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DOROTHEA PURDY: This is Dorothea Purdy, along with Barbara Lofgren, and we're at the Harney County Library in Burns, Oregon. Today's date is March 3rd, 1995. And today we're going to be talking with Barbara Eggleston, who is a past president of the Mother's Club. And she is going to be telling us about the origin of the Mother's Club, and when it started, who all the presidents were, and some of the members, and on from there. Barbara, shall we start by asking you maybe some of your background history, what your name is. Start by just asking you your name so that we know who is talking here.

BARBARA EGGLESTON: Okay, well I'm Barbara Eggleston, and I've lived here since 1948.

DOROTHEA: Okay. So let's just get right into the Mother's Club. Who could belong to the Mother's Club?

BARBARA E.: Well most anyone, any woman. They didn't, they first they had to limit it to 30, because they were meeting in homes, and there just weren't that many, they couldn't go beyond that. And then they raised it, I believe, to 80 or 100, I've forgotten.

DOROTHEA: Okay. Do you know how it got started?

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. It was started in 1906 by a Mrs. Mary Ellen Foley, and eleven friends. And they, it was originally called the Progressive Mother's Club. And they started it by, starting with a library, and their purpose was to supply good books for the young

people of Burns. And each woman paid in \$1, and with this money books were purchased. And Mrs. Foley was elected the Club's first president.

And their motto was, "In Union is Strength," and then the red carnation was the club flower, and the colors were red and white. Their aim was, "To render service and assistance to young people in all ways which may conduce to their happiness, education, or betterment."

BARBARA LOFGREN: Was it mainly just city women, or did ranch wives belong too at the beginning?

BARBARA E.: I really couldn't say, but it wouldn't have made any difference. Now in 1906, whether women could come very far on a meeting day, I don't know. So it's hard to say.

BARBARA L.: Does it happen to say whether they met during the day, or in the evening?

BARBARA E.: Oh yes, no it would be during the day.

BARBARA L.: And did they meet just afternoon, or over tea, or lunch, or ---

BARBARA E.: I think it depended, they might have ---

BARBARA L.: No set time maybe.

BARBARA E.: No, it would have been in the afternoon, because being housewives they probably wanted to get their housework done first. So that's how --- that's about as much as I know of that.

BARBARA L.: Does it say who the first 11 people were?

BARBARA E.: No, it doesn't have it here, but I could probably look that up. Because that would be interesting to know who the first ---

BARBARA L.: Who the charter people were.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, charter ones, uh huh.

BARBARA L.: Okay.

DOROTHEA: Did they state why they decided they needed a Mother's Club here, or do you know?

BARBARA E.: Well it was because, really they explained their purpose, but I think they felt that something was needed here, and they first had started with books. And then they, after they had done that for several years then they had changed to doing things to help the young people. For them to have places to play, and things like that, they went into that.

BARBARA L.: So it was mainly for the children, rather than the community at large then, when they first started.

BARBARA E.: When they first started, yes, uh huh. And then in 1907, Mrs. Ione Whiting was the Club's second president. And they decided the way they could make money was by doing needlework. And of course women at that time were very capable. And they had a very successful bazaar held in the John Gemberling building. And this building is now known as Shook's Jewelry, which is now at this time is, wait a minute, it's the one, it's where they have, oh it's used clothing, in that one.

BARBARA L.: Tammy's Used Clothing.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh.

BARBARA L.: Where Felt's were?

BARBARA E.: Yes, where Felt's were after --- Oh wait a minute, no I'm sorry, Shook's Jewelry was on the other side of the street, I'm sorry.

DOROTHEA: Shook's was where Ruthies, where Ruthies is.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, yes, where Ruthies is, is where Shook's Jewelry, uh huh.

BARBARA L.: Next to Garland's Insurance.

BARBARA E.: Right, yes. I was confusing them in my mind with the other one. Okay. Then from a newspaper clipping, they had, quote: "The following is a report of the recent

benefit for the Juvenile Library, given by Clayte Burrow and Mrs. Rembold. And the proceeds from the tickets were a \$103.80. And the proceeds from the bazaar were \$30.25. And so anyway, the expenses were \$18.85. And they raised a net of \$115.50. Now that was good in 1906.

DOROTHEA: Man, I guess.

BARBARA E.: I thought it was too.

BARBARA L.: Well sometimes in projects today, you only clear that much.

BARBARA E.: Right, yes.

DOROTHEA: That's what I was going to say.

BARBARA E.: Well then in 1908 Mary Ellen Foley was chosen again as president. And they had another bazaar, and they had a Fancy Dress Ball. And the proceeds from those two projects netted \$125.00. And this money was used to buy primary books for the grade school. Then --- oh it says the secret ballot was used for the first time. I don't quite know what that means, whether they are electing officers, or what, but they made a note of it.

BARBARA L.: Does it ever say in there how new members are brought in? Were they just recommended by a present member, or did people ask to become members, or does it say?

BARBARA E.: Sometimes they, because towards, I think it was in the '60's, 1960's that some woman had asked a person she knew, could she join. And it was brought up, and then it was immediately yes. So, I mean, there was no vote on it or anything.

BARBARA L.: I was just wondering how they gained their membership early on.

BARBARA E.: Well I don't know about that. I could look in the minutes, and perhaps it would say it. And then in 1909 it says we gave our first Thanksgiving dance. And this project continued through the years until 1990 (corrected to 1950). And the Sunset Valley

Ladies offered their help with the third bazaar. Now the Sunset Valley is over Wright's Point. And in 1909 it was still a going concern. And then they found out that, that kind of soil and stuff was not useable for raising crops. And so they, but they, at that time they had a school, two schools, a church, two stores, probably a bar, because they always had to have something like that. And so anyway it was a thriving concern. And it says that their help was appreciated. And at this time we were searching for a playground for the children.

Then in 1910, this is what I have not laughed about --- but this is, I mean it goes back to how men regarded women. It says during this year 12 women met at the City Hall on September 7th, and the purpose was to buy two acres of land for a playground. Now this land was purchased, but the Club had to borrow \$80 to close the transaction. And posts were ordered to fence the land. And then after buying 20 books we plunged deeper into debt. Eight men hearing of our poor management donated a \$1 each, and several donated work at the playground. We gave a supper and served punch at the dances and forged ahead. Now I don't think they were out of the woods yet, but --- (Laughter) But they were working at it.

And then on March --- in 1911, on March 29th of this year the Club resolved to incorporate under the name of the Progressive Mother's Club, and this was completed in 1912. And \$89.50 was paid for the designing and surveying of the playground. We had our first "Tag Day" which netted \$96.15. And I keep repeating the money ---

BARBARA L.: Do you know what a Tag Day was?

BARBARA E.: I --- no, they didn't explain what a Tag Day, unless it maybe was a way of raising money. Perhaps it was the children playing the game, and if, you know, I don't know, it doesn't explain enough about it, and of course I wasn't born then, so I don't know.

BARBARA L.: Well, I know ---

BARBARA E.: Yes, but no, they didn't explain it, they knew what it was. And of course it might have been explained in the minutes, because they were quite explicit about what they were doing.

Okay, then in 1912, on April 25th, the Club paid off the indebtedness on the land known as the playground, and received the deed for the same. Then they purchased more books. And a letter from the Ladies Library Club was read thanking us for the generous donations to the Library.

DOROTHEA: Does it happen to say where that land was, is that what is now the city park?

BARBARA E.: Not in here. From what I read later on, I thought it might be down along Riverside Drive, someplace like that.

BARBARA L.: Seems to me I heard someone visiting about that once, that the property was down by the, on Riverside, by the river some-place down in that area. But not specifically did I find out either, so ---

BARBARA E.: And I don't even know, well I suppose it could be looked up, because it would be interesting to find out.

BARBARA L.: And what happened to it, you know.

DOROTHEA: Probably in the old records at the courthouse somewhere.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. We would, yeah; there is a way to find out.

BARBARA L.: Yeah, if you looked in the minutes, it would surely tell the location.

BARBARA E.: I think so, it should be. Okay.

BARBARA L.: 1912.

BARBARA E.: Yeah, then this is 1913. We decided to build a "Summer House" at the playground, and a bid of \$326.85 was submitted by Dan Jordan, which was accepted.

And that must be, the now Dan Jordan's grandfather.

DOROTHEA: Grandfather.

BARBARA E.: And \$24 worth of benches were ordered. We are now financially embarrassed. A balance of \$19.17, and from this sum we took \$2 to buy seed potatoes to plant on the land that we had bought. How our farming project turned out, the records failed to state. But Mrs. Lampshire invited the Club members and the children to an old-fashioned hayride. A delicious picnic lunch was served at Parker Springs, a happy ending for the year. And I don't know where Parker Springs is.

DOROTHEA: Well that's way up in the hills.

BARBARA E.: Is it?

DOROTHEA: Unless it's, there is something around here someplace.

BARBARA E.: Oh.

DOROTHEA: Because it's up over by Idlewild.

BARBARA E.: That far out?

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

BARBARA E.: Do you suppose they would have gone that far? That's a long ways, a horse pulling ---

BARBARA L.: A 17-mile hayride.

BARBARA E.: One-Way.

DOROTHEA: Well that's about what it would be. That's about what it would be, is about 17, because Parker Spring is up beyond Idlewild.

BARBARA E.: Weren't there some Parkers who lived down around in this area?

DOROTHEA: Uh huh. But I don't know whether there is a Parker Spring or not.

BARBARA E.: Well, we'll have to look ---

DOROTHEA: But they went on a 17-mile ---

BARBARA E.: No, it just said on an, to an old-fashioned hayride.

DOROTHEA: Oh, they probably wouldn't want to go that far with a

BARBARA E.: A delicious picnic was served at Parker Springs. Now they didn't say they took the hayride to there. But they did say that. But that's 1913; I don't think very many people had cars. They were available here, but I don't think very many people had them.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

BARBARA E.: Well to go to 1914, each member was assessed a \$1. Now \$25 was received and used to help build a boardwalk on the south side of our land. And needy children were given Christmas trees, and presents sent to families. And the Club had a collection of about 600 books, as well as shelves to put them on. These were kept in a private home, but used by school children until this year when they donated them to the City Library. So they got out of the library business I think at that time.

Then in 1919 (corrected to 1915), we gave our first Egg Roll for the school children. This became an annual event. We limited our membership to 36, as we were still meeting in homes.

DOROTHEA: My goodness they've tripled in size now then, though. In just what, 13 years?

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. Yes. Okay, in 1916, the first Calico Ball was held at the Tonawama Hall, and this building is known now as the Bennett Motel, which isn't right, it's now known as the ---

BARBARA L.: Burnstowne Apartments.

DOROTHEA: Now Burnstowne Apartments.

BARBARA E.: Right, yeah. The ball was strictly cotton, and fines were enforced. And those fines netted \$7.50. The ball was a success and continued until 1951.

Our farming project progressed until now we are harvesting two crops of alfalfa hay each year. And this continued until we sold the land in 1949.

BARBARA L.: This wasn't the playground land though?

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, uh huh.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, but I was going to say, I wonder who they sold it to. That would tell us just about where it was.

BARBARA E.: Right.

DOROTHEA: In '49.

BARBARA E.: I don't have that. The minutes --- I mean the book is in there; they have every minutes for every year. But I'll have to look it up.

BARBARA L.: We might just make a note now, and say that at the Library the minutes of all the Mother's Club meetings are available, as well as a number of scrapbooks that have been donated back to, that are available to look at here.

BARBARA E.: Right. Then in 1917, now we are entering into the First World War, and the Club bought their first \$100 Liberty Bond. We spent most of our money and time helping the Red Cross. We purchased material for 20 comforters. Proceeds from the Thanksgiving dance were donated to the Red Cross Emergency Fund.

And then we helped build a dike around the riverbank bordering our land. That's where the thing was, down so, probably it must have been on, along Riverside Drive, don't you think?

DOROTHEA: On Riverside, yeah.

BARBARA E.: Okay. We gave a jitney dance for the children.

BARBARA L.: What kind of a dance?

BARBARA E.: A J I T N E Y, and I don't know what --- jitney, (Slang, five cents; nickel.) I don't know whether that's a horse drawn something, or a motorized, like a little pickup or

something. Well anyway, it was a jitney dance. You know we should find out these things, it's interesting.

DOROTHEA: You know, I was going to say, this is something that Teresa Guinee might be able to help us with. Because Mary Foley was her mother, so this might be a way to get Teresa to tell us some of these things.

BARBARA E.: Mary Foley was ---

DOROTHEA: Teresa was a Foley.

BARBARA E.: You mean the Foleys ---

DOROTHEA: And I think Mary Foley was her mother.

BARBARA E.: Like the woman ---

BARBARA L.: Across the street.

BARBARA E.: No kidding, I didn't know that.

DOROTHEA: You didn't know that?

BARBARA E.: I never did know that.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, she was a Foley. And she's supposed to do a deal with us. But she, the last time I talked to her she was going to write it. So I haven't gotten back to her, but we might find ---

BARBARA E.: Was she the youngest of the three girls?

DOROTHEA: I don't know, I can't remember. But we might find out some of these things from her, what a jitney is, and what a tag is, and I could ask her.

BARBARA E.: Okay. Right. Well it would be interesting to be able to fill it in.

DOROTHEA: Yeah. So we went and had a jitney what?

BARBARA E.: We gave a jitney dance for the children.

DOROTHEA: Jitney dance.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. J I T N E Y. It's amazing isn't it, what we don't know?

BARBARA L.: That's why we keep delving into things.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. Okay. Then we purchased \$400 worth of Liberty Bonds.

DOROTHEA: You know they had a lot of money. I'm surprised that they had so much money, though.

BARBARA E.: They worked hard.

BARBARA L.: Well it must have come from their crop, harvesting their crop.

BARBARA E.: I doubt if they got \$400. I mean two acres wouldn't raise very much. But at the same time, probably, well it says we purchased, but it doesn't say what their ---

BARBARA L.: Well \$400 worth of bonds is only \$200.

BARBARA E.: Oh, true, true.

BARBARA L.: It's only half.

DOROTHEA: Right.

BARBARA E.: That's right, I had forgotten that. Yeah, you're right. And at the end of the year our bank balance was at its lowest ebb, -\$6.38. (Laughter)

BARBARA L.: Oh my goodness.

DOROTHEA: They shouldn't have spent all that money on savings bonds.

BARBARA E.: Oh, those were called Liberty Bonds.

DOROTHEA: Liberty Bonds, right.

BARBARA E.: Of course they were supporting their kids too, their boys over there. Because a lot of, I've seen pictures of some of the young men who went over in World War I, and they were just as young and gawky and ---

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

BARBARA E.: --- and you know your heart, you know --- it was really terrific.

Then in 1918-1919, I think that's where they started changing it from, put the two parts of the years together. Said 1918 was the year of the dreadful flu. The aftermath of

World War I, and many who had survived the war were struck down by this terrible foe. And that's, Daryl's (Eggleston) grandfather died in that, from the flu. A lot of people did. And the Club kept knitting and sewing, and at the end of 1919 reported \$756.60 had been donated to the Red Cross. \$500 worth of Liberty Bonds had been purchased. They worked on it.

In 1920-21, Billie Farre --- now I've never seen this name before. It's F A R R E, Farre. Does it; is it familiar with you, Dorothy?

DOROTHEA: Farre?

BARBARA L.: F A R R E ? No.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: Farre, I've never heard it either.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. And then Jimmie Donegan read a letter concerning the starving war orphans of Europe. We donated \$25 to aid this cause.

And then in '21-'22, this year we rented a room in the Odd Fellow's building, the one now occupied by Sandy's Shoe Shop. And I don't know who has the business there now.

DOROTHEA: Cowboy Connection.

BARBARA E.: Right, okay. We raised our membership to 50.

DOROTHEA: Oh.

BARBARA L.: They were then; because of renting the room they were meeting in the Odd Fellow's Hall.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, they could raise it, uh huh. Right.

BARBARA L.: Shoe --- was the room in the shoe shop, or upstairs in the ---

BARBARA E.: It was probably upstairs, uh huh.

BARBARA L.: Upstairs in the hall.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. Because when that, yeah, that building was built that way originally, and it had the upstairs, yeah.

DOROTHEA: But they had also the downstairs, and upstairs was mostly doctors and offices, and what do you call it, millinery, hat ---

BARBARA E.: Oh hat shops.

DOROTHEA: Hat shops. So it could have been downstairs where the Cowboy Connection is.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. Oh, I see. Of course what I was thinking of, was Sandy used the whole first floor when he had his shop, but that wasn't --- he didn't have his shop at that time though, did he?

DOROTHEA: Huh uh.

BARBARA E.: Okay. Now, all right. Okay, the Club was pleased and honored when notified that Mrs. Grace Lampshire's name had been written in on the ballot, and she was elected Mayor of Burns, her term of office dating from March 23rd, 1921 to February 28th, 1923. That's pretty good, wasn't it?

BARBARA L.: I should say.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: Now was she the first lady Mayor, Lampshire?

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. That's --- uh huh. And at this time she was one of several women of the nation serving in this capacity. And the town had acquired a new look. Woodpiles were ordered racked up and weeds cut and burned.

BARBARA L.: A woman is in charge, right?

BARBARA E.: Yes siree. Yeah, the town's civic pride was awakened.

DOROTHEA: Right.

BARBARA E.: Yeah. Then 1922-1923 dressing rooms for ladies and gentlemen were

constructed at the millpond, at that time used for a swimming pool. The lumber was furnished by Phil Smith. Then a \$1 was given to each member; the idea was to make it grow. And the proceeds reported from this idea at the end of the year were \$229.82.

BARBARA L.: Were the women supposed to invest that \$1?

BARBARA E.: Invest it, or whatever. Perhaps maybe, do you suppose they might have bought yarn or ---

BARBARA L.: Something to make something else?

BARBARA E.: --- right, I was wondering if that wouldn't be it, yeah.

BARBARA L.: All right.

BARBARA E.: Then in '23-'24 they sponsored the Lyceum that year. And the annual card party for husbands was held at the home of Mrs. B. F. Smith. Her husband was the doctor. The Club voted to put the playground equipment on land belonging to the Club. And then it says for the lack of supervision at the playground our equipment was soon destroyed, which was too bad.

DOROTHEA: They did that then too then?

BARBARA E.: I guess they had ornery kids --- yes they did. Okay, then in 1925, this year we joined the Federation, and that was quite a step up. The Club promoted the building of a new Union High School and City Hall. A Boys and Girls Club was organized. Projects of the Club worked out with the children were Cooking Club, Sewing Club, Rabbit Club, and building birdhouses. Members of the Club acted as leaders and advisers. So they not only raised money to start things, but they physically helped with it. BARBARA L.: And you can tell that the women were not working out-side of the home in those days. They had the time to devote back to kids and community type things then.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. Of course when you think of the amount of housework they did, it was --- because it took ---

BARBARA L.: They didn't have all the conveniences that we have today.

BARBARA E.: Right. And then we had a special picnic and invited our husbands. This was in '26, 1926, and it was to be held at Idlewild Campgrounds. The husbands were asked to bring axes, saws, and hammers to give assistance to the forest officials who were trying to get the grounds in shape for its regular dedication to the public.

DOROTHEA: Well then that Parker Springs might have been up in that area.

BARBARA E.: It might have been, uh huh.

DOROTHEA: Because that's where it is now. Because if they're going to Idlewild, then they're traveling.

BARBARA E.: Yeah. Of course that was almost ten years difference ---

BARBARA L.: Ten years earlier.

BARBARA E.: --- right, uh huh. Okay, in 1927 the Club donated a \$1,000 to the City of Burns to help build a new City Hall.

DOROTHEA: Wow.

BARBARA E.: And then a \$100 was given to help furnish a clubroom in the building. It must have been one that could be used by different clubs I suppose. Maybe they paid a little bit of rent on it, I don't know. Said we bought an electric stove for the clubroom and made a donation towards a fire siren.

BARBARA L.: Does that say where the city hall was? Is that where Cramer has his office now?

BARBARA E.: Yes, uh huh, that's it.

BARBARA L.: They're talking about that building, okay.

BARBARA E.: Okay, in 1928 on January 25th, we held our first meeting in the new clubroom at the City Hall. After two years of much activity and expense we took note of our contents. Report was that we had over a \$1,000 in our savings account, and from

various projects we had earned \$894. That was just about the end of the year, I think, for them.

BARBARA L.: This is going to be right before the depression then, isn't it?

BARBARA E.: Right. Oh, everybody is probably living quite well, or living well. I mean a man probably was getting maybe \$50 a month to live on instead of \$30.

Then in '28-'29 the Club continued its Home Beautiful Program, and they sponsored a Better Yard Contest. And they loaned the City of Burns \$600 for the Athletic Field, and a \$100 was donated for improvements on the field.

DOROTHEA: They loaned the City of Burns.

BARBARA E.: They loaned it, yeah. But the \$100 to ---

BARBARA L.: Was a donation.

BARBARA E.: Was a donation, uh huh.

BARBARA L.: I wonder if they received their money back with interest?

DOROTHEA: That's what I was going to say, they loaned the City of Burns, yeah.

BARBARA E.: Then in, the 1929-1930, the Mother's Club was asked to help finance a tennis court to be erected at the high school. We gave \$300. I think something happened to it, because I don't believe it was finished until later. But we'll let that go. It will come up

Then in 1931-32 we gave a program in honor of the high school football team and purchased suits for the basketball team. At this time the Club was promoting three Campfire groups.

Then the Mother's Club in 1932-33, the Mother's Club gave \$10 for prizes to Mrs. Weittenhiller's poster contest among the Harney County schools. And the Club dispensed with their annual evening card party for the husbands, and gave this money to the local school band to help with expenses for the trip to Corvallis.

DOROTHEA: Oh, they did some traveling.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, yeah. I don't know how they got there, must have been bus, don't you think? They had buses at that time, in the '30's didn't they?

DOROTHEA: I don't know if they had buses, but they had some cars by then. Somebody probably had cars.

BARBARA E.: That's true. I think if they went, they probably went --- well I was thinking of commercial buses like they, but maybe the parents had cars. The parents had cars then, sure. Okay.

Now in 1933-34 it says this year the Club furnished a 4-H clubroom at the grade school. We have always sponsored 4-H club work and each year donate a scholarship so some worthy child may attend the 4-H summer school at O.S.C. That is now Oregon State University.

BARBARA L.: Oregon State College.

BARBARA E.: College, that's what it was.

BARBARA L.: That was College when I went there too.

BARBARA E.: It was when I did too. (Laughter) Okay, then in 1934-35, the Mother's Club was honored when Mrs. Lola Smith was elected president of the 5th District.

DOROTHEA: Who?

BARBARA E.: Mrs. Lola Smith. Now she is not Mrs. Louise Smith. That's not Dr. Smith's wife.

DOROTHEA: That's what I was going to say, that's not Dr. Smith's, so that's another ---

BARBARA L.: Let's see, it says Louise Smith in '35, is that who we are talking about?

BARBARA E.: No, this woman's name is Lola.

BARBARA L.: S M I or S M Y ?

BARBARA E.: Well no, it's both S M I. But I just wonder if there could have been another

woman.

DOROTHEA: I wonder if she had a nickname, and they called her Lola instead of Louise.

BARBARA E.: I don't --- I just met her once, and I don't think there would have been much nicknaming with Mrs. Smith. She was a very dignified woman.

BARBARA L.: That's kind of a question then, whether ---

BARBARA E.: Yes, whether that --- I don't think they would have made a mistake on it, but ---

BARBARA L.: I wouldn't think so. So being the president of the 5th District does not necessarily mean president of the Club though, I guess is what we're ---

BARBARA E.: Right, right. Yes, that's from the federation.

BARBARA L.: Because at that time Louise Smith was president of the local Club, but this could be a different Smith for the District.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, yeah. And that was after, yeah, because they joined the Federation in '25, yeah. Okay. And this year the Club became a member of the 6th District.

And then in 1935-36, \$200 was donated to remodel and equip the two primary grade school, primary grade rooms in the library at the grade school.

BARBARA L.: The tax monies at that time must not have ---

BARBARA E.: Been coming in, probably.

BARBARA L.: --- you know, covered much of anything other than salaries if organizations were needing to donate to build rooms, and facilities.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh, and loan money to the City. I can't understand why the City didn't have some kind of money coming in.

BARBARA E.: Well that was the time when I can remember when I first started teaching here was a woman who was older than I, and she taught some during the depression. And she got a --- there was a name for it, it was not a check, it was a saying, and I can't remember the name of it. And then it was up to you to sell it to somebody else.

BARBARA L.: Oh yeah, we've heard about those too. I can't think of the word.

DOROTHEA: Something, kind of a certificate, or ---

BARBARA L.: No, it was ---

BARBARA E.: It wasn't called a certificate, but it was similar in that it didn't really give you that money, you had to go sell it to some person who had money to buy it.

BARBARA L.: And they never gave you full amount of what it was.

BARBARA E.: No, no, they didn't.

BARBARA L.: So your salary was not what it should be.

BARBARA E.: Like if you got \$100 a month, you were lucky if you would get \$80 out of it. But at least you were working.

BARBARA L.: We've had people tell us that before, and I can't --- the word, isn't coming to me.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, yeah. Okay. Oh, this is one that I, I liked this one. This is still in 1935-36, at the State Convention of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, the Mother's Club, our Burns Mother's Club, was declared the most active group, and had the distinction of holding the first County Institute in Harney County. We also had the largest representation at the District Meeting of the Federated Clubs. The Burns Mother's Club was honored by visits from Sadie Orr Dunbar, the State President of the Federation, Federated Women's Clubs.

And then in 1936-37, Mrs. Ann Upham was elected president of the 6th District, and gave a one-minute report for the Club. She was given an extra amount of applause.

They liked that.

BARBARA L.: One minute, that is not very long.

BARBARA E.: Yeah, well I think they limited them to, to them so they couldn't just keep on and on.

DOROTHEA: She got a standing ovation in other words, but an extra amount of applause.

BARBARA E.: Yeah. Oh, I found my place here. And then in 1938-39 we limited our membership to 100. That was getting quite large even for their room to meet in.

BARBARA L.: Meeting rooms.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. And the dues were then \$1.50 a year.

BARBARA L.: That is really, though, involving a lot of people for a community this size. For that many women to be active participants of a Club, really.

BARBARA E.: Right.

DOROTHEA: Apparently, that was 19---

BARBARA E.: That was 1938-39.

DOROTHEA: '38-'39.

BARBARA E.: The Hines Mill had been going since ---

DOROTHEA: '29.

BARBARA E.: Although, '29. Of course they were having financial problems like everybody else was.

DOROTHEA: But, you know, probably it was about every woman in town. I mean, you know, it surely didn't have more than 500 or 600 people in town.

BARBARA E.: I don't know how many people did live here at that time. Because you counted the people who worked at the Hines Mill, and the people who lived in Burns, and then the people who still had been able to hang onto their ranches. So I don't know, we

could look it up and see how many people were in Harney County. Okay, then it says an, "All States Dinner" was sponsored by the Ladies Library Club and Mother's Club. A small idea which grew, such was the case of the "All States Dinner". Between 450 and 500 dinner guests were served. They were seated according to the state in which they were born. A sign called "America For All" was placed over the International Table, and each participant was dressed in the costume of his native land. This group gave a song written during war years, "Don't Bite the Hand that's Feeding You." This dinner was considered one of the most important social events of the year. And I don't know where on earth they held it, because ---

DOROTHEA: That's what I was going to say. Where did they ever find that much room for that many people.

BARBARA L.: I suppose in the school somewhere. But they didn't have gyms or anything then, I wonder. I don't know.

BARBARA E.: They, well now wait a minute, they did have the, what is ---

BARBARA L.: Well the Tonawama Building ---

BARBARA E.: I don't know about that, but the high school, which is now the junior high, was built about 1912, I think, and it did have a gym, and that's the only place, I think, they could have held it. But it's hard to say.

BARBARA L.: Well they talk about playing basketball and stuff in the Tonawama or the Oasis Buildings, so perhaps those were, you know, if you can have a court, perhaps that was large enough to have that many people. I don't know.

BARBARA E.: I don't know whether it would have held that many people, the gym either, because I taught in that building when I first came here.

BARBARA L.: It's interesting.

BARBARA E.: Yes. Oh, and then this year the Ladies Library Club, the Hines

Community Club, and the Burns Mother's Club gave their first reception for the new teachers, for teachers.

DOROTHEA: And that was what year?

BARBARA E.: In '38-'39.

DOROTHEA: '39.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. And then in '39-40 we gave \$175 to buy a swing for the playground. Now that must have been the City playground, because --- no they hadn't sold their playground in 1940. Okay.

DOROTHEA: Huh uh, not yet, not until '49.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. And the Art Committee of the State Federated Clubs gave special attention to the picture presented to the Burns Mother's Club for our outstanding work in Oregon Federated Women's Clubs. And that was the year that we helped to bring the San Francisco Ballet dancers to Burns. That was pretty sharp for 1939.

BARBARA L.: Where was this presentation held then?

BARBARA E.: Doesn't say.

DOROTHEA: Doesn't say.

BARBARA E.: Of course the junior high does have a stage, and it holds, I forget how many. But that would be the only one I could think of.

BARBARA L.: But a ballet usually has to have a pretty good size room to move around.

BARBARA E.: Room, uh huh. I wondered if perhaps it was a smaller group.

BARBARA L.: Just maybe a couple, or four or five people were dancing, or something.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh.

BARBARA L.: That's real interesting.

BARBARA E.: I wish, we'll have to go back over that and fill in and say where these things were done.

BARBARA L.: We can make some editor's notes at the end of this, when we finish this.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, right. Because there, there would probably be in the ---

BARBARA L.: Minutes.

BARBARA E.: --- and if not in the minutes it would be in the newspaper articles. Okay, then in 1940-41, this year the Club bought a \$375 Defense War Bond. Now we are involved in another World War. We sent Christmas packages of candy, cookies, and cigarettes to the airmen stationed at Pendleton Air Base. The Jubilee Birthday Party was held April 11th, 1940.

And then in 1941-42 this year we purchased warm-up suits for the basketball team. And then the Club was ordered to send a book a month to the boys in the service. This year we bought three \$100 Defense Bonds, and helped sell bonds as well as purchased them. And then President Evelyn Sitz, that's Bob Sitz' mom, was elected First Vice President of the Oregon Federated Women's Clubs, which was a real honor for our organization.

Then in 1942-43 the three Clubs in cooperation with the City donated the clubroom. That must be the other ones that were mentioned when they went together to have that big dinner, you remember, it was the Hines Community Club, and another one, and this one. And acted as, okay, with the City donated the clubroom and acted as hostesses to the service men stationed there, here. Purchased another \$100 bond, and sold approximately \$5,000 worth of bonds during the month of November.

DOROTHEA: We're talking big money there.

BARBARA E.: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: I'm looking at this like, you know, in those days they didn't make but fifty cents an hour, or something like that. When you're talking \$5,000 that's a lot of money.

BARBARA L.: But there again you're talking \$2,500 because, \$5,000 you only purchase

half.

BARBARA E.: Yeah, right. But still that is.

BARBARA L.: But still \$2,500 is a lot of money.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. And at the 6th District meeting in Bend, President Faye Buckland reported the Mother's Club had the largest membership, more U.S. Savings bonds, and had donated more money than any other Club in the District. The Club was well represented in the Red Cross sewing and knitting rooms. The combined Clubs sold \$34,000 worth of bonds in the 4th war loan drive. And that must have been, either in the District, I think.

BARBARA L.: I wonder if the Club held their bonds to maturity, or if they cashed them in early?

BARBARA E.: I don't know.

DOROTHEA: That might be where they ended up with their \$10,000 at the end too, is when they cashed in some of those bonds.

BARBARA E.: We'll find out when we get to that. I believe, though, that you couldn't cash them in until sometime after the war ended, as I remember.

BARBARA L.: Oh, is that right?

DOROTHEA: Yeah, I know you had to keep them for ten years.

BARBARA E.: I think you did, because ---

DOROTHEA: Because you couldn't cash them for ten years at least.

BARBARA E.: Then in 1943-44 the Club sponsored a hot lunch at the grade school. Mr. Slater, Principal of the school, said he hoped next year to serve a hot plate lunch.

And then in 1944-45, 700 pounds of used clothing was sent to the Russian Relief. During the 6th war loan drive the Club sold \$7,550 worth of war bonds.

Oh, and this was interesting too. This year the grandmothers were entertained by

a group of young women and girls modeling beautiful wedding gowns and dresses belonging to pioneer families, many dating back more than a 100 years. The clubrooms were beautifully decorated with many precious pieces of china, silver, lace, old albums, dresser and cosmetic sets. I wish we could have seen that.

BARBARA L.: Yes.

BARBARA E.: Yeah. They still at that time --- that's almost, that's 50 years ago, wasn't it. Yeah. It's hard to say what has happened to that clothing in that time. Okay.

In 1945-46 Louise Smith was chosen as the Woman of Week for her leadership in the field of education, social welfare, arts, and international relations. We sent a Christmas box of clothing and toys to a family in Greece. The Club sent 350 cans of baby food on the Christmas Ship for starving Europe. And \$75 was donated to the Scotch Clad Band for their trip to the Rose Festival in Portland, where they played in the parade.

DOROTHEA: Oh my goodness. Let's pause now.

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BARBARA E.: ... would they have that during the war?

DOROTHEA: Must have.

BARBARA E.: '46. No, wait a minute.

DOROTHEA: You said '45-'46.

BARBARA E.: '45-'46, yeah, it would have been. The war was over in August, wasn't it, yeah, so it would have been '45, yeah? Okay. In 1946-47 the Club honored Myra Weittenhiller at a special program, praising her for her ability in the field of art, music, education, church work, and as an understanding friend and neighbor.

Then in '47-'48, the Club entered a "Build a Better Community" contest. This got to be wild. Up to this time there had been no joint community effort to do anything.

Representatives from the different organizations met, and it was decided a tennis court and skating rink should be the joint effort of all the clubs. So a Better Community Council was organized. It became the duty of the Mother's Club to make it work, since they started the thing. (Laughter) The Club divided into groups, a Queen was elected, floats decorated for a street parade, a winter skating carnival was put on at the pond, and the Club, with the help of the high school, raised \$1,030 and turned it over to the council for building tennis courts. A Ski Club was organized and enough money was raised to build a ski tow.

DOROTHEA: Okay, now we're into the '40's, '48.

BARBARA E.: This was '47-'48.

DOROTHEA: Because I'm thinking that you're talking about the skating pond. That was at the City Park. But they didn't sell their park until '49.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. Now see it didn't say where this ---

DOROTHEA: Pond was.

BARBARA E.: --- pond, I think it must have been the City, the regular place. Because I don't think they would have had a pond, big enough. I mean that two acres wouldn't have been big enough to flood, would it?

DOROTHEA: Well two acres is pretty good sized. But I can remember when we had the skating ponds in the City Park.

BARBARA E.: Yeah. Well it just says that it was a winter skating carnival was put on at the pond. And I don't --- they didn't, that was probably the City Pond. It probably would have been.

DOROTHEA: Doesn't say what pond, right.

BARBARA L.: And where is that, the City Pond?

DOROTHEA: Was where the City Park is. I don't know where this is, but that's where we

always had our skating parties.

BARBARA E.: Where is, which, you mean the one down by ---

DOROTHEA: Down by Timms.

BARBARA E.: Oh, okay. They don't call it that anymore, do they?

DOROTHEA: Isn't that still City Park?

BARBARA E.: I think so. It's about, two or three blocks off of Main Street. You turn down there by, you know where Garland's is, and then you go east. And you go past where Gene Timms has the Big Country Distributing?

BARBARA L.: Oh, you mean Washington Park?

BARBARA E.: Washington Park is what they call it.

DOROTHEA: Oh, it Washington Park. Well that used to be City Park.

BARBARA L.: That's what that is. Oh, yeah it is called Washington Park now. Oh, okay.

BARBARA E.: Now that ski tow must have been the one up there at Idlewild, when they said a Ski Club was organized. Because that was where Daryl and I went skiing. And he had never skied before except when he was a kid. And they had, I don't know what kind of things they used to go down the hill with, but it wasn't skis. (Laughter) Oh, we had a delightful time. And I had skied before when I was in college. Well when we started you still had to climb the hill yourself. Then you could come down. Well it really built up your leg muscles. But finally they put, I think it was the next year, '49 or '50 they put the little ---

DOROTHEA: Tow.

BARBARA E.: --- tow rope on it, which didn't make it near as much fun I thought. Okay. Then in 1948-49 the swimming pool was in financial difficulty. The council aided in the sale of tickets to adults, raising enough so children through high school age were admitted free. And the council helped bring the Community Concerts for the first time to Burns. Oh, that's that organization they made, isn't it? I was wondering where that

council came from. And that's the one where they had people, representatives from each one. And then the Boy Scouts wanted to send two boys to Valley Forge for the Jamboree. The council turned over to them house numbering, to them, house numbering campaign. This was the beginning of our house-to-house mail service. The boys got their trip. To the council, serving without pay, and giving many hours of work, for building a Better Community, we say a job well done. The Club bought Gwendolyn Lampshire Hayden's series of books for the City Library. We bought an electric phonograph for the grade school's music department. We entered a float in the fair parade and received second prize.

Then in '49-'50 Mrs. Hazel Triska, from the Mother's Club, was elected president of the 6th District. We helped entertain the 6th District Convention held at Burns, our honor guest being Mrs. William Chandler. A beautiful doll with wardrobe, was used as a money making project. A style show was given by the Club, the stores furnishing the apparel and the models. We decided to make both an annual event. They're not so open about how much money they're making anymore. (Laughter) I don't know whether they're doing as well.

In 1950-51 the Club raised the dues to \$2.50. And it said they served breakfast and furnished housing for the Willamette Choir. On March 2nd, in 1951 the Mother's Club was proud of another achievement when it was announced that the Easter Seal Sale, under the leadership of Mrs. Joe Hendricks, was the highest response per letter in the state. The grade school band was presented with a \$100 check with which to purchase music stands.

And then in 1951-52 we received 5th prize on our Scrapbook.

DOROTHEA: But it doesn't tell what they were competing against there either. Probably was ---

BARBARA E.: It was probably was the District, it was probably for the District I think. Because don't you think then who won in the District, would have competed, yeah.

And then in 1952-53 CARE packages were sent to Korea. A silk flag was bought for the grade school, and books for the high school library. The Club took part in the Farm Home and Rural Life, and a committee was appointed to help Harney County solve problems such as communications and better roads. Two community concert tickets were given to young people interested in music.

And March 5th, 1953 the Library Club and Mother's Club were joint hostesses for the Federated Clubs of the 6th District. Then Myra Weittenhiller was presented with a corsage and congratulated by the Mother's Club when they honored her with a special meeting, she having started the 4-H Club work in Burns, in the days when the national movement was young. Twenty years ago Mrs. Weittenhiller, then County School Superintendent, mothered the first 4-H Clubs. The proceeds for this year's Style Show were \$207.48. And curtains and rods were furnished for the grade school. \$30 was given to the grade school to buy slickers for children who were helping with the safety patrol work. They haven't had that in a long time, have they?

DOROTHEA: Huh uh. I remember all of this. You're getting to the place where now I can understand what you're talking about.

BARBARA E.: Okay, the Club passed a resolution to include a program on safe driving each Club year. And the Federation of Women's Clubs all over the nation are sponsoring these resolutions in the hope of reducing traffic accidents.

In 1954-55 the Mother's Club was presented with a Girl Scout promise plaque in appreciation of our having sponsored them for so many years. This year the three organizations who furnished the clubroom sold their equipment to the City. We received 3rd prize from the flower show, and our fair float received 1st prize. That's up from the

last time, wasn't it?

BARBARA L.: Uh huh.

BARBARA E.: 1955-56, much praise goes to Faye Smith for her efforts in promoting the City mail delivery, working over a long period of time until it was completed in 1955. Our annual gift to the grade school this year is lumber to build risers for the school's chorus.

At the closing of our history, we have given --- this I believe is more or less a repetition of what we have had. Yearly donations to the following: Books to the city library, gifts to the city high school, gifts to the grade school, 4-H scholarship, Easter Seals, Christmas Seals, Red Cross, scholarship loans, March of Dimes, Cancer Fund, Penny Art Fund, Endowment Fund until the year of 1944, and 18 years to the Doernbecker Hospital. No, those weren't listed before. Donations given when needed: the Girl Scouts, service men's gifts, Community Concert tickets, swimming pool, prizes for school contests, the City of Burns, several large donations for tennis courts, food for Europe, Christmas packages. I wonder if that first tennis court they talked about is the one out in Hines? That looks older than ---

BARBARA L.: It's older than the one by the high school?

BARBARA E.: Yes, because that one ---

BARBARA L.: Because the high school didn't start there until later, so perhaps it was the one out in Hines.

BARBARA E.: Well the high school was in 1912, the building was 1912. But the tennis court came, I think, about the time I came in '48.

DOROTHEA: Didn't they have a tennis court behind the high school? Seems like we played tennis out in the back of the ---

BARBARA E.: Yeah, that was the one I think that they put --- yeah they put money into it

DOROTHEA: Which is the Lincoln Junior High now.

BARBARA E.: Yeah. I think that was the one that resulted from the community. Because, well way, way back they donated \$300 towards the tennis court. And I never did find out ---

BARBARA L.: Whether it was in Hines or whether it was in Burns.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, yeah. So, oh they had so many things they did. They did everything. I didn't know about this one. Entertainment for our young people consists of dances, picnics, Easter egg roll, teen tavern, masquerades and jitney dances, garden and poultry clubs. There is that jitney thing again.

DOROTHEA: Jitney dances again, yeah.

BARBARA E.: Yeah.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, you should have known, because this is about in your time, it said, in 1955 and '56.

BARBARA E.: But the jitney though goes back. They're going back there, yeah. Okay. Then they say on March 7th, 1956, the Mother's Club had \$2,000 in bonds, \$327.05 in savings, and \$289.56 in checking account. During the past 50 years of Club work our dreams have become deep rooted in the soil of this community. May they continue to grow in the future. As we close the pages of our golden history, and the hand of time rests on 1956, we wish to tie the pages with the golden threads of this little verse:

Memories of the fleeting years

And bits of tarnished gold.

... (Unrelated)

A glimpse of tender memories

Helping someone reach his goal.

Please remember, we remain

Yours in Service,

The Burns Mother's Club.

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BARBARA E.: In 1956-1957, president Bonnie Barrett was in charge of the Mother's Club. And during this year the Mother's Club sold the city lot to Howard and Marge Maw. And the Mother's Club received \$500 from the Archie McGowan estate, and a \$500 gift from Mrs. McGowan.

DOROTHEA: Well where was this lot at, does it say?

BARBARA E.: No, it doesn't say, I don't know where it was.

DOROTHEA: Because I was going to say, Maw's, you know, didn't they build the bakery down there where the theater is, next door to that?

BARBARA E.: That building was there.

DOROTHEA: Was it there?

BARBARA E.: Let's see, I was trying to think. The bakery was there, I think, when I came here, it was in that building. It's where the arts and crafts one, is right? Next to, where the restaurant is, and the restaurant is where the theater used to be.

DOROTHEA: No, I'm talking about the new theater. Because see they were, were kind of where, oh there where Burns Times-Herald is, or someplace in that area, with the baker. Oh, I'm not talking about where it is now; I'm talking about where the Mexican Restaurant is now. They were in that area.

BARBARA E.: Yes, yes.

DOROTHEA: And is that where you are talking about?

BARBARA E.: Yes.

DOROTHEA: Because what I'm talking about is clear down to where the new theater is.

BARBARA L.: The present theater.

DOROTHEA: The present, yeah.

BARBARA E.: And there is an alley way between the theater and the little building there.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

BARBARA E.: I can't remember, he --- that was an awfully small lot.

DOROTHEA: Yeah.

BARBARA E.: Because they paid, I didn't put it in, but the down payment was \$400, and they paid \$49.50 payments for a while after that, which would run it. So I don't know whether that was it or not.

DOROTHEA: But it seems like that is where Howard, the Maw's first started their, I mean that's where they moved to. And then they sold it, I think. And then they moved to Madras.

BARBARA E.: They might have sold it to Herman Walters.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

BARBARA E.: Because he and his wife had a bakery in there after that, in that little building.

DOROTHEA: Yeah. But I'm not sure, that's something ---

BARBARA E.: Yeah, I'm not sure either.

DOROTHEA: So I'm wondering if this is the lot, because it doesn't look like it would be a very big lot for \$500.

BARBARA E.: Yeah, and that was the down payment. Okay. In addition to the scholarship fund, other donations the Club gave were \$150 to the ambulance fund. And of course during the year they paid their usual ones that they gave every year, the 4-H and all of those. The Club paid their pledge of \$2,500 toward the building of the Museum

Club Rooms project. The Historical Society also paid their pledge of \$2,500. But it doesn't say anything different than that in the minutes there.

BARBARA L.: And we'll try and work on this and add to later.

BARBARA E.: Right. Okay.

DOROTHEA: And I think probably maybe we might be able to talk to some of the older Historical Society members and see if they can remember anything.

BARBARA E.: All right. Then in the year of --- I'm going to break it up as they did of, May 1957 to April of 1958, Betty Pratt was elected president, and then part way through her time she resigned, and Bessie Clemens was chosen to finish the term of office. The Club continued the college scholarship fund, and donations to 10 or 12 local community projects.

BARBARA L.: Do you remember how the scholarships were given, was there a competition for this money, or was it a recommendation from the school, or do you recall?

BARBARA E.: I believe it was just recommendation. I don't think it was a competition. And it first started where the student was graduating from high school, and they gave it to them for their freshman year. And later on they changed it to another way, which we'll come to that later.

Then in May of 1958 to April of 1959 Lela Sitz was president. The Club sponsored the Young Oregonians Troupe, and served a luncheon for them. They also continued to sponsor the Girl Scouts Troop #24. And the women also sold adult tickets to the swimming pool, and they didn't go swimming, but the money that came bought tickets for the needy children so they could go swimming. It is sort of complicated.

BARBARA L.: That's around about way to ---

BARBARA E.: Yeah, I know, I thought that at the time, but it worked. Women would buy a ticket, and then it would maybe buy two tickets for a child. And then they helped with

the Boys and Girls Society, donated the usual money to the Library Club for books. And at that time Henrietta Bardwell was the one helping with the plans for the Museum Club Rooms, and the Museum Building. Now that was in the minutes. And so they must have been right close to building, I think, at that time.

In the next year was May 1959 to April 1960. And Mae Dickerson was President. Henrietta Bardwell reported that \$55,000 was raised. She was still contacting some families for further donations. This was for the building. Furnishings would be purchased by the individual Club funds. I have something here I can't read, yeah, okay, I know what I said then.

On November 19th, 1959, Grover Jameson turned the first shovel full of dirt on the site for the Museum Club Room. Mrs. Gen Slater was congratulated on receiving Woman of the Year Award.

BARBARA L.: Was this an award that was given annually by the Club?

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. No, that was given ---

BARBARA L.: Or by the community?

BARBARA E.: --- it was the one given by the Chamber of Commerce. BARBARA L.: Oh, okay.

BARBARA E.: That one, uh huh. Henrietta Bardwell and Julia Geer were on the centennial planning committee. That was when the State of Oregon was celebrating their 100th birthday. And the planning committee set up a Harney County booth down at Salem, and the main part was the Wildlife Refuge display. And then there wasn't too much information on this, but someone had had a tremendously interesting collection of rocks and certain things from Harney County and that was displayed down there. And they both received a lot of interest from the people going through.

From May of 1960 to April of 1961 Mildred Corbett was president. On October the

6th, 1960, the first meeting to be held in the new Museum Club Rooms.

DOROTHEA: Now what month, October?

BARBARA E.: That was October 6th, 1960, was the first meeting to be held. Now I'm not sure it was the very first meeting, but it was the first Mother's Club meeting, yes.

DOROTHEA: Mother's Club.

BARBARA E.: In May of 1961 to April of 1962, Julia Milleson was president. And they were at that time beginning to have problems keeping their membership up. But they still continued to donate to many youth organizations, and to help furnish the Club Rooms. They also continued to give the scholarship fund, but it, to Burns or Hines students. But now it was that the money was to go to students in their junior and senior years. Because they found out that by that time the families money, wasn't too much left, maybe. And so it really helped out. And they also were sending it directly to the registrar of the college.

Then Bobbie Corcoran was president from May '62 to April '63. And they became interested and did a lot of work canvassing for funds for the United Fund. They also bought \$175 worth of new chairs for the Club Room. They were involved in civil defense plans. And do you remember on the top of the, what used to be the City Hall, is that odd looking little building up there? And I can remember taking my turn, looking to see if I could see any enemy planes. (Laughter) It sounds ridiculous now, but at the time they did it.

BARBARA L.: It was a big thing.

BARBARA E.: It was a big thing, uh huh. And that was when; everyone seemed to be afraid of the Russians or something. And I guess that was before we had that radar screen thing. And --- or it wasn't, there were gaps in it, I think that was it. If they came in low they couldn't be --- so that's why we were looking. Because I think if they were very high, we'd have never known they were up there. (Laughter) Okay. They also gave a

kitchen shower to help replace missing small utensils at the Club Room. They raised money for the Red Cross. And they had a member on the Community Betterment Council. And they also gave, again, to the Library Club. That's a mistake. They worked with the Library Club, I take that back, on different things.

Each year, I'm sorry, this is --- my notes aren't as clear as those other ones.

On the next year, was May of 1963 to April of 1964, Mary Swarthout was president. The members had a work party to clean and paint the Club Room kitchen. The Club, the Mother's Club, continued to donate to all the organizations they had been helping. And they raised money for some of those donations by preparing luncheons in the Club Room for other organizations. And of course they, every time the Mother's Club used the Club Rooms, whether they were, no matter what they were doing, they paid rent like everybody else did.

Then in May 1964 to April 1965 Ethel Bossuot was president. The Terry Culp Memorial Fund was put into the savings account, so as to try to find a way to rotate the fund to make a continuous scholarship. And I think you probably remember when Terry Culp was killed in a motorcycle accident.

DOROTHEA: Uh huh.

BARBARA E.: And he and my son Steve played in an orchestra. You remember that, don't you?

DOROTHEA: And John.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, yeah, and John. So that was a musical scholarship.

BARBARA L.: Which Culp family was this?

DOROTHEA: Fred and Mary Anna.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: Fritz I should say, his name, Fred.

BARBARA E.: Then they, of course had continued to give money for 4-H scholarship, the college scholarship, Girl Scout Camper plan. They needed money to see that some of the girls could be able to go to the camp. They continued to sell with their system the adult tickets to the swimming pool. Then they continued to give gifts to all the schools. The members ---

BARBARA L.: Were these book gifts, or ---

BARBARA E.: They would be, usually what they wanted, within reason. Because at different times ---

BARBARA L.: Whatever the budget wouldn't allow at the time, perhaps?

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. And sometimes they weren't very large, some-times they were more. But usually the committee went and talked to like the principal of the grade school, or principal of the other schools. And although I think maybe with Mr. Slater, it might have been all of the schools, but I don't know for sure, and the high school. The members continued to check the Club Rooms, see that repairs were made, and to give another kitchen shower to replace utensils because they disappeared very fast. They were small -
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DOROTHEA: They still get feet and walk off!

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, I know it. Okay. This is from April of '65 to --- I changed that, didn't I? Okay, anyway it is to 1966. Ruby Bailey was president. And on June 2nd there was a workday for members to work at the Club Room, and they were to bring their own brown bag lunch, plus cleaning supplies with them when they came. So they were going to do painting repairs at the Club Rooms. Then this was quite exciting. I wasn't at the meeting, but the treasurer had looked really closely into the safe deposit box and found five \$100 Series G Bonds in the safe deposit box. So they turned them in and received \$506.25.

DOROTHEA: Well they didn't get much interest, did they?

BARBARA E.: No, and I don't know, I don't know ---

DOROTHEA: Well I think they only cost ---

BARBARA E.: What Series G --- well that's right, they only cost about \$25, didn't they?

BARBARA L.: It must have been \$50, if they were maybe \$100.

DOROTHEA: For \$100.

BARBARA E.: Yes, so I don't know really know when they had been purchased, it didn't say in the minutes. So they paid a \$100, or the money from that was deposited in the scholarship fund, to be sure there was the money there when they needed it. They paid \$100 out for improving the Club Room. And money to the Burns-Hines baseball association. And then of course this went beyond that, \$500. But sponsored another 4-H delegate to the 4-H summer school. Paid money for the Girl Scout summer camp, gifts to school. And at that time Judith Smith was the recipient, the first recipient from the Terry Culp Memorial Music Fund.

DOROTHEA: Which Judith Smith is ---

BARBARA E.: That's Faye Smith's daughter.

DOROTHEA: Faye Smith's daughter.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. Yes, she majored in music at the University of Oregon.

DOROTHEA: Teaches yet, I think.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, yes she does, right. She also works with handicap children.

Then from May 21st of '66 to April of 1967 Gladys Hebener was president. And again they had swim tickets for needy children. Okay. Mary Bennett reported the Museum and Club Rooms roofs were being repaired, they were given a tar and aluminum coating. The Club Rooms roof fee was \$136. They also, the Mother's also paid \$75 to Historical Society for half of the annual lawn care. And they also paid the Club Room

rent.

There was --- this is the time that a check from James Fellows for \$10,000 was received by the Mother's Club. And that was one of the many things that James Fellows did to help Burns and Harney County.

BARBARA L.: \$10,000?

BARBARA E.: \$10,000, uh huh. They paid \$68.60 to the Historical Society for Mother's Club share of the Club Room insurance.

DOROTHEA: Maybe you ought to bring up in here in case somebody listens and don't know who Jim Fellows is, how he got, felt like he was associated with Harney County and the different organizations this way. Do you know?

BARBARA E.: No, I can't really tell you. I believe it was mostly Burns, because that's where he lived, was in Burns. And of course when he gave the money for the Library, that was for the Burns, City of Burns at that time. So I really can't tell you, but Peggy Sitz would know, because she has all that information. But he was very definitely, had a strong tie to this area.

They, members of the Mother's Club, continued to work for the United Fund Appeal. And giving luncheons for clubs and organizations to raise money. They had a raffle. At the PTA meeting at the high school the subject of a Youth Center was raised again. And the PTA members spoke at the Mother's Club meeting. And it ended that the Club members were opposed, due to previous experiences with trying to get a Youth Center. Because, and I know from my own that, quite a few were started, but they never lasted very long. It's just since Jean Cain was able to get that started that it lasted like it did.

BARBARA L.: I think Dave Novotney was the instigator when he was a teacher at the high school, during the time that he was there, that really pushed to get it started. And

then he worked through PRIDE after that. But I think that it was his initial working, is the person that really pushed to get it started.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: Is that the one that you're talking about that Jean Cain was instrumental in?

BARBARA L.: Uh huh.

BARBARA E.: And then under the nice things, Blanche McCulloch was appointed by Governor Hatfield to serve on the advisory committee on arts and humanities. Judith Smith, recipient of the Terry Culp memorial scholarship, participated in the student's recital at the University of Oregon. And that's quite an honor. Jay B. Brown, previous Mother's Club college scholarship winner was ordained a Presbyterian minister in Logan, Utah. So everyone felt good about helping him towards that. The Club received a letter from the Oregon State Board of Higher Education complimenting the Club on their scholarships, and staying with it.

Then from May '67-'68 Virginia Tyler was president. The Mother's Club gave to their usual programs. And then they helped with the Elks Christmas food drive, the Oregon TB Society. And at that time money from the Terry Culp Memorial Fund was donated to the high school to help the school board purchase a tuba for the band. Evidently that's a fairly expensive instrument, and so some money was taken from that fund to help them do that.

BARBARA L.: In the scholarship fund, do you recall, was so much money put into it each year from the general treasury of your Mother's Club to keep it going? I mean it wasn't just interest that was generating the money that was going out. Did you not have to contribute a certain amount every year to keep it going, or how did that work?

BARBARA E.: Yes, that came from a, at different times they'd have a rummage sale, or

they would make money in different ways. And they usually, that money, the first amount went to the scholarship funds to be sure they were set. But then of course they had a savings account to draw on ... it didn't work out. But they usually just about made it. It was \$200 for each one, and that was \$400 right off the top. But they always managed to keep up with their giving. Virginia reported several of the tables were missing from the Club Room.

BARBARA L.: Oh dear.

BARBARA E.: I know it, and those cost money.

BARBARA L.: They're getting really big now.

BARBARA E.: Yeah, yes. And they also gave a donation to the Brownie Scout group, and that was continued for several years.

Then in May of 1968 to April of '69 Mary Miller was president. And again the members helped canvas for the United Fund Drive. There was considerable discussion on the rental and upkeep of the Club Rooms. Rental was left up to the Forum Committee. Now this is one of the things I've got to find out, is who was on the Forum Committee. They seemed to have something to do with both, I guess, so I don't know whether, I don't know who it was, but I have to find that out. And I don't know why they put the two together, it was, there was a discussion on the rental and upkeep of the Club Room. And I don't know whether the other group didn't have any-thing to do with the upkeep --- I don't understand it, so I have to look into it. Also to settle some other problems at that time. Then it said we decided to carpet the stage as soon as we have the money.

BARBARA L.: The stage at the Club Rooms?

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. Okay. Then they were concerned with two things, overdue dues, and lack of projects to raise money. So it was decided to deposit \$5,000 of the \$10,000 in six months time deposit, and the other \$5,000 in a year time deposit.

BARBARA L.: This was the money that Fellows gave?

BARBARA E.: Yes, the money that he gave, right. Okay. Rosina Sawyer, this is another one, reported, and this isn't nice at all. Reported, Rosina Sawyer reported that the light globes and the fixtures in the Club Rooms were broken out. These would have to be replaced.

DOROTHEA: A lot of vandalism then.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, they did have. I don't know how it is now, but ---

BARBARA L.: I wonder if they had to make a deposit like they do now, or whether they just paid rent. Because you pay a deposit, then if there is something wrong, don't you take ---

DOROTHEA: Keep the deposit.

BARBARA E.: I don't know, because nothing, there was nothing mentioned. And I think this must have come into this sort of ghostly Forum Committee that no one seems to know much about it. And then the Forum Committee was reporting back to the Mother's Club members from just before this started on what was going on. And the carpeting on the podium was laid. And the Forum said they would pay half of the insurance bill. That must have been on liability and things like that.

Okay then we get to May of 1969 to 1970, and Irene Krueger was president. They had a rummage sale to raise money. Both the vice president, Myrna Tuning and the treasurer, Garnet Mickey resigned. And so Bessie Clemens said she would act as vice president, and Ruby Bailey will serve as treasurer until fall. Due to lack of membership it was voted to amend the by-laws so that meetings would be held once a month on the second Thursday, instead of twice a month.

Then in October of 1970 Bob Salladay spoke regarding paving the area behind the Club Rooms with proper curbing and drainage. The estimate was \$4,500. The County

says that is not a budget item, so that left the Mother's Club as the only one with available funds. That's from the minutes. Okay. So they had a meeting on, following this, and it was decided to return \$5,000 to year time deposit, and put \$5,000 in the savings account. And Mary Bennett and Ruby Bailey managed the discussion, and it evidently was a good one, was to contact other sources for money for sharing the cost. But they went ahead and a motion was made, and seconded, and passed that the Mother's Club pay for the saving now, and it was on a written ballot, which I had never run across that. It was 15 yes, 3 no, and 3 undecided.

BARBARA L.: I suppose since it was really an important issue, involved a lot of money, they didn't want pressure upon those voting, so they probably went to the written ballot then.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. And of course it was a good thing they did do it, because it was well done, and I don't see anything very, you know, bad on it even now.

BARBARA L.: You could have erosion down into your building if you don't have this taken care of.

BARBARA E.: Yes, uh huh. Then they, the Club projects were for the women to make lap robes for the nursing home, some of the nursing home people. And to cover foot stools for the same people. I don't know exactly what that entailed, but they were doing work on it anyway. And then they paid \$50 to the Lake Creek youth center needs.

And then Mary Bennett and Ruby Bailey continued to try to find someone who would help repay the investment on the paving. Then in December of that year, Mr. Frost reported cost of paving would be more because of additional ditching to make it work. Then there was a misunderstanding regarding the obligations, and it was decided that there would be a meeting of the Forum Committee and the Mother's Club officers at 7:00 p.m. in the Club Rooms. And there was no indication of what went on at the meeting.

BARBARA L.: No minutes were reported for that.

BARBARA E.: No, huh uh. Mr. Frost needs the \$1,000 extra payment, and that was okayed.

Then in May of 1970 to April of 1971 Helen Vickers was president. There was a report from the Forum Club (Committee) meeting, but no facts in the minutes. Now this is something that I'm not quite sure what it means, but maybe I'll find out, was Rosina Sawyer of the Forum Committee reported a balance of \$960.69. So I'm not sure ---

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BARBARA E.: And Rosina Sawyer was chosen Woman of the Year.

DOROTHEA: This must be through the Chamber from then on?

BARBARA E.: Yes, uh huh, yes that one. The next year was May of 1971 to 1972, and Betty Clemens was president. There was a discussion on periodic furnace cleaning and building repairs. It was suggested to the Forum Committee that one member go off each year and a new one on, so that more members would understand the problems and solutions. More and more members transferred to the associate list, and they were not being replaced with new members. Although they did, there were several each year, but not enough to replace.

The United Appeal solicitation again for raising for funds was voted yes, they would help. Vice president Helen Sands resigned. Ethel Harris was elected to finish Helen's term of office.

DOROTHEA: Well maybe Ethel could remember some of the, what the Forum Committee was, and some of this.

BARBARA E.: That's right, I hadn't --- I've forgotten about Ethel Harris.

BARBARA L.: If a person coming in and a person going out, maybe it was more or less of

a steering committee or something as to --- from the Mother's Club out or something.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. Well I didn't hear any, didn't see any reference to it that I knew of, but I don't know. Okay.

BARBARA L.: We'll work on it.

BARBARA E.: Rosina Sawyer reported from the Forum Committee that financial help from the Mother's Club might be necessary. I don't know what, I'm not sure what happened with it. It may have been in some other minutes. But the next meeting the Forum Committee reported \$303 in the treasury, that's not enough to pay bills. The fuel, insurance, janitor, there was much discussion, and it was tabled at that time.

DOROTHEA: Well it sounds to me like the Mother's Club had full, well I'm going to call it authority. I'm trying to say responsibility toward that. Because why would they have to take care of the furnace, and the oil, and all this?

BARBARA E.: Well this is what I'm beginning to think that the Forum Committee might have been, well it could have also been the members might have been possibly from the Historical Society and the Mother's Club. But maybe with the Mother's Club being chosen to be the ones who were most active. That is, going ahead and doing things. But the others would be on there so they would know what's going on. But as I've said, I don't know.

A decision was made not to give a donation to the library this year.

Then the next year was May of 1972 to 1973, and Ethel Harris was president. A decision was made, 20 for yes, 2 for no, to turn the duties of the Forum Committee back to the Historical Society as stated in the original building agreement. There it is right there.

DOROTHEA: So it must have been with the Historical Society, as well as the Mother's Club.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. I don't know how it, and I don't know when there was a change over. But anyway that's what it says right there.

DOROTHEA: And Bill Cramer doesn't remember any of this?

BARBARA E.: No, he doesn't, he said, you know it has been awhile. And I don't know how active he was in it at that time. And so I don't know.

Mary Bennett encouraged more members to attend meetings. Gen Slater presented the Club with a check of \$500 from the Library Board for their part of their contribution for the paving. I can remember that, because I was on the Library Board. And the decision was made to put the \$500 in the scholarship fund. Decision made to turn the furnishings of the Mother's Club over to the Historical Society. An inventory and letter of explanation was sent to the Society. Okay then the next check from the Library Board was for \$632.75, and they were able to do that because that came out of that James Fellows Fund, money.

Then from May 1973 to 1974 Ann Reagan was president. The women again helped with the United Fund appeal, and they collected \$488.50, was collected by 5 women, and that meant a lot of work.

BARBARA L.: I should say.

BARBARA E.: Betty --- oh, Garnet Mickey resigned and Betty Patteeuw was elected to fill her term as secretary. A decision for the Club to sponsor two students at the National Honor Society banquet, and the Club would pay for the student's dinners and the two members of the Club who would go to sponsor them.

DOROTHEA: Do you have the spelling for that? That's pronounced Patteeuw.

BARBARA E.: Patteeuw. Okay. I never found it until somewhere along in here, and I'm not sure, because it was just wriggled at the end, and I've never heard it said, so I didn't know. Patteeuw.

DOROTHEA: Patteeuw.

BARBARA E.: Patteeuw, okay. A decision to pay \$25 to help 17 boys attend the junior wrestling, the thing in Portland, was voted in. \$50 for the Girl Scout Camp at Lake Camp, at the Lake Camp, and dues from --- that part, I don't know what I wrote that down --- dues from, oh the dues from that, for girls to attend went up from \$18 to \$25 per girl. So they had been giving, for quite a number of years, just \$50. So they raised it, or \$25, so they raised it to \$50.

BARBARA L.: So that they could have two camperships.

BARBARA E.: Yes, they could have two, they always sent two. Uh huh. The money from the afghan tickets were to help increase the scholarship fund. The afghan was to be displayed at Carter's Jewelry.

BARBARA L.: Was it made by a member, did it say?

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, yes. It didn't say who made it, but it was made by a member, yeah.

The next year was May 1974 to 1975, and Betty Patteeuw ---

DOROTHEA: Patteeuw.

BARBARA E.: Patteeuw was president. The decision was made to raise the scholarship fund from \$200 to \$250 starting this year. And the decision was made against canvassing for the United Fund this year. Resignation of Cleo Voshall, and she wanted to go on the associate list. Gen Slater was put on as chairman of the scholarship committee. And Rosetta Hamilton replaced Cleo. Christmas party plans were gifts to go to the --- the gifts that the women usually exchanged, they were inexpensive gifts, and they always had done that for years, but they changed their mind and voted to spend the money for gifts to go to the Elks Christmas basket rather than exchanging it within the Club. And then they bought gloves for small children at the 4-C. Mary Bennett reported

that the Forum Committee is disbanding, she being the only one on the committee.

DOROTHEA: Kind of, no wonder.

BARBARA L.: I'm finished.

BARBARA E.: And they put new locks on the Club Room doors. They spent \$73 for two Girls Scout camperships, to help them go. A decision was made to have officers continue another year. Okay.

BARBARA L.: So no new elections, just keep going.

BARBARA E.: Keep going, uh huh. And then this is the last part here. This is where my notes are not --- the scholarship, let's see where did I leave off on that one --- that was '76. This was supposed to have gone in during the last year. They had Marine Scholarships, now I don't know what that meant. 4-H campership at Lake Creek, Harney County Hospital Auxiliary, presents to the schools as usual, and they voted to donate money to the Harney County Fair Building.

DOROTHEA: That must be the new building.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, yeah. And then in '76 the new officers were elected for '76-'77, and Edna Miller was president. They drew \$500 from the savings to pay for two scholarships. None of the new officers were at the meeting, except for Edna.

BARBARA L.: Oh dear.

BARBARA E.: So this is the last part. The bills were paid, and no new business. Then Lela Sitz made a motion to disband the Mother's Club after Gen Slater explained that the vote at the March 10th meeting was illegal.

DOROTHEA: And what date was this?

BARBARA E.: This is April 14th, 1977. The ballot was taken, 15 yes, and 1 no. And Rosina Sawyer made a motion to give \$1500 to the Harney County Senior Center for citizens for recreation. And the remainder, after all bills were paid, to go to the Harney

County Historical Society with a recommendation that a portion of the money be used for new chairs for the Club Rooms, a new furnace for the Club Room and one for the Museum. And have the Club Room and the Museum painted to match the Harney County Library. That was seconded, and was 14 yes, and 2 no.

The amount given to the Historical Society was \$8,522.59. And among the bills was a \$250 scholarship that went to Diane Thew of Crane. And that's the end!

DOROTHEA: Let's record some more, and see if we can't kind of put on here that as we gather more information well we will add on to this. And I think that we should find out somehow or other what the Forum Committee was, and whether it consisted of members from the Historical Society and Mother's Club, or just the Mother's Club. And how --- and I don't know who we're going to find out this from, the Mother's Club and the Historical Society got more or less linked together kind of as a family. Because it sounds like the Mother's Club had a lot of money involved in the Club Rooms and the Museum.

BARBARA E.: Well when you go back to the name, I think this is one thing that Bill Cramer said, was it was called the Museum Club Rooms. And I often wondered why it was a Museum Club Rooms, rather than a Museum and a Club Room. But evidently it went together somehow, but how it went I don't know.

DOROTHEA: Well I think it's still the Museum Club Rooms.

BARBARA E.: Yes, I think it's still called that. Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, but this is what I'm curious about is how the two are linked together, and why did the Historical Society end up with so much of the Mother's Club's money. And they made the suggestion that they use this money towards a furnace and furniture, you know, unless they had some kind of a tough, strong connection there.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. Well I think so; I think it must have been.

BARBARA L.: Well if it was their money they would have a good say so as to how it was

used, I would think.

BARBARA E.: Yes, right.

DOROTHEA: But it sounds to me like somehow or other the Mother's Club was instigators of raising a lot of that \$55,000 that it took to build those buildings.

BARBARA E.: Well, I know that this was from my mother-in-law, Henrietta Bardwell, that she and Gus went down to talk to Mrs. Cater, the woman who was the ---

DOROTHEA: Which is Anna Cater.

BARBARA E.: Yes, uh huh. And they talked to her and she was, very generously gave them the extra money they needed. But I don't know which, whether that was the Museum building or whether this was all put together, the Club Rooms even --- Well you know they are sort of hooked together with that walk. And whether that was meant, when they said the Museum, maybe it meant the Museum Club Rooms. And that's another thing I don't know.

DOROTHEA: Well see this is something that has been brought up also at the Historical Society meetings, is that this land was given to them, and then when the Library was built, they donated this land to the Library to have it built here, to kind of bring this all in together.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh.

DOROTHEA: So, this is where I'm kind of curious. And living, you know, so close around here, I'm sorry I didn't know more about it. Because at that time I suppose I was raising a family and didn't have much interest. But ---

BARBARA E.: Well that's the way I was too. Because some of, well relatives and friends were very definitely right in the middle of it all the time and I --- but I remember some of it, but not enough to say this is so, or that is so.

DOROTHEA: Yeah, and that's how I am too.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh, yeah. It would be interesting to find out exactly how it fell together that way.

DOROTHEA: I might go up and see if some of the minutes of the Historical Society are not at the courthouse somewhere. Because I know Dorothy George has dug up a bunch of them.

BARBARA E.: Oh, she has, uh huh.

DOROTHEA: But I don't know how far back they go. But maybe they would have something in their minutes, you know, that would say something about how they were involved with the Mother's Club. Because I'm curious, it's interesting to me to know that the Mother's Club worked so hard to have so much money, and donated so much time and efforts in that building, painting, and cleaning, and having their kitchen showers in order to replace and replenish. Which is now all up to the Historical Society. So that's, you know, that's brought my curiosity up.

BARBARA E.: Yeah, I wondered whether the Mother's Club didn't, maybe had a little more right to the building, that one, than the other. Or whether they just said yes we'll do that, because that gives us a wonderful place to meet. It's hard to say, because nobody ---

DOROTHEA: Well I think a lot of the organizations had groups of people that met there. I know Mary Bennett started what was called the Friendly Hour in the Rebekahs, and they met there. I don't remember whether it was once or twice a month, but they always gathered up the elderly ladies that didn't attend the meetings of so many different organizations anymore, and they had a little noon luncheon, and a sing along, and happy birthdays, and all this. Also the Sagebrush Club met there. And there was a church group of ladies that met there. There was a lot of meetings that were held there. So I'm wondering if it wasn't a meeting place to begin with.

BARBARA E.: I think it was, because they were trying to do that at the City Hall. And it was awkward for a lot of people to try to get up those stairs. They were pretty steep, weren't they? And they didn't have an elevator like they would be required to now. Maybe the City Hall needed, the City people needed the room too.

DOROTHEA: Barbara, did you have any questions you ---

BARBARA L.: Well I was just going to remark that for an organization to, a small group of women to start with, that grew to great numbers at one time, really contributed a great deal to the community. And felt really responsible that these things take place, so took the initiative to go ahead and really work hard to get it accomplished. And was sad that during the '70's, when a lot of groups, our change in society and everything came about, that it had to disband. But I think it needs to be on record that there was such a good thing that happened in the community. And there were mother-daughter, you know, combinations over the years, that first started as the mother, and then pretty soon the daughter or daughter-in-law became involved. So it was a family thing as well as a community thing.

And to maybe go back and think of how many young people were helped by this organization with scholarships, or camperships, or whatever that maybe made their day, or made their year during that time too.

DOROTHEA: Well I can remember they were given scholarships when I was still in school, and it was an honor to have been chosen as a recipient of it. So they must have been kind of choosy in who got them. And it had to be more or less someone that was very dedicated in going on and finishing, you know, something. It wasn't someone that was just going to college for, because ---

BARBARA E.: I think that just reading through the minutes, I believe that the principal at the high school, and the teachers had a lot to do with giving them perhaps some names

and ---

BARBARA L.: I think maybe it is the way the National Honor Society picks now too. Because I think it is, you know, teachers and administrators that select. I'm not positive, but I think that's the way that they are selected.

BARBARA E.: So yes, because I believe they knew that they didn't know enough about most of the youngsters to know. But --- And even that, see at one time there wasn't anyone wanted to bother with a scholarship, it only paid \$200. Or maybe they, because they advertised it as much as they could. But something went wrong, and it wasn't given one year. So --- and I think that was it, they just didn't have any applicants.

DOROTHEA: So somehow or other there must have been some sort of paper you filled out in order to apply for this.

BARBARA E.: Yes, uh huh. I believe those were probably available at the school. I would think so, don't you?

DOROTHEA: Well, why don't we kind of do a little bit of history and checking into, and see what we can come up with to add on some day.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh.

BARBARA L.: But it was a good thing, and it is a good thing to know, and have on record all the many accomplishments that they did make over the years.

BARBARA E.: Right.

BARBARA L.: I'm not sure that an organization like this would even survive today with the way club memberships are going. I don't know that it would happen again. So I think it was a unique thing during that time. We just say good things about it.

BARBARA E.: Well perhaps with the Republican attitude there was an article in yesterday's Oregonian about who is responsible for compassion, and that it may come back to the way it used to be where people did their own. Because people did work then,

because that was the only way you could get help, was with ---

BARBARA L.: Instead of putting your hand out for the government to do it, you ended up doing it yourself.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. Well, and then people in the community would work and help each other that way. And then the government took it over, a lot of that, and did it for people. But I still think that it was a great drawing together for the community, because everyone was involved in it one way or another.

DOROTHEA: Well look at how many women belonged to this organization. I mean it was women, and how ---

BARBARA E.: Yes, the women who did that.

DOROTHEA: --- what wonderful workers they were. I mean my golly, they accomplished so much. And today you couldn't get that many women to work.

BARBARA E.: No.

DOROTHEA: That's like with our clean-up committees and things that you have in the organizations now, you may have five or six work on everything, and that's it.

BARBARA E.: Uh huh. The same people do the work all the time.

DOROTHEA: The same people over and over. So --- Well let's go toward that, and if Barbara if you don't have anything more to add then we'll just stop it here and hope we can find out more information. And we'd like to thank you, Barbara, for all the work that you've done ---

BARBARA E.: You're welcome.

DOROTHEA: --- in putting this together. We hope one day to finish it.

BARBARA L.: A lot of research, and we appreciate your time.

BARBARA E.: Oh well, thank you.

(See attached listing of all Mother's Club Presidents, and the year in which they served.)

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