 Washington Blvd. E. | |
| Mrs. A. E. Houk | - | - | 2224 S. Calhoun St. |
| Mrs. B. F. Sarver | - | 234 E. Woodland Avenue | |
| Mrs. B. B. Stamm | - | - | 2705 S. Calhoun St. |
| Mrs. Edward Sterling | - | 1035 Rivermet Avenue | |
| Mrs. C. F. Zollinger | - | - | 2205 Force St. |

HONORARY MEMBERS

| | | | |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------|
| Mrs. R. C. Houck | - | Los Angeles, California | |
| Mrs. A. W. Line | - | - | Peru, Indiana |
| Mrs. Grace E. Williams | - | Fort Wayne, Indiana | |
| Mrs. William Schrock | - | Redlands, California | |

Constitution of General Culture Club

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Organization shall be called General Culture Club, of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object shall be to promote social and intellectual advancement among the members.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. The membership of this Club shall be limited to twenty.

Section 2. Any lady desiring to become a member must comply with the following:

Pledge herself to secrecy in regard to the business transactions of the Club; note carefully what is contained in the constitution and by-laws and sign the same.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of this Club shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The president shall perform the usual duties of a presiding officer.

Section 3. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

Section 4. The Secretary shall record the minutes of each meeting, keep a record of the date of admission of each member, keep an account of the receipts and expenditures, collect all dues and fines, and make a report at the expiration of her term of office to the Club.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall be costodian of all funds, keep an account of all receipts and disbursements, and make a report at the expiration of her term of office to the Club.

ARTICLE V.—TIME OF ELECTION.

An election shall be held annually.

ARTICLE VI.—HOW AMENDED.

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all the members present after due notice has been given at a prior regular meeting.

By-Laws

Section 1. The Club shall hold its meetings every alternate Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock.

Section 2. The election of officers shall be held on the first meeting in May, each year.

Section 3. The nomination of officers shall be made on the afternoon of the election. The nominations for each office shall be immediately succeeded by the election of the same, and before the nominations and election of the next officer. If there is but one candidate, the Club may, by motion, authorize the Secretary to cast the vote of the Club for the nominee.

Section 4. The officers shall be elected by ballot, a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute a choice. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 5. The membership fee shall be twenty-five cents.

Section 6. The dues of each member shall be ten cents at each meeting.

Section 7. Each member who does not respond to the call of duty and fails to provide a substitute, shall be fined twenty-five cents.

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Section 8. Each member shall have the right to propose candidates for membership. To entitle a candidate to consideration, she must attend one regular meeting of the Club, and must take part in the reading at said meeting. Her name may then be proposed at any subsequent meeting, and the Club shall vote by ballot upon the proposal. No lady shall be asked to become a member until the above named conditions have been complied with. One negative vote shall bar a candidate for membership.

Section 9. These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present provided the amendment be made in writing and recorded by the Secretary one week before final action is taken.

