

COUNTRY LIFE CLUB PICKS OFFICERS

RETIRING PRESIDENT MAKES REPORT OF PROGRESS OF THE YEAR.

The Orchard Homes Country Life club has elected the following officers for the coming year: Fred T. Parker, president; H. C. B. Colville, vice president; Bijou Parker, secretary; Ed Miller, treasurer; H. D. Maclay, George Berman and John Kack, trustees.

At the meeting at which these officers were elected, held Thursday evening, the retiring president, J. P. Irving, made the following report:

Your president submits the following report relative to organization and doings of the Orchard Homes Country Life club during the past year:

Organizing the Club.

About a year ago a petition was circulated among the people living in Orchard Homes, relative to organizing a club and occupying the hall situated in the Orchard Homes which at that time was not being used. After fully 50 per cent of the residents had signed the petition favorable to the plan, a mass meeting was called and the matter thoroughly discussed, with the result that the Orchard Homes Country Life club was formed. A constitution and bylaws was adopted at the meeting a week later, permanent officers were elected and the policy of the club outlined, which is as follows:

That our object should be to help develop in the country the great ideals of community life as well as personal character; that the country people themselves be encouraged in an ambition to constantly progress in all those things that make the country life wholesome, satisfying, educative and complete. That the social point of view be held aloft the torch of personal and community idealism and the leader in the attempt to idealize country life. That weekly meetings be held and that some sort of an entertainment be furnished so as to bring the Orchard Homes people together, get them better acquainted, and develop sociability among them.

Membership.

At the first two meetings held 67 charter members signed the membership list. Since that time new members have been constantly coming in until tonight we have 150 in good standing, taking in a large portion of the people living in the Orchard Homes and making this club the most flourishing of its kind in western Montana.

Incorporation.

Some time after the club had been organized a plan was started to get possession of the Orchard Homes hall so that some changes could be made and insurance placed on the building and contents. In order to carry out this plan it was necessary for the club to incorporate. This was done, and the rest of the plan carried forward so rapidly that it was only a short time before the Orchard Homes Country Life club filed a deed for the property it now occupies.

Results.

Soon after the club was organized it became apparent that a plan was needed, and by action of the club one was purchased at a cost of \$775. Seventy-five dollars was donated by the firm from whom it was purchased and the balance of \$700 is being paid in monthly installments. A new heating stove was bought by the club to warm the building, new shades for all the windows and the platform enlarged and fitted up as a stage from which entertainments can be given; a good supply of dishes, knives and forks were bought and also 11 folding tables, for use when refreshments are served.

The subject of good roads was taken up with the result that the county commissioners assigned to the club a drag scraper for use on roads in Orchard Homes. The club members volunteered the services of themselves and horses, and the scraper was used to a considerable extent, keeping the roads in the Orchard Homes in much better shape than heretofore.

The Missoula Fruit & Produce association had its origin in the club. This association when fully organized and in good working order will be of untold value to the people in Orchard Homes.

When the farmers' institute was in session in Missoula last spring the club invited several to come out to its hall and give lectures on fruit raising, fruit pests, spraying, etc. Several speakers accepted the invitation and one whole evening was devoted to the above subjects. The club has taken the matter up again this year with a view of having one entire day and evening devoted to these same topics, much good having been done at the former meeting.

We have also had an address on forestry and its workings, an illustrated lecture on Glacier park, the leading questions of the day such as parcels post, woman's suffrage, labor unions, country life versus city life, reciprocity with Canada, etc., have been discussed imparting much information to the club members.

The musical, literary and dramatic talent among the members has been greatly developed, making it possible for the club to get up first-class entertainments and raising to a high standard the moral and social conditions of people living in the community.

Your president who has devoted considerable of his time and energy during the past year to the interest of the club in order that it might be a success, hopes and trusts that the same interest and co-operation that now exists among the members be continued indefinitely and that they show the same loyalty to the new officers that they have shown to those who have served them the past year. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. IRVING, President.

COLD IN COEUR D'ALENES.

Wallace, Jan. 5.—(Special).—Records show that Wallace was the warmest



THE STORE OF RELIABLE SALES

January Clearance OF Women's Apparel

This is the first Saturday of the Sale—a Sale that since Tuesday has established a new record for attendance and volume of sales for the departments involved. Today, with the sale so widely advertised as it has been, we look for further records to be surpassed.

No woman intent on saving on the most stylish, best and most carefully made apparel for herself or her daughter, can afford to miss the advantages this sale presents, while today is the very best for making selections. Assortments, still ample, will soon be broken.

Tailored and Fancy Suits HALF PRICE
Women's and Misses' Coats HALF PRICE
Tailored Dresses Reduced ONE-THIRD
Fancy Gowns Now Reduced ONE-THIRD
Furs of All Kinds Reduced ONE-THIRD

Lingerie Waists HALF PRICE
All Sweaters Now HALF PRICE
Children's Dresses HALF PRICE
Children's Coats HALF PRICE

EXTRA SPECIALS

Silk and fancy Waists, values up to \$15.00, your choice **\$5.00**
Street and dress Skirts, former prices up to \$15.00, your choice **\$3.98**

MILLINERY

Choice of all Hats, former prices up to \$10.00, for **\$2.00**
Choice of all Hats, former prices up to \$20.00, for **\$5.00**
Choice of our very fine Pattern Hats up to \$60.00 at less **1/2**
Women's and Misses' Aviation Hoods, knitted from heavy wool yarns, regularly \$1.25 to \$2.00, now **98¢**
All Willow Plumes and Fancy Feathers, French plumes and aigrettes excepted, now **Half-Price**
Choice of all our Flowers, Foliage and Fancy Wings, grouped in two lots at **25¢ and 50¢**

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spot in the country Wednesday night and Thursday, when the westward cold wave struck the Coeur d'Alenes. Here the lowest point reached was 5 degrees below zero, according to the government thermometer. At Burke, the highest point in the district inhabited, the lowest was 5 degrees below. The extreme cold was of but a few hours' duration, but the following temperature was still lower than usual. Aside from a few bursted water pipes, little damage resulted.

SKATING IN WALLACE.

Wallace, Jan. 5.—(Special).—A sport much prized in this district, but little enjoyed, owing to the absence of freezing weather, is being enjoyed to the utmost by hundreds of people who began skating last night on the ice rink formed by flooding the city park and allowing the large pond thus formed to freeze. The work was done by the city, and until a late hour last night the park was crowded by skaters. The roller rink was temporarily deserted.

CHOSE NEW ORLEANS.

St. Louis, Jan. 5.—The Western Fruit Jobbers closed their convention

ALASKAN BANKERS IN COURT.

Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 5.—Clem H. Summers, former president, and Stuart

G. Holt, former cashier of the First National bank of Juneau were arraigned in the federal court here today upon indictments returned by the federal grand jury charging fraudulent banking. The accused men were given until next Monday to plead.

A DRAW.

Kansas City, Jan. 5.—Tommy Dixon of Kansas City and Johnny Roche of

San Francisco, featherweights, fought 10 rounds to a draw tonight. Dixon was the aggressor from the start, but the coast boy took his punishment gamely and finished strong.

France's new automobile law has eliminated a speed limit, only requiring that a motorist shall always be master of his speed, which never shall be so rapid as to damage a road.