

History Of Salem 'Homemakers'

In 1922, the first Home Economics work began in Delaware County.

Salem Township was one of the first few townships interested. There was no organization at that time, no minutes and very few records were kept of any of the proceedings. In the years of 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925 Mrs. Della Dresbach and Mrs. Florence Martin were the leaders. They represented Salem Township at the county meetings which were held similar to the leaders' meetings now.

The average attendance was 15 to 20 women. The lessons were on dress forms, patterns and hats. Once each year a county meeting was held for all of the women, the same as the County Achievement Days now. In 1926 two leaders were added, namely, Mrs. Arthur Summers and Mrs. Marker Sunderland. Costuming was the major project.

In 1927 the clothing project began which continued through 1928. In 1929, Mrs. Winifred Mowrey was elected the first president, and the Township women formed their first organized club in the Pikes Peak Church. The leaders were Mrs. Mary McCreary and Mrs. Reba Young.

At the present time there are 29 active members and two honorary members.

List Of World War Veterans

Joseph Funkhouser, Clarence B. Barkdull, died in service; Clyde McKee, Alva Rinker, Clarence McCreary, Edward L. Skinner, Jesse Davis, Clifford Heaston, died in service; Kenneth Funkhouser, Clarence Hoel, Charles Henkle, Homer Hurley, Paul Hartley, Frank Shock, Fred Rathel, Kirby Shoemaker, Raymond McAllister, Grover Oliver, died in service; Richard Bright, Earl Tuhey, Dr. O. A. Tucker, Dr. Franklin T. Kilgore, Evert Potts, Arnett Mischeal, Geo. Hazelymyre, Arthur McCreary, Arthur M. Bowman, Alva Betterton, Alonzo Barkdull, Jay Hodson, William Hahn, Edward Hazelymyre, Orville Martz, David Sheets, Clarence Carr, Homer Witt, Nelson Emsweller, Earl McCreary, Cassel K. Addison, Albert Stewart, Joseph Feely, died in service; George Bronnenberg, John Detrick, John Hazelymyre, Martin Davis, Albert Fish, died in service; Frank Emsweller, Forrest Shimer, Elmer Fuston, Harold Shoemaker, Charles Hoel, Irvin Martz, Homer Watson, Mark Lambert, Perry Fish, Ralph Martin, Floyd Hancock, Hysel Costerson, Otis Hancock, John Mark Bowman, Robert Brandon, Mendal Hamilton, Ralph Pierce, Thadd Witt, March Safford, Merril Swanger, Herman Turner, Howard Lop-

'Home Building' Aim Of Women

The Daleville Home Economics Club was organized November 18, 1936, by Miss Hazel Arbuckle, County Home Demonstration Agent, assisted by Mrs. Henry Haller, who was the inspiration of its organization and who became its first President.

The purpose of its organization being to enlist women of Daleville and community in the study of present opportunities and future possibilities in improving, enlarging, and endearing the greatest institution in the world, "the Home," and to inspire club members in the divine joy of living and helping others, by passing on to others that which has benefited them.

Visit Indianapolis

We, as Home Economics Club members have been greatly helped to attain our goal by visitations in a body to many institutions where we obtained a vast array of facts proved by science in many different ways, of chemical compositions of foods, silks, cosmetics, etc. These visits included the Proctor and Gamble factory, Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Kingan Packing Company, two large bakeries, the Deaf and Dumb School and that wonderful War Memorial in our own capitol, where we as a group stood in silence and paid tribute to those boys who meant so much to our United States.

Our club has been the inspiration of two other Home Economics clubs in the community, the "Friendly Circle" and "Jolly Juniors".

Our Creed—We believe in the present and its opportunities, in the future and its promises, in everything that makes life large and lovely and we will strive to go onward and upward until we reach the pinnacle of economic perfection.

Our Motto—"Give the best to the world and the best will come back to you."

Club officers are: President, Bertha Haller; vice president, Ruth Wright; secretary, Pauline Lambert; treasurer, Muriel Richman; reporter, Mary Nelson; historian, Mae Rinker; project leaders, Georgia Benzenbower, Ethel Henkle; alternate leaders, Mae Rinker, Mammie Oliver; flower committee, Muriel Richman, Crystal Smith; song leader, Ida Mae Muterspaugh.

Girl Scouts

The girl Scouts were organized by Mrs. Howard Leonard in April, 1937, under the sponsorship of the Woman's Club. The troop received its charter in June with twenty-four members under the leadership of Miss Lavina Laird. At the holidays the Girl Scout Troop held a Xmas party for younger children and in April co-operated with the Boy Scouts in sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt.

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Water Driven Mill Erected Here, 1864

Grist or flouring mills were not among the early institutions of our locality. There was one at Muncie and one at Middletown at an early date and the settlers of Salem Township had to go there for their flour and meal and stock grinding, making the trip at much inconvenience.

About 1864 James Turner erected a mill a mile or so northeast of Daleville on White River. It was operated in connection with a saw mill and both derived their power from the stream.

Peter A. Helvie bought the mill from Mr. Turner and from him it went through the hands of several owners.

In 1875 it again reverted to Mr. Helvie who moved it to Daleville where now stands the residence that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schlegel occupy. J. P. Rogers operated the mill for Mr. Helvie.

In 1881 Mr. Frank Daniels, who owned and operated, with his brother John, the flour mill in Middletown, bought the Daleville mill from the Helvie heirs and moved here on April 3 of that year.

At that time it was a two-burr mill, but in 1888 a full roller system was put in and a little later Mr. J. W. Overman, of Yorktown, became a partner and Daniels & Overman's Favorite Flour became a very popular brand.

The mill burned in 1905.

Toll-Gate Centers Once Thriving

Cross Roads has been mentioned many times in the early history of Salem Township. A store and a blacksmith shop have been maintained there through the years and it has stood out as a community center of good fellowship and neighborliness.

Sockum, one mile south of the present center of Progress, became a center sometime prior to 1860 and a postoffice was maintained there. But in 1900 when Progress took on activity and a store and blacksmith shop opened there, Sockum ceased to exist.

Pinch-Penny was a township center in the days of the toll gates. It was located at the present site of Fort's Filling Station, and boasted of a toll-gate, grocery, and blacksmith shop.

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Early Memories Of Daleville

About 1885 Ephriam McConnell moved his saw mill from southwest of Muncie to Daleville to a site where the glass factory was later located, and where now stands the humus factory at the east edge of the town on the Big Four railroad. The McConnell frame residence was situated in a grove of trees on a knoll just east of the saw mill. Mr. McConnell now lives in Muncie, having left Daleville around 1898.

Early Doctors

Some of the earliest physicians of our village were Dr. Comstock, Dr. Cottrel, Dr. Dillon, Dr. Cornelius, Dr. Buffington, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Summers and Dr. Graham.

Newspapers

In the days of the "gas boom," when the shoe factory located in Daleville, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones came here from Peru, Indiana. Mr. Jones gave us our first newspaper, "The Daleville Exponent."

The Jones family returned to Peru after a short time. Later Calvin Goss came into the town and established the "Daleville Echo-voice." In an issue of this paper dated Friday, September 23, 1898, we read, "The Ideal Stove and Foundry Company is now turning out a large number of both cooking and heating stoves," and another item—"School opened on Monday with an attendance of 167."

At about this same time, Charles Diltz was our postmaster and Mr. Hollinger, who was the local undertaker, was township trustee.

We had a skating rink then, in the upstairs hall of the Good building, over our present hardware store.

The telegraph line of the new Chicago and Southeastern railroad was almost completed to Daleville and the telegraph office was located in the Farmers and Merchants Bank and John M. Cranor of the Bank, acted as operator.

First Grain Mart Opened In 1866

The home of Esta Shoemaker was originally the first grain market in town. John Shoemaker, the father of Esta, bought it after the Civil War. The building originally stood next to the railroad where the Raymond McAllister garage is now located, across from the Mingle garage.

It was moved to the present site and until 1918, the sign "Cash for Wheat and Grain" could be seen through the paint on the house.

John Shoemaker lived there the rest of his life, until his death in 1933, when he was 87 years of age.

Where the house now stands is known as Shoemaker Addition to the town of Daleville.

J. R. Shoemaker, the grandfather, was a Civil War veteran.

Daleville Has Oldest Barber

W. W. Cox, past 70 years of age is the oldest barber in Indiana. Mr. Cox has operated his place of business in this town for more than 50 years, thirtyeight of which he has occupied the same room. For more than sixty years Cox has been following the trade of a tonsorial artist. His father who lived to eighty-two years old, was a barber before him and followed the trade until ten years before his death. He taught the son how to handle a razor, comb and scissors, and W. W. Cox states "These were the only tools one needed when I started". When he first began the trade, Mr. Cox recalled he was not tall enough and his father built a platform around the barber chair so he could reach the customer.

Mr. Cox was born in Laporte County, but has lived in Delaware County sixty-five years. The Cox family moved to Daleville when the son was sixteen years old.

★ Recalls First Ride On Traction Car

The building of the Traction Line was completed early in the year 1901.

The first passenger car was operated through Daleville January 4, 1901. Mr. W. H. Polhemus says he rode on the first passenger car operated through Daleville.

At that time the current used to operate the cars was generated at the Anderson power plant which was located in North Anderson.

Mr. Michael Maddy was the first agent and sub-station operator for the Company at this place.

The following persons, living in Daleville, have been employed as agents and sub-station operators at this station in the past years: James Yates, Walter Richman, Memory Williams, James Parker, Virgil Bricker, Jacob Orebaugh, Frank Carpenter, Joseph Minnick. The present agent, J. E. Puterbaugh, replaced Mr. Q. Clevenger July 10, 1931.

The traction line was taken over by the Indiana Railroad Co. August 1, 1930.

During the years 1930 and 1931 the Indiana Railroad spent almost \$1,500,000.00 in improvements on their properties, including several new speed one-man cars which were put in service about July 27, 1931.

The Anderson Power Plant was abandoned in September, 1937, and current for power is supplied by the Lenora sub-station at Indianapolis.

About the year 1912 the Traction Company began supplying current for light and power in this community.

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Relates School Experiences

W. W. Helvie was born in Salem Township in the year 1853, and is the son of William K. and Sara Jane Armstrong Helvie. In an interview recently, Mr. Helvie recalled his experience as a pupil in the Pikes Peak school, one of the first in our township. Due to the lack of finances, school was conducted for but three months out of the year. It was Mr. Helvie's father that helped stake the land for the school in 1859.

Mr. Helvie recalled the increase in the size of Daleville following the discovery of natural gas in 1890.

Boots worn at his marriage ceremony in 1877 were made for Mr. Helvie by John Bender, whose boot shop was in the old Mingle building here.

★ Snyder Brick Yard

The first kiln of brick burned in Salem Township has already been mentioned but the manufacture of brick did not become a real industry in the township until much later.

In 1891, Mr. E. C. A. Snyder, in company with Granville Ellison, formed a partnership and engaged in the manufacture of brick on a site just east of the present home of Valentine Feely.

In 1892 the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Snyder became sole proprietor, which position he held until the yard ceased to operate about 1900. In 1893 this establishment had a capacity of 25,000 brick per day.