

# Business Women's Club Quickly Finds Something Worth While To Do To Equip Club Rooms Where Members May Meet to Rest or Visit or Read is Organization's First Object

"Business girls of Great Falls organized into a club? Splendid! One of the best things that has happened in this town for a long time. We're for 'em." This and similar remarks were the almost universal comments made by the business men of Great Falls last fall when a new organization, The Business and Professional Women's club, made its debut. Interest, cordiality and enthusiasm were manifested by the other business and professional men's organizations of the city, the Commercial club, the Rotary club, the A. C. club and the Kiwanis club as they welcomed the sister organization.

The club made rapid strides in membership, growing from 16 members in September to 105 at the present time. It soon developed personality and decided characteristics, one of the most remarkable being its ability to begin promptly and close promptly. Any girl who attends the fortnightly luncheon knows that she will be able to return to her office at 1 o'clock without having to leave in the middle of the luncheon or before it has hardly begun.

From 60 to 80 alert women assemble on alternate Thursday noons in the palm room at Hotel Rainbow to discuss the business of their club and listen to talks on matters of current interest by prominent business men of the city. Once a month there is a social evening. At least that has been the program followed by the club up to the present time.

The club has declared its aim in very general terms as for the good of the community. In the words of their constitution they are a group of business and professional women banded together "to promote and protect the interests of women in the professional, industrial and civic world; to encourage women to greater effort; to develop efficiency in the more important activities of the world's work and to assist them in a thinking group for service."

**Men Liberal With Advice.**  
Just how specifically they would set about to better their community the women did not at first say. The men were generous with advice, "Study the needs of the community. Find where you can do the most good and get back of it," one prominent citizen told them. They were also told how one of the men's organizations was two years finding the field in which it could most benefit the town. The women had not long to search for a community need that they could effectively fill.

Many excellent suggestions were offered, but above all the appeal came most insistently from the members of the club itself. "We need club rooms, or at least a club room." We need a place where girls can go at noon," came from another source. "After a girl has finished her lunch, when one of the cafeterias at noon there is nothing for her to do but wander about the stores for half an hour or more or return to her office and work."

If there were only some place where they could go and rest or visit or read! Others stressed the need of a place where the business girls could meet each other in twos and threes and small groups and become better acquainted. "As it is now, about the only place we have to meet each other is at the cafeteria," one girl said. "Many of us have formed pleasant acquaintances even there, but it would be lots pleasanter to have club rooms where we could meet—well—just the way men do in their clubs."

Therefore at a recent executive meeting, Miss Emma Galer was appointed chairman of a club room committee. Miss Galer is assisted by Miss Mary Gereminder and Miss Kate McKenzie. The committee is to search for a suitable club room. The club has decided to begin with one club room—and make arrangements for its furnishing.

"One thing is certain," Miss Galer said. "We are not going in debt for anything, even though we have to borrow our furniture."  
"As we can we will add to our club rooms and extend our club activities," said Miss Hazel Davis, president of



MISS EDYTH CALCOTT, Treasurer.



MISS MAE GASSMAN, Chairman of the Program Committee.



MISS BESSIE DAVEY, Chairman of Luncheon Committee.



MISS ESTHER POWERS, Retiring President of the Club.



MISS EVA JANE BALLMAN, Chairman of the Reception Committee.



MISS ANN RECTOR, Chairman of "Independent Woman" Committee.

the club. "I hope we will soon be able to have an employment agency of our own for our own members where the business men will know how they can find competent help. There are really so many things we can do to make the down town life of the business girl pleasanter and thus help her to be happier and more efficient in her work, it is hard to know where to begin. But we are not going to make the mistake of many organizations and attempt too much before we are able. We will start one thing at a time and do it well. When that is firmly established and we feel we can afford it we will add something new to our activities. Of course, we would like sometime to have a club house of our own such as the business girls have in other cities. Just now our chief work is securing one club room to start with."

The beginning of the Business and Professional Women's club in Great Falls is similar to the beginnings of similar organizations which have sprung up like mushrooms—but with more stable qualities than mushrooms—all over the country within the last two years. In the autumn of 1919 business and professional women from all parts of the country met for the first time in a convention at St. Louis and organized the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs.

**Federation's Object.**  
The object of this national federation is "to promote the interest of the business and professional women; to secure combined action by them; to gather and distribute information relative to vocational opportunity; to stimulate local and state organizations and co-operation among business and professional women of the several states of the United States."

The second annual convention of the national organization took place July 27-30, 1920, in the palm room of the St. Paul hotel, St. Paul, Minn. Concerning this second convention of business and professional women, the comments of two well known magazines are interesting. Says Good Housekeeping:

"The past decade has witnessed as great an advance in woman's place in business as politics. To stabilize her position and further increase her authority, 500 members of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women met in St. Paul a few weeks ago. More than 50 professions and many thousands of women were represented at this second convention of the federation and more than one popular misconception was severely scotched.



MISS WINIFRED THORNDYKE, Secretary.



MISS HILDEGARDE A. ALMIN, Chairman of the Decorating Committee.

## Lift - Lift - Lift

Joy in life is the greatest gift which woman can bestow upon her companions. And joy in life means freedom from heaving, from nagging and from the petty worries of everyday whose significances are quickly drowned in the joy of doing things worth while. Joy in life does not mean excessive optimism; it does not mean that we shall meet other members of our club with insane smiles while they carry loads that may be far too heavy for ordinary human ability. Too often the optimist is the inexperienced undeveloped woman who has not learned the wonder which real joy in life brings. In fact, the excessive optimist can easily be termed unbalanced in that she has no appreciation of the logical failure, and her aspect is often merely insolent.

Joy in life is another term for joy in the work. Lift with an active brain the mental burden that is your portion. In club work, if possible, lift more than which you consider your legitimate load, and say nothing, for the women next you who is carrying less may have little strength. Not that she may be more than willing. Remember that the success of the club rests as absolutely upon her mite as upon your power. Strength, unless well controlled, results in destruction and an organization is no greater than its weakest member.

Encourage the members of your club to believe in the joy in life by your practice of logical optimism.—"The Independent Woman," November Issue.



MISS LOIS KENDRICK, Vice President.



MISS HAZEL DAVIS, Newly Elected President.



MISS MILDRED McBRIDE, Chairman of Social Committee.



MISS EMMA GALER, Chairman of Club Rooms Committee.

"A composite picture of the business woman as she appeared at St. Paul is eye-opening. The first impression is

one of intense good health. Where is the fragile lady of yesterday? In her place is a radiant creature with

god physique, strong, clear eyes and splendid vitality. She is filled to the brim with the zest of living and vic-

torious, for the successful business woman has come off victor in many a fight. She is intelligent and thinks clearly

to broaden her opportunities in her chosen career. . . . Says the Green Book magazine: "Less than ever today are women asking special favors for themselves in the working world just because they are women. This was made as clear as noonday by the hundreds of them assembled in convention in St. Paul the last week of July when the Federation of Business and Professional Women held its second annual meeting."

**Slogan—"Better Conditions."**  
"It was the spirit and action of that convention of women workers to frown upon any special sex legislation favoring the skirt at the expense of the trousers. 'Better conditions for women and men was the slogan.' Indeed, there is an inclination on the part of the thoughtful working woman to regard with actual suspicion any suggestion of special legislation favoring her group because they are women. Thus the world moves on apace toward that era when women will be considered human beings first of all and after that and only incidentally—women."

It is interesting to know that the Great Falls Business Women's club has a charter membership in the national federation. In 1917 a business women's club was started in connection with the Young Women's Christian association. When the first national convention was held at St. Louis, Mo., in St. Louis and attended the convention as a representative from Great Falls. The Great Falls club is the only one in the state to have the distinction of a charter membership in the national organization. Last autumn when the club was reorganized it severed its connection with the Young Women's Christian association.

**22 Vocations Represented**  
The Great Falls membership shows women in a variety of occupations in the city. In fact 22 occupations and professions are followed by the members of the club. There are school teachers, stenographers, bookkeepers, cashiers, expense clerks, insurance agents, dry goods, journalists, nurses, librarians, lecturers, assistants, milliners, dressmakers, a supervisor of music, a corporation secretary, a corporation president, a florist, a funeral director, a hotel keeper, a florist, musician, and an artist.

The following officers were chosen at the election in January: President, Miss Hazel Davis; vice president, Miss Lois Kendrick; secretary, Miss Winifred Thorndyke; and treasurer, Miss Edyth Calcott. Committees appointed include Miss Emma Galer, chairman of the club room committee. Miss Galer will be assisted by Miss Mary H. Gereminder, Miss M. Cecilia Woodbury and Miss Kate McKenzie.

**Other Committees**  
Members to serve on other committees with the chairman already appointed by the president were also chosen. Miss Lois Kendrick, who is vice president and chairman of the membership committee, will be assisted by Miss Lola Ball, Miss Bessie Liscom, and Miss Betty M. Bjorkland. Working with Miss Bessie Davey, chairman of the luncheon committee, will be Miss Anna Hougan, Miss Elizabeth Bowen, Miss Ann Toben, Miss Florence Wood and Miss Olive Shrader.

Miss Eva Jane Ballman, chairman of the reception committee, will have as an assistant, Miss Evadne Homen. Miss Mildred McBride, chairman of the social committee, will be assisted by Miss Margaret Parsons, Miss Ester Powers and Miss Elizabeth Jeffrey. The program committee of which Miss Mae Gassman is chairman, includes Mrs. W. L. Townsend, Mrs. Martha Hey and Miss Frances Donohue. Miss Ann Rector is the chairman of the "Independent Woman" committee. The "Independent Woman" is the magazine of the national organization of business and professional women. Miss Hildegard Almin heads the decorating committee. When occasions demand the efforts of this committee, Miss Almin will choose her own helpers.

## Scientific Facts in Tabloid Form for Busy Readers

An imitation bone for cutlery handles is made from seaweed.  
Uruguay has about 1600 miles of railroads but only one tunnel.  
An inventor has combined a gasoline cigar lighter with a pencil holder.  
Of English invention is an electric forge which can be operated by one man.  
New Zealand has 2,000,000 telephones in use, an average of one to every 16 inhabitants.  
An inventor has patented a portable compressed air tank for inflating automobile tires.  
Argentina maintains a meteorological station at an elevation of 4000 feet above the sea.  
A new windshield cleaner for automobiles can be heated electrically to melt snow and ice.  
Experts have counted 113 varieties of hardwood trees in Jamaica's 300,000 acres of forests.  
Made of fabric on a wire frame a new office waste basket can be hung

under a desk out of sight and where it cannot be upset.  
The telescoping joints of a new metal lead pencil can be drawn out until it forms a foot rule.  
In India the residue of indigo plants after the extraction of dye is used to fertilize tobacco fields.  
Temperature and viscosity charts accompany a new slide rule for figuring the flow of oil in pipe lines.  
A careful investigation has led Japan to claim to be the richest country in the world in radium bearing waters.  
In a new incandescent lamp there are two sets of filaments, one being used to replace the other when burned out.  
An extensive plant will be built on the east coast of Tasmania for the

manufacture of cement from native materials.  
A new automobile accessory sends warmed gasoline to the primer, ready for ignition, when a starting pedal is pressed.  
Portugal is known to have deposits of coal and an effort will be made to ascertain if they can be developed profitably.  
A machine has been invented to wrap the steel rigging of ocean going craft with tarred yarn to protect it from salt water.  
An American company will soon begin to mine manganese on the Boqueron river in Panama, where there are immense deposits.  
Great Britain claims to be manufacturing all forms of laboratory, optical and surgical glassware which it formerly imported.  
A Danish company will manufacture patented fuel briquets from peat dust and brown coal from which the water has been evaporated.  
Included with a new electric fan is a heating unit so that the fan may be used to warm the air in a room instead of cooling it.  
A pocket case for fountain pens invented in England rings an alarm bell should a map go away from his desk and forget to take his pen with him.

To increase the capacity of cotton pickers a thimble like device of roughened metal to be worn on the fingers has been invented.  
Brushes that weigh less than half an ounce and which can be carried inside hats on which they are used have been invented in Paris.  
Radio messages are printed on a paper tape as they are received for reading later by the invention of a resident of Buffalo, N. Y.  
Porcelain has been invented in Bavaria that can be softened by heat and blown into shape and in other ways treated much like glass.  
The United States bureau of standards is experimenting with colorless substances for preserving stone buildings and other faces.  
The first snow fall in its history in an Argentine province in July caused the loss of 25 per cent of that country's sugar production.  
A research laboratory to develop commercial methods of obtaining petroleum from shales will be established by the University of Colorado.  
A new alloy of English invention resembling nine carat gold is ductile, possesses much strength and resists corrosion by acids and sea water.  
For freshening typewriter ribbons

## Beautiful Mountain Lake That Represents Sure Crops on Many Farms



Swift Reservoir where water is stored for the Valler Irrigation Project.

a tubular container for ink, which is distributed by a roller as a ribbon passes over it, has been patented.  
Because of the heat insulating properties of concrete a stove made of that material in Germany is claimed to be unusually economical of fuel.  
A Kansas farmer is the inventor of a cage which brushes flies from cows or other animals walking through it and catches the insects in a trap.  
Hides are being prepared for shipment in Brazil by a new process that dries them completely and removes all objectionable odor in eight days.  
To relieve eye from strain while watching motion pictures an inventor has patented spectacles which admit light only through transverse slits.  
As a fuel cover a cast iron plate fastened to a residence heater grate diminishes the draft through the center of the fire has been invented.  
French scientists have developed a process for galvanizing with cadmium instead of zinc with several advantages and at approximately the same cost.  
Air resistance instead of friction is the feature of a governor invented by an Illinois man for motors used in phonographs and other light machinery.  
Slovakia's coal resources have been estimated at 1,177,700,000 metric tons which have been scarcely touched as

mining began there only ten years ago.  
Three forms of slot fillers to prevent screws that have been set into wood being removed with screw drivers have been patented by a New York inventor.  
Italy's annual per capita consumption of rice is about 101 pounds, compared to 34 pounds in France, 27 in England and about six in the United States.  
A recently patented dustpan has a sharp steel edge and a handle so formed that it is forced against the floor to gather every speck of dust that is swept into it.  
A process has been patented in Brazil for casting iron pipe by using centrifugal force to distribute the molten metal within warm cooled revolving moulds.  
Spring hinges equipped with chains to pass through window casings have been invented to enable shutters to be opened and closed without opening the windows.  
British experimenters have found that pigs fed on a diet to which dried blood is added gain in weight more than those fed on the same food without blood.  
Compactness is attained by new telephone equipment intended for residences in which the bell ringing mech-

anism forms a shelf to hold a desk type of instrument.  
**Drop in Fur Prices Brings Trapping to Standstill, Report**  
Duluth, Minn., Jan. 22.—Fur trapping operations in northern Minnesota are virtually at a standstill, due to the drop in prices for raw furs, according to Thomas J. Storey, Duluth taxidermist, who said he has purchased only half a dozen mink pelts since the season opened, December 1.  
About 225 applications for trapping licenses, the usual number, have been made, according to the county auditor's office, and fur operations are expected to improve before spring.  
Many professional trappers have not been working this year because of the low prices, but while many other unemployed persons have taken up trapping their operations are not meeting with great success, Storey said.  
"The price of mink pelts has dropped from \$18 last year to \$3," he said. "Muskrat has fallen from \$7 to 90 cents and weasel from \$3 to 65 cents. There is no trapping being done

to speak of. I notice the retail prices on fur coats and other fur articles are the same, but the prices offered for raw furs are down to pre-war figures."  
**Minnesota Enriched \$1,345,312 by Auto Licenses Distributed**  
St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 15.—The automobile license department of the secretary of state's office collected more than \$1,442,389 during the last three years, according to a report compiled by W. L. Schultz, superintendent. This money, according to the superintendent, is paid into the treasury of the state.  
The report covers the activities of that department for 1918, 1919 and 1920. It states that 324,390 automobile licenses were issued during the three-year period for which the state treasury was enriched with \$1,345,312. The licenses are issued for a three year period and expired December 31, last.  
Three times as many men attempt suicide as do women.  
Natural sealgin is light drab, that marketed being dyed.

## Source of Never Failing Water Supply for Montana Crops "Under Ditch"



Mountains from which the Valler Irrigation Project gets its water.