

Notes on historical FPWC newsletters from Carol McAlonis, club historian (2020)

September 1957

This month, the September 1957 Newsletter, Vol 2, No. 2, is highlighted for your enjoyment.

September Program: Kick-off meeting. Election of two Board Members-at-Large is scheduled. New President Virginia Mayberry welcomed everyone, and teased a look ahead of coming programs and events.

Ways & Means: The biggest event of the year – the Smorgasboard Dance, will be held at the American Legion Post 421 on Saturday, October 12th. Ronnie Barrett, (local radio and TV personality) will emcee the dance and will furnish the music and entertainment. He announced that he will be giving away many records. Tickets will be \$3 per person.

Ways & Means asked that members put the Card Party and Box Luncheon on their calendars for November 14th. The event will take place at the Community Cabin. Further details to come.

The Civic Committee will hold their first meeting on September 9th at 8 p.m. Pat Westfall's home on Mastick Road.

The entire 11-woman Social Committee will serve at the September meeting.

A new Bowling Committee has been set up. Bowlers will meet at the Olympic Recreation center on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. Interested bowlers should contact the chair.

The Fairnigher's Dance Club will hold its first dance on Friday, September 13th at the Olmsted Lodge. Music by Ebert Libby from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Bridge and Canasta groups are now being formed. Please contact the chair to sign up.

The Golf season closed on August 29th at the home of Pat Koss. Engraved bracelets were awarded for most pars and most improved game.

The Mental Health Committee will visit the State Receiving Hospital on September 30th, entertaining the ward of 20–30 men.

The Committee for the Mentally Retarded will visit Apple Creek State Mental Hospital and have a picnic with the 100 or so men. Members were asked to contact the chairs if they wished to donate old record players, records, radios or old clothes for the Apple Creek Hospital, please contact the chairs.

News & Views: Elaine Kely had a great golfing summer. She won the Springvale Plain Dealer tournament, shot her all-time low of 80 there during league play, and was a member of the team that won the Springvale Suburban Ladies tournament.

Midge & Bill Strong and their children vacationed in Michigan in August. Bill caught a six-pound trout one day. Dottie & Ebby Scheer will soon take their daughter to Ohio Wesleyan to begin her freshman year.

Two newly formed Recreational Activity Courses are being formed. Contact Elaine if you are interested in either a 6–8 week charm course taught by the Patricia Stevens Beauty School, or a dance instruction taught by the Beaucaire Dance Studio.

(Historian's Note: Two new columns were added to pass on even more member information.)

Ginny's Jottings: Two members welcomed babies this summer. Three members are on the PTA Board. Vacations were taken by several members to visit friends and/or family in Maine, Florida, and Wisconsin. A sad good-bye was said to a member who relocated to Philadelphia.

Tattle and Chatter: Two members and their families visited New York City and took in Broadway plays, visited the museums and other sights, and toured the city. One member went to Miami, Florida for her sister's wedding. Two members and their families visited Chicago. Sandusky and Catawba were also popular destinations. Others visited the New Jersey shore and Worcester, Massachusetts. Another member and family flew, on her husband's Beechcraft Bonanza, to LA, a flying time of 16 hours and 21 minutes. Many members stayed in Fairview Park and enjoyed their backyard pools throughout the summer.

SELLING OR BUYING? Wanted to buy – baby crib, maple preferred.

October 1957

This month, the October 1957 FairViews, vol. 2, no. 32, is highlighted for your enjoyment.

October Program: Sarah Harding Hunter, noted Personality Analyst, will be the featured speaker. Miss Hunter will give each member a "self-analysis" report card so that the member may get to know her own personality better.

October Ways & Means: The Ways & Means Committee members will be calling all members to determine how many will be attending the Box Luncheon Card Party on November 14th at the Community Cabin.

October Civic Committee: Thirty members will be journeying to the Hearing and Speech Center at East 112th and Euclid on October 14th. This trip is in lieu of the regular committee meeting.

October Activities: The Dorothy Souche Charm Course began on September 30th and will continue for six weeks. Miss Souche will give lessons and hints on good grooming, posture, the art of make-up, and figure care. Classes are held from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday evenings at the Fairview Town Hall.

Bowling season started on Wednesday, September 24th. There are 24 regulars and 10 substitutes in the ten-team league.

There are seven groups of regular Bridge players and 5 groups of beginning Bridge players. There are still openings for Canasta. Please call the chair if you are interested in joining.

The PTA is sponsoring a "Conference on Personal Living" in October. Mothers and their 9–13-year-old daughters may attend on October 21st and Fathers and their 9–13-year-old sons may attend on October 28th. The sex lectures and films will be presented by Ann Falther, Director of the Cleveland Family Health Association, so that those children approaching puberty can satisfy their healthy and natural curiosity.

The Committee for the Mentally Retarded were rained out of their planned picnic and softball game planned at Apple Creek State Hospital on September 21st, so instead had an indoor picnic and played indoor games. The ward members had a wonderful time, and are looking forward to another event in late October.

The Mental Health Committee were kept busy at the State Receiving Hospital. Eight members were literally going in circles while square dancing with the twenty-two men! Their planned picnic was also held indoors, and the men enjoyed helping to cook the hot dogs. A Halloween party is planning for the evening of October 28th.

News & Views: The Chryslers and the Everetts are moving from West 227th St. to homes nearer to the Community Cabin.

The Spotlight: Two "Southern Belles" were highlighted in October. Loretta Fleming just relocated to Fairview Park from Tiff, Missouri (she doesn't consider herself a "southerner" since the city is close to the Illinois border). Loretta loves to golf and sew. Pat Westfall was also highlighted. Her children Bill, age all (Historian note – my former councilman!), Mindy age 6 and Vicky age 3 keep her busy, but her Great Dane, Cassandra, keeps her on her toes. Cassandra is known to club members as the culprit who sometimes eats the refreshments before they arrive at Pat's house. Recently, one of her daughters ran into tell Pat that Cassandra was turning pink. And she was – the same shade as the new house paint! Pat is in charge of the Bridge Club, along with Children's Theater and the Winterset Dance Group.

Chatter and Tattle:

Three members are busy seamstresses. Lee Jackson taught Home Ec in Massachusetts and makes all her clothes, Betty Jo Snyder also taught and makes her clothes – she showcases her original creations at our meetings. And Mary Hoeffner (who has been on six vacations of different lengths since February) sews for the Cancer Home in Parma.

Members with charitable hearts: Jay Hamilton donated the mimeograph machine to us for all Club printing jobs. And Florita Walton and Evelyn Keith both volunteer at Fairview Hospital. Helen Packal works at Sunbeam School for the handicapped.

Ginny's Jottings:

Donna and Dick Newman have been finishing up their new suite on their second floor. Marj and Donn Dagenhardt have been working on their garage. Lorraine and Bob Flash are painting most

of their interior. Lorraine has also taken some time to teach Pat Koss to learn to drive. Pat has her new license – watch out Eaton Roaders!!

Prue Ross took baby Jan to visit friends in South Bend. Alice Atkinson flew to Buffalo with young Jimmy to see her parents. Doris and Don Bouchard love to dance – they journeyed up to Flint, Michigan for a gala dance, and visited friends and families while there. Helen Ashton and her hubby spent a week at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs.

Mumps the word over at Helen Walker's home.

Norma Battes will be "in the window" at Halle's Westgate on October 21st & 24th as part of the Golden Jubilee Celebration for Lakewood Hospital. She will be demonstrating occupational therapy activities from 7 to 9 p.m.

Yearbook jottings (Black Book): Fifteen new members were welcomed to the Club.

Selling or Buying: Want to Sell - - Baby's bathinette. Almost new. Call Marie Hood if interested.

November 1957

This month, the November 1957 Fairviews, vol 2. no. 3, is highlighted for your enjoyment.

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November Program: No more gazing into crystal balls for tips on interior decorating! Come to the meeting and hear Madge Gibson of Gibson Interiors speak on "Fashions in Furnishings." As usual, the business meeting will precede the program – so please be prompt!

November Ways & Means: Have you made plans for the Box Luncheon and Bridge on November 14th? Pack a yummy lunch that you'd enjoy eating – wrap it and decorate it gaily - (include dessert too). When you arrive at the party, the lunches will be exchanged! Those who cannot be there in time for the box luncheon, which starts at 12:30, may join the group later for coffee and tea and an afternoon of cards.

A bouquet of flowers for all the gals who worked so hard to make the Smorgasbord Dance a success. Our kick-off project netted a profit of \$311.23.

November President's Message: Once again, the month of November has rolled around, and it's time for another birthday celebration. Three years ago on November 19, 1954, Fairview Park Junior Women's Club had its beginning. From the founding group of 17 that met that day, we now find ourselves with a present membership of 188. What a lot of growth and progress we have crammed into three years!

In fact, our growth, particularly in the first two months of this club year, has been so rapid as to cause some unforeseen problems. It was for this reason that the Board presented its recommendation on the temporary closing of membership. The recommendation will be open

for further debate and a vote at the November meeting. I hope you will all give it serious thought. Details of the recommendation are attached at the end of this Newsletter.,

November Committee for the Mentally Retarded: Halloween hats, horns, candy and doughnuts and pop, plus such seasonal versions of the old favorites as "Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin" games highlighted the Halloween party given for the men at Apple Creek last month. Plans are being made for a Christmas party on December 7th. Please contact Pat if you are interested in baking.

November Mental Health Committee: The men at the State Receiving Hospital were entertained by happily bobbing for apples and trying to catch doughnuts on a string. Apple cider, coffee and doughnuts were served. Group singing brought the evening to a close.

The girls think improvement is evident in one of the men who jokingly said of Lorraine Flash, after some of her humorous antics (and she tells this one on herself) "That girl belongs here - - I don't." It's got her wondering.

A bingo or card party is planned for November 25th.

November Civic Committee: Thirty interested and willing members of FPJWC meet together under the chairmanship of Marion Cook in order to further interest in our own community. Already, the club has granted permission to the committee to pledge support to a United Health Fund in Fairview Park, to proceed with plans for a West Side school for the deaf, and to promote plans for a Speech and Hearing Center in this vicinity.

November Activities:

Ice Skating will begin at Winterhurst on Wednesday, November 20th from 1:30 – 3:30. Admission is 75¢ and skates may be rented for 50¢. Regular or figure skating instructions will be available.

The Fairnigher's Christmas dance will include a buffet luncheon. Guest ticket prices will be announced at the November meeting.

Bowling substitutes are urgently needed. Please call Pat if you are interested.

Ginny's Jottings:

Hi to all you flu victims and sniffers and hi to the few hardy, healthy ones too! Several members or their families have been stricken.

Just for a change of diagnoses, several members are enjoying (?) mumps in their families.

Helen H recovered from the flu to join Jo T in a bargain hunting dash to the White Elephant Sale at Public Hall. Guess they sniffed out some real bargains, as Helen is sporting a gay pair of gold and coral earrings and serving after dinner coffee in a lush demitasse service. Helen and John will need a little traveling music later this month as they and their three young ones are flying to New York for a week.

Norma G, Ways & Means Chair for Pre-School PTS, is all excited about the Fiesta Night on November 15th at Gilles-Sweet. Several Club members are working on various committees. Models for the style show include several members and their children.

News & Views:

More members and their families have come down with the flu or mumps.

Members will be spending the Thanksgiving holiday with their families in Pittsburgh, Michigan and Key West. Sounds lovely!

Chatter & Tattle:

The season of goblins and witches is tucked away for another year. Peace will reign for a while!

These crisp, cold days found Jean K toting a gun. She went hunting at Hill and Dale with her husband, and shot three pheasants. She had a guide and a dog, but she pulled the trigger that got 'em!

Recently ran into Mary K taking shadow bowling lessons at Fairview Alleys. Mary also oil paints both portrait and scenes, but only for her own interest.

Marjorie and Elmer K are planning two weekends in Columbus for State's football games. They do this quite often for State is Elmer's Alma Mater.

December 1957

This month, the December 1957 FairViews newsletter, vol. 2. no. 4, is highlighted for your enjoyment.

December Program: The Male Quartet of the Ohio Bell Men's Chorus will sing various selections including Christmas music. Also, please bring at least one item of food so that a Christmas Basket can be assembled for a Needy Fairview Park family.

December Mental Health Committee: In November, a card party was held where the men at the State Receiving Hospital played Hearts, Casino and Tripley. The men enjoyed themselves and help prepare a meal of Sloppy Joes and coffee. Committee members will help brighten the men's Christmas by giving gifts of another year's subscription to The Plain Dealer, candy, cigarettes, cards, poker chips and a new needle for their record player.

December Committee for the Mentally Retarded: The women and several husbands brought Christmas cheer to the ward at Apple Creek. An artificial tree was decorated with Christmas cards, and each man received gifts and holiday candy. A magician entertained the men and the strains of traditional Christmas carols rounded out the party.

December Ways & Means: The chairs would like to thank everyone for making the Box Luncheon and card party a success. Everyone who attended had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Fur Raffle tickets will be distributed at the December meeting. The drawing for the furs will be February 25th at our annual dessert card party to be held at Rocky River Memorial Hall. Higbee's will furnish the style show and Helene St. Andrews will commentate.

The White Elephant Sale originally scheduled for the December meeting has been changed to a Rummage Sale in April. Hold on to those things you dig up during your Christmas and Spring cleaning!

December Activities:

Ice Skating is held at Winterhurst every Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call Kay if you are interested in attending.

Bowling, Bridge and Canasta scores were reported.

The Fairnigher's Christmas dance will be held on Friday, December 13th at the Olmsted Lodge.

Ginny's Jottings:

Reva & Dusty must be the "travelingest" pair in town: They toured Quebec and the Laurentian Mountains in October. They're flying to New York this month to see some plays and cheer the Browns at the Browns-Giants game. When the Lake Erie breezes blow hard in January, they'll head south.

Pat & Dan had an extra reason for giving thanks when long awaited baby David arrived Thanksgiving week.

Lil is walking a fluffy French poodle puppy named Mitzi these cold winter mornings.

Yvonne & Walter are busy with a do-it-yourself basement finishing job, and getting lots of help (?) from their three young sons.

News & Views:

Did you see June S. and Jean K. and their daughters' photos in a recent Plain Dealer story? Also in newsprint was Mary Lou's daughter Pam in a pre-Thanksgiving Press photo story about Grandad's turkey farm.

Betty & Bruce have a wonderful way to teach the spirit of St. Nicholas to their children. A small Christmas tree is completely decorated by their two boys and their neighborhood friends. Betty & Bruce ask the parents and their children to a tree trimming party. All the parents watch while the kiddies make paper ornaments and hang them on their very own tree.

To celebrate the Christ Child's birthday, Lois bakes a many-layered cake in a Christmas tree mold and places a candle on it. The whole family celebrates and honors Christmas and the children love the tradition.

We asked Lorraine what the multitudinous Flash family do on Christmas Day. She said they all gather from various parts of Greater Cleveland - - this procedure must cause a terrific traffic jam!

Chatter & Tattle:

Members visited family and friends for the Thanksgiving holiday in Wooster, Wisconsin, St. Louis, New Jersey, New York, and Philadelphia.

Have you heard about Elaine & Bill's Scavenger Hunt party? One of the husbands and his partner brought back 15 gal teenagers clad in p.j.'s from a slumber party as "the funniest thing you can think of!"

Alice is a gal real handy with paint brushes. She's been decorating a bedroom. Ever seen Alice's interesting coffee table in her living room?

Phyllis recently participated in an art exhibition at the YWCA. She showed some of her paintings and prints.

Two new babies arrived in November. Lu & Pete welcomed baby Kathy Lee, and Betty Lou & Eugene are the happy parents of Cynthia Susan.

Fifteen new members were welcomed to the Club in November.