

# History repeating itself in Bradford Woods

Service to the community and good fellowship among women of the Bradford Woods area is the goal of the newly-organized Bradford Woods Woman's Club.

And so it was almost 60 years ago when the first club was organized in the community.

In those days what is now the Borough of Bradford Woods was a part of Marshall Township.

Through the efforts of the members of that first club — Bradford Woods Civic Club, organized in 1914 — the area became a borough.

Landowners got together and incorporated because people wanted a school of their own. The borough was chartered in 1915.

Officers of the new group are: Mrs. William Grivas, president; Mrs. Winthrop Laird, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Paul Kaut, Mrs. Bernard Smith, Mrs. James Sherlock and Mrs. James Kavanaugh, steering committee.

The club meets in the Bradford Woods Fire Hall at 8 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month and plans to meet all summer.

All women of the community are invited.

## First officers

The first officers of the original club were:

Mrs. William A. Crawford, president; Mrs. Carl Behrhorst, vice president; Mrs. Harry B. Burns, secretary, and Mrs. William Harrison, treasurer.

The program committee consisted of Mrs. Burns, Mrs. M. P. Sullivan, Mrs. Jack Gillespie, Mrs. Behrhorst and Mrs. Raymond Brown.

The rubbish and sign committee was composed of Mrs. T. A. Marter, Mrs. John McCarthy and Miss Elsie Martin (now Mrs. F. C. Ross).

Mrs. Burns (mother of Harry B. Burns Jr. of Bradford Road) kept the minutes in interesting fashion. She was the author of the Bradford Woods song which she penciled and corrected inside the front cover of the minute book. Mrs. Fickes set it to music.

"You cannot unlock the door of truth with the rusted key of prejudice" is written under the list of officers for that first year.

Civic Club members had no hesitation about asking the borough

fathers to see that certain ordinances were passed.

They asked for a law "a building and sanitary ordinance which will in your opinion assure the desired results."

"We would further petition that you restrict in a similar way the erection and maintenance of unsafe, unsanitary and unsightly structures such as billboards, etc."

## Rubbish committee

The rubbish committee was instructed to "secure rubbish cans to be surrounded by rustic boxes and surmounted by a sign requesting the native and wayfarer alike to help keep Bradford Woods clean."

One of the receptacles was to be placed at the streetcar station and another at Crystal Spring (on Wexford Run Road, where the Barnes family lives).

The property on Forest and Edgewood roads, now being considered as a borough park, was the home of Mrs. Crawford, Civic Club's first president, and Mrs. M. P. Sullivan, a member of that first program committee.)

Club dues amounted to 25 cents a month. It was noted that "one bit in Mrs. Harrison's hand is worth two on Mrs. Burns' books."

The name of the village was discussed at a club meeting.

"To prevent our friends, pianolas, autos and the goods that come in little packages from going to Bradford people in another part of the state instead of to us here in the woods, it becomes us, we the people, to insist on the whole name — Bradford Woods — and to see what can be done to have the reality company recognize it also."

A committee was appointed to take up with the land company the improvement of the park around the station, the construction of the promised lake, (at the end of Delmar Road), the control of billboard and sign nuisance around the streetcar station.

Women had a bird house contest that first year, entered by children of the borough.

## Bought piano

The piano, used in the school for many years, was bought by the Civic Club at a cost of \$225.

When the school (now Kingdom Hall



CIVIC CLUB GAVE THEM — Miss Virginia Hannan, right, former president of Bradford Woods Civic Club, telling Mrs. William Grivas, president of the newly

organized club, about the stone pillars at the entrance to Bradford Woods. Civic Club gave the pillars many years ago. Civic Club members landscaped the pillars and

planted coreopsis, the borough flower, around both pillars and street signs.

on Wexford Run Road) was dedicated in the fall of 1915. Civic Club had a part in the program. The committee included Mrs. Charlotte Vinton, Mrs. E. E. Kehew and Mrs. John McCarthy.

Nicknames were given each club member and roll calls were answered with information on various subjects.

Later the club organized a library, headed by Mrs. Crawford.

Officers elected in 1915 were: Mrs. Kehew, president; Mrs. Burns, vice president; Mrs. Sullivan, secretary, and Mrs. McCarthy, treasurer.

Women sponsored community entertainments, suppers and other events and everybody in the community turned out for them.

Bradford Woods later boasted a Woman's Club and a Men's Club. About

1933 a Junior Civic Club was organized under the sponsorship of the Civic Club. Mrs. J. Charles Runk of Forest Road was adviser.

The Civic Club, until it was disbanded in 1958, made many improvements to the borough including the pillars at the entrance to the borough, planting around the pillars, street signs and the like.

Many of the improvements in Bradford Woods can be traced to a far-sighted group called Bradford Woods Civic Club — organized for the purpose of making the borough a beauty spot in Allegheny County. The borough, free of signs and commercial properties, attests to those early efforts of the women of Bradford Woods.

## Consult dermatologist about hair removal

Question — I have a problem with unwanted hair. A number of devices and treatments are advertised in magazines, all claiming to remove hair permanently. One device, Perma-Tweez, is advertised to remove hair permanently by electrolysis. It's relatively inexpensive, \$14, but will it work? Mrs. T. E. F., Fombell

Answer — Electrolysis involves injecting the hair follicle with a fine needle, shooting an electric current into the follicle and then tweezing out the loosened hair. This relatively painless but time-consuming process must be done hair by hair.

Before investing in any hair-removal device or hair-removal service, it would be a good idea to consult a dermatologist or send in for an excellent booklet, "Excess Hair and Its Removal," put out by the American Medical Association.

You can get a copy by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: The Committee on Cutaneous Health and Cosmetics, AMA; 535 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. 60610.

Q — Are there any patent medicine preparations on the market to be used as skin peeling agents for taking away acne scars? C. S., Sunderland

A — Resorcinol, a peeling agent, is used in patent medicine formulas for treating acne, but in a low concentration. Overuse of a peeling agent can cause scarring, staining and hyperpigmentation of the skin. Talk with your doctor before trying this approach.

Q — I subscribed to an

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endowment insurance plan at \$50 a month. I paid a total of \$1,500. When I cashed in my policy, I received only \$1,185 — a loss of \$315. Is this a common practice for this type of insurance? A. E. R., Suncook, N.H.

A — You cashed in your policy soon after it was paid up. It usually takes several years before you can even expect to break even on an endowment policy. If you were thinking of this kind of insurance policy as a quick form of savings, you made a mistake. The agent usually gets the first year's premiums as his commission, so it takes awhile for the cash value to build up.

Q — We want to remodel our house and we're worried about using safe paints and sealers. I understand babies have died from eating paints and adults have gotten an allergy similar to bronchitis. Please advise us. — Mrs. J. W. A., Westfield, Mass.

A — The only paint or sealer which could cause a severe illness in a healthy person would have a lead base. Except for a few outdoor paints and primers, these have generally been removed from the market. If a paint contains lead, it must be so stated on the can.

## Books needed for Northland Library sale

You can't have a successful book sale without a quantity of books.

Having announced that there would be a book sale this fall, Friends of Northland Library finds that on the basis of the number of books collected thus far, the sale cannot be a success.

Many of the books collected will go on the shelves of the library. The balance will be sold to buy books for use in the library.

North Boroughs Rotary Club has been assisting with collection and handling of donations. They will continue to pick up large donations if those who want to give books are unable to take them to the library. John Ross, 364-3444, or James Haser, 364-5359, will arrange for pickup.

How about cleaning your bookshelves this weekend and giving discarded hardbacks, paperbacks, textbooks, reference books and what have you to the Northland Library. They can be left at the library, 120 Three Degree Road, Ross.

## Bittersweet club planning tour

Bittersweet Garden Club of Richland Township will tour the Shenango Glass Co., New Castle, in place of the June meeting.

## Youth Division exhibits art work

Art work done by members of the Youth Division will be featured in the Artist of the Month exhibit in the Unitarian-Universalist Church of the North Hills, 2359 W. Ingomar Road, Franklin Park.

"Loneliness" is the theme for photographs and posters created under the direction of James Mooney.

"God of Pollution" and "God of Tooth Decay" were subjects of some of the papier mache masks created by Lorraine Sprague's group. This class also collaborated on a permanent outdoor sculpture of many panels in clay. Creativity was explored in two and three-dimensional projects in a variety of media — wood, chalk, acrylic paint and string, by Mrs. W. D. George's group.

Samples of this work will be seen in the church lobby Sundays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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