

EVE in THE ARENA

When your club does constructive work, report it to this department. Your success may be the stimulus a younger group needs for increased civic progress. This section is devoted to the recording of practical achievement. Woman, struggling with ideals through the ages, has known a sphere of contest to which the Modern Eve now approaches largely by organization.

ETHEL RATTAY.

"Care to our coffin adds a nail no doubt;
And every grin, so merry, draws one out."

Such was the sentiment of Miss Sara Miller, president of the Foundation Club when at the George Washington luncheon in honor of the Research Clubs of Ocean and Atlantic Cities in the Venetian Room of the Hotel Ambassador, Wednesday, February 20th, she reminded the one hundred and fifty diners that in the interest of physical economy alone it requires the use of sixty-five muscles to frown and but fifteen to smile, which statement gives tersely, to the uninitiated, the working motive of this progressive band of women in which there is probably a larger representation of business women listed as members than in any other organization in the resort.

"Young in years, but precocious in achievement, the Foundation Club soars ahead to develop good fellowship among women," continued Miss Miller, "As many of you know we had our origin in the National Movement for which we banded together about a year and a half ago. When the Washington project was discontinued a committee voted to continue as a local and we find ourselves now with wide aims, welcoming every open-minded woman—from the business world or the home, who aspires to interesting personal contact and a broader point of view. The woman in good standing who desires to cultivate sex loyalty in herself and others, who believes in reforming herself first, and who sees the intrinsic value in smoothing off the rough edges of human intercourse with friendly buffers of true acquaintance and co-operation, is welcome to join us! To realize that ideal among the members constitutes the particular aim of our program. We strive to do good by the wayside, and as individuals we are intensely interested in speeding along the realization of the Woman's Club House for a proper meeting place is of the greatest value to the continued advancement of woman's interests."

Ada Taylor, vocally at her best Wednesday, at this point gave the signal to Nick Nichols and to the tune of "School Days" the dignified gathering burst forth with the following sentiment, written for the occasion by Miss Sara Miller, followed by the pathetic refrain "And They Live Down in Our Alley."

Club days, club days, hubby's warmed-up grub days,
Speakin' and readin' and eatin' too,
All to the tune of "What can we do?"
To uplift our town and country too,
There isn't a thing we would not do.

We wrote on our slate, "A Club-house new!"
Now what are YOU going to do?
Mrs. Taylor, vice-president of the Ocean City Research Club, announced, when introduced to the cheery gathering, that thirty per cent. of the members had responded to the invitation, and lauded the comradeship, and information obtainable in the social communion of the two clubs. Her reference to the small boy who informed his dad that he did not get "sore" at his questions but the answers he could not give, assisted those present to indulge in

the facial play advocated by the president, Miss Miller, in her opening address.

"The women of New Jersey," remarked Mrs. Taylor, "have more work to do than those of any other state, I have been told by a prominent official, and first of all I wish to warn you that we in Ocean City are running a race for a clubhouse. With the poet Guest we can say that 'We don't begrudge the labor when the roses start to bloom, and we don't begrudge the labor when they give us their perfume.'"

Mrs. L. Dow Balliet, founder of the Atlantic City Research Club, following a serenade in which her name was sentimentally interwoven into the words and melody of the "Mother McChree" song, said in part, "I am happy, as the founder of the oldest woman's club in Atlantic City, to be able after twenty-nine years of existence in this organization to invite you children to such a lovely party. (This was followed by a community sing to the tune of the familiar Banana torture, "Yes We Have No Old Ladies"). Then Miss Miller remarked something to the effect that their hilarity must be condoned owing to extreme youth! Mrs. Balliet paid a fitting compliment to the hostesses of the Foundation Club in a poetical narrative about the Phoenix—a sort of pheasant who never comes to earth unless he has a message. The color and mission of the bird plumage she likened to the assemblage and assured those present that the guest clubs of the neighbor cities had caught the beautiful message of good fellowship which it is the aim of the Foundation members to broadcast to a feminine world anxious to tune in on the high ideals of these alert women whose very club name seems to have its roots in the finest things of life, "Foundation!"

Mrs. Thomas Scull, Atlantic City Research Club president, evidenced hearty appreciation on behalf of her club for the opportunity to be present on such a delightful occasion, dwelling on the point that the large attendance spelled approval of the friendship.

Miss Euphemia Giannini, looking most picturesque with her striking Italian beauty enhanced by a coffee colored silk lace gown effectively draped and embellished with brown georgette, practically rendered a song recital which was greatly appreciated. She was recalled again and again and the interspersing of her varied program between courses, speeches, orchestra selections and the com-



MRS. GEORGE BEAN, of Bala, Pa. Whose wealth of information, eloquence and beauty continue to attract the elite of the resort to her Friday morning lectures on Current Events in Vernor Room of Haddon Hall.

munity singing led by Miss Ada Taylor, publicity officer of the Hotel Ambassador, was a valuable contribution to the function.

Silk American flags among the narcissus which in Japanese vases formed the centre table decoration lent a gala appearance to the Venetian Room whose exquisitely blended colors made a beautiful setting for the round tables which completely filled the entire space of the large banquet hall. Splashes of red, white and blue dotted on the damask proved to be the Patriotic Lolly-Pop Sisters for whom the "favor" of an invitation has been made possible thru the careful workmanship of Mrs. Hedlund, Mrs. Alex. Vollmer and various other members of the industrious committee.

Special mention is due Mr. Nick Nichols for the taste exercised in his musical offerings. Both in solo and orchestral numbers his contributions were always beautiful and appropriate never once dominating, as is so often the manner, when so-called "music" oftentimes becomes a veritable stampepe of obnoxious notes, on such occasions.

Mrs. George Bean's Current Events Lecture Continued

"In the last talk I said they had settled the five-year controversy in Fiume and thereby removed the cause of enmity, and there was a clear spot in European skies, but we can look for the rattle of the big stick in foreign affairs as well as at home. Mussolini gave Europe a big scare when he seized that little island for the murder of his officers. War threatened in the Balkan states showing that Italy had not learned much by the war and her fever was high. He forgot the dependence of the people, the debts and sorrow and was ready to try it all over again, and while in peril Mussolini intensified the alarm tho the Fiume question was settled in fifteen days.

"It is world opinion of the condensed activity that Mussolini is

the head of the government virtually—ostentatious and carrying out high handed measures, changing to friendly guise over night, and cultivating the friendships of those who can give him prestige in the Mediterranean and Asiatic. The Council of Ambassadors was without protest. The settlement of the Fiume pact increased Italy's power in the little Entente, and after the visit of the King of Spain to Rome, new ties were made, and Spain shares with Italy her interest in the Mediterranean. Italy recognized the Soviet Government for Mussolini was shrewd—for trade reasons. The other powers were cold, and Italy is now on her way with increased diplomacy battling between Italy and France for a place in the Balkans. Italy evidently wishes to be mistress of the Mediterranean and her evident desire to expand is clear, she is the natural heiress of Latin civilization. If they will not make room for Italy she will make it for herself.

"The growth of the population, and her position geographically in this narrow overcrowded area (Continued on Page 26)

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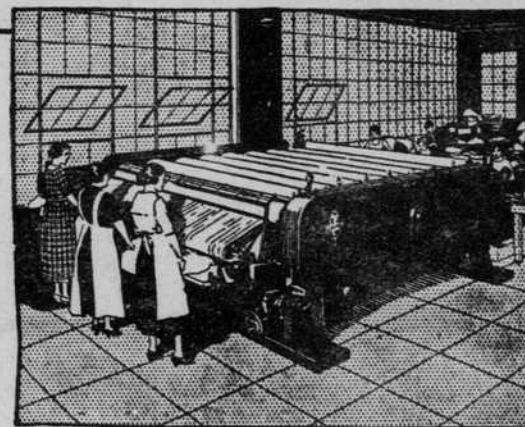
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