

Woman's Work

Woman's Society Report Wealth of Activity in 1924

Usually the most important factor in a report is the financial sheet; we will begin our yearly report by stating that our

Balance May 1, 1923 was...\$ 396.52
Receipts for 1923-24.....1,486.35

Total\$1,882.87
Expenses and benevolences...\$1,341.71
Cash on hand May 1, 1924.... 541.16

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The tenure of all offices is for not more than two consecutive years, with the exception of the treasurer, which office is contingent upon efficiency and good behavior—no bonds required. Having the money we now proceed to spend it in the legitimate channels sanctioned by the executive board. Our work committee, last year, turned out 381 completed garments that went to four organizations that we have helped for years. They mended 17 of the boys choir robes and all of the table linen. We made 23 new surpluses for the girls choir. We bought the parson a new gown.

Our after-luncheon programs have been varied and most interesting, consisting of music, plays and speakers of note.

Our house committee reported that after the new addition to Community House was completed, our board adopted a resolution turning over to Community House all the kitchen equipment, owned and maintained by the society, except the set of blue china which was a gift to us. We no longer need a house committee.

The circles now number 19. Last year there were 17 with a membership of 750 who sewed for 14 different charities and turned out over 2,500 garments. As a unit, they had a booth at the White Elephant Sale that netted \$337.00 for Community House. They furnish waitresses for the Men's Club dinners and are a live, growing offshoot of this society.

The luncheons committee were badly handicapped by the building conditions and our January meeting had to be held in the Masonic temple, but that committee did not fail us once and if, sometimes, the sprinkling of plaster was mistaken for too much seasoning, it did no harm.

We have been rather an exclusive society, permitting only women to attend our meetings, but for about four years we have recognized men as our equal so the World Friendship (or Missionary department) arranged an evening meeting so that husbands and sons could attend and had Dr. Graham Taylor tell them about his long residence and work at Chicago Commons, one of our oldest beneficiaries.

Our flower committee arranges the flowers for the church each Sunday and also sends plants or flowers to all sick members that are reported to us.

This year we are trying an experiment. We have organized ourselves into four different groups, the Original group meeting in Neighborhood room, World Friendship group, Auxiliary in Scout Room and Musical group in Camp Fire room. We hope by having these smaller groups to allow of a more intimate acquaintanceship among us; more diversified programs to meet the needs of all and then all coming together for the luncheon and the program following.

During Jubilee week we feel we did our share toward making the week one long to be remembered by all. We had a delightful program of historical reminiscences and a number ransacked attics to secure costumes of 50 years ago to give the desired atmosphere, and the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Dowd, Mr. and Mrs. Winchester and Mrs. Snell all helped to make it a big success. Old silverware and souvenirs of all kinds were displayed, and our hostess' room was a real Joy and Comfort to those who used it and was never uncomfortably crowded. Our sightseeing busses reported promptly each morning for service, but either the visitors were awed by the nifty chauffeurs, or perhaps afraid to trust their uninsured lives to their driving, for there was nothing doing in the bus line.

In case some of you men do not get as good a dinner on the Wednesdays of society meetings, just consider that as your participation in the good work your wife or mother is doing for mankind.

Efficiency is our aim,
Helpfulness our motto,
Good will toward all,
The rich; the sick; the poor,
Kind deeds our only lure.

Young People's Club

Girl President Proves Happy Selection in 1924

By ESTHER KEYS BEARD

This year, the club deviated from the conventional path and, with fear and trembling, elected a girl president. But just as a person often works with more zeal and accomplishes more in the end when he has a handicap to deal with, so the club members put their shoulders to the wheel and determined to make the year worth while. The committees have shown splendid effort and enthusiasm.

The officers perform their tasks well. Young people may crave too many good times, but they will work when there is work to do. The attendance has been very steady this year. Usually there are from 40 to 50 who come to the Sunday evening meeting.

The year started off with a jolly banquet rally. All the Winnetka people of high school age were invited. In this way, it was made known to the village just what the purpose and plan of the club was. We want to thank the church for their help in financing this supper which I know we all felt was worth while.

Plan Fund Program

The project which is absorbing the attention of all of us at present is our plan of raising money. Last year we raised \$1,000 which was sent to the Reynolds' in China for a playground. This year we are directing our interests toward the Tower Hill Camp in Michigan where

various missionary conferences are held in the summer. It is a new and worthy endeavor. Our plan is to present a moving picture in Matz hall the last of February. The picture is one directed and produced by some Winnetka boys last summer. Tickets at 25 cents will soon be on sale. We shall call on you for cooperation. Be prepared.

A new idea which has proved successful is that of having "union meetings." We have had two such with the Glencoe group,—one in Glencoe and one here. And we are looking forward to similar ones with the Wilmette club. In getting together this way, we become acquainted in our social times, we exchange ideas of carry on our clubs, and more important, we gain a feeling of cooperation, realizing that we are not the only young people who are searching for the best in life, thinking over some of its temptations, blessings and problems.

Sometimes, we wish it were possible

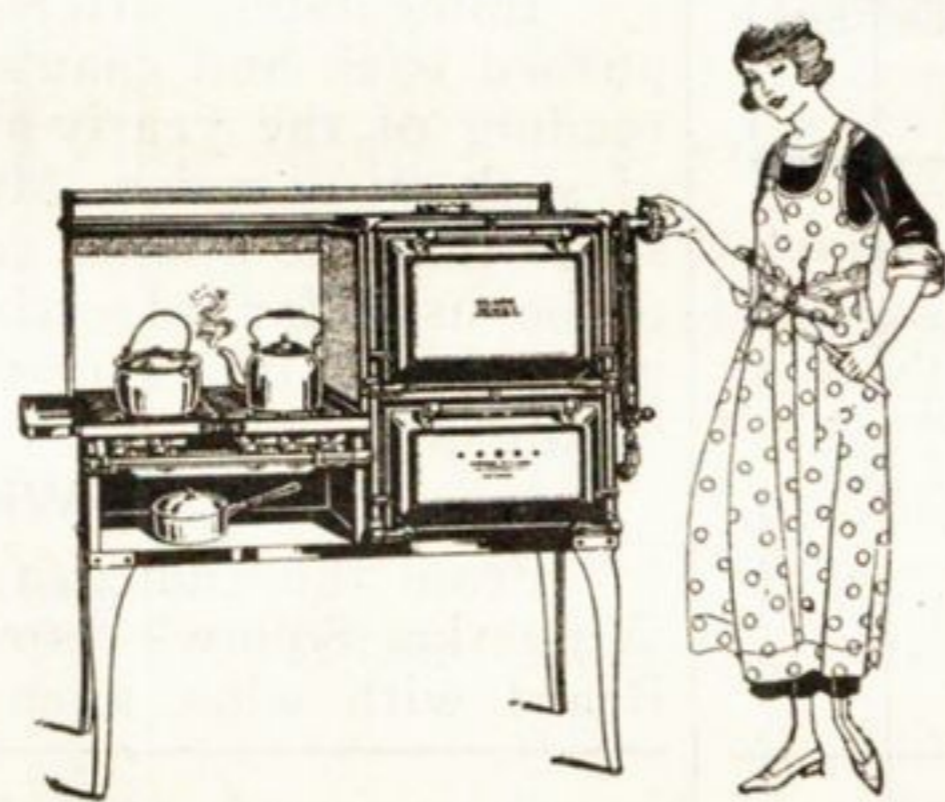
for all of you older folks to listen through the keyhole when we are having one of our fiery discussions. The difficulty would be, however, that if we had the least suspicion that you were eavesdropping, we wouldn't think of saying some of the things we do. We give our opinions on what an ideal parent should be; we criticize you; we praise you; sometimes we tell others such complimentary things about you that you wouldn't believe we were your children. I suppose some of the stories told in Young People's are strictly family secrets and were never meant to travel outside those bounds. But it is just that mutual feeling of confidence and trust and self-revelation which makes our meetings what they are.

"Chief" Helps Out

Frequently, we find that we all agree on some point of ethics that has been brought up. No one has more remarks to make. But just as the pause becomes

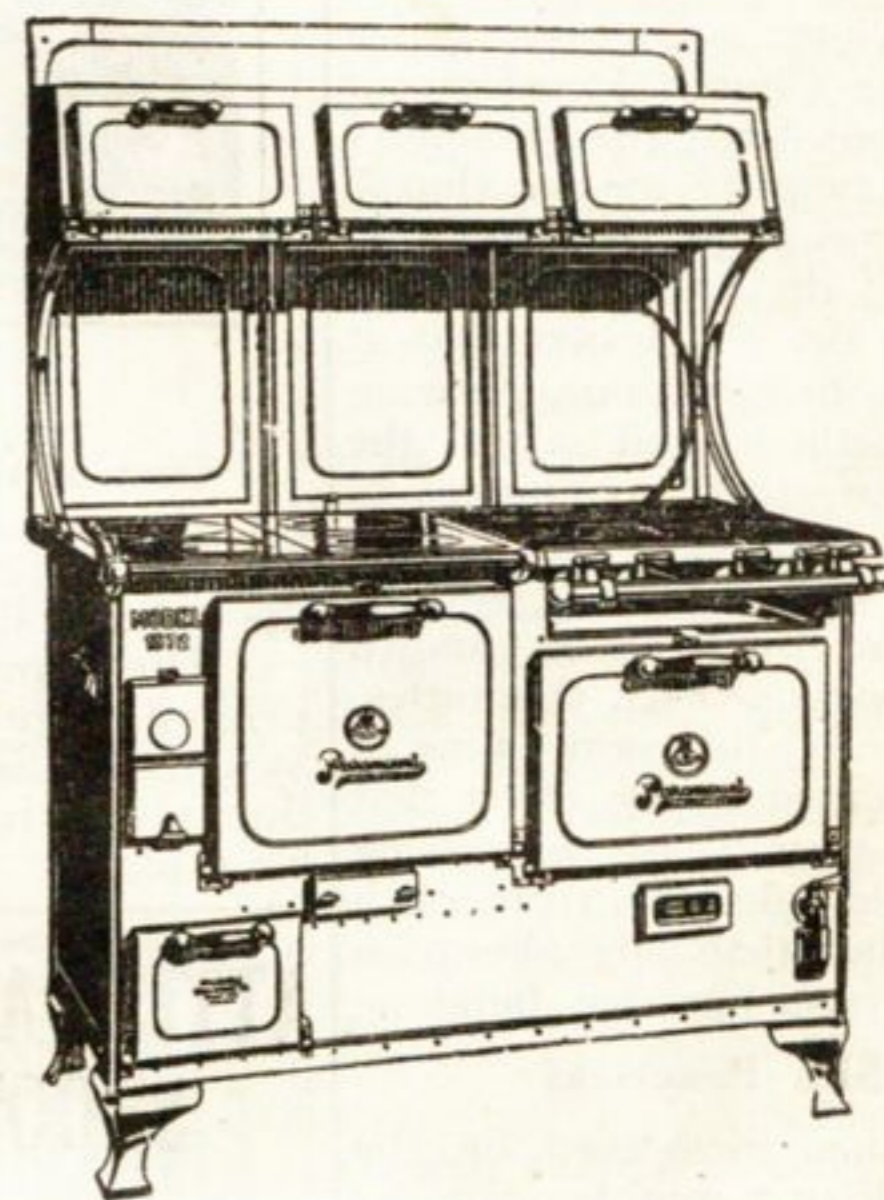
too awkward to be comfortable, perhaps Mr. Davies—we call him "Chief"—rescues us by proposing a new phase of the subject to be discussed. Thereupon, everyone indulges in a general controversy. Gradually, we settle down and agree to hear each debater in turn. We argue back and forth, sometimes logically, sometimes not and we end up more in a maze than when we started out. We scarcely know our own thoughts. Then Mr. Richards rises from his chair and in his calm, clear way tells us in two or three minutes just what our thoughts were. He condenses all the statements that have been made, showing us where we were wrong and how we might reach the correct conclusion. And then he adds such rich new thoughts of his own, inspiring us with the truth and the righteousness of it all that when he has said his last word, we don't want to say anything more; we want to go home with those thoughts to carry with us through the week.

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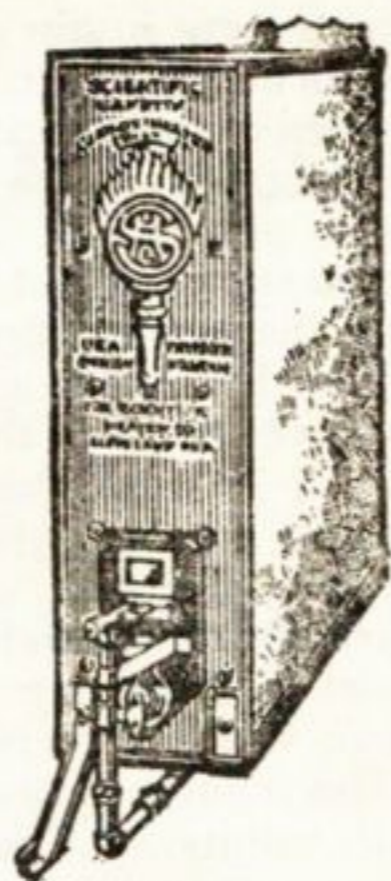


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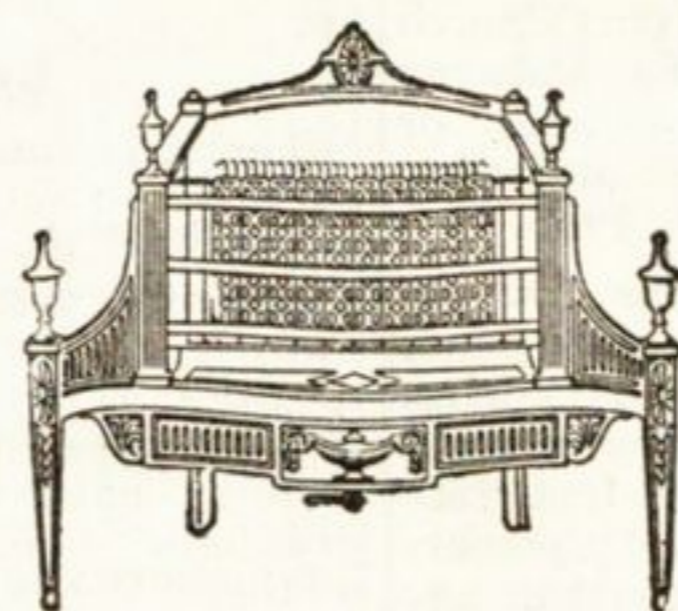
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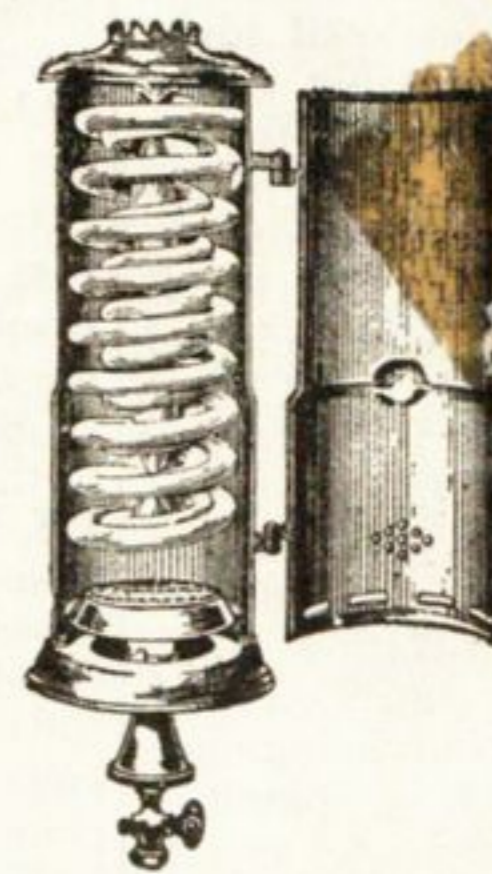
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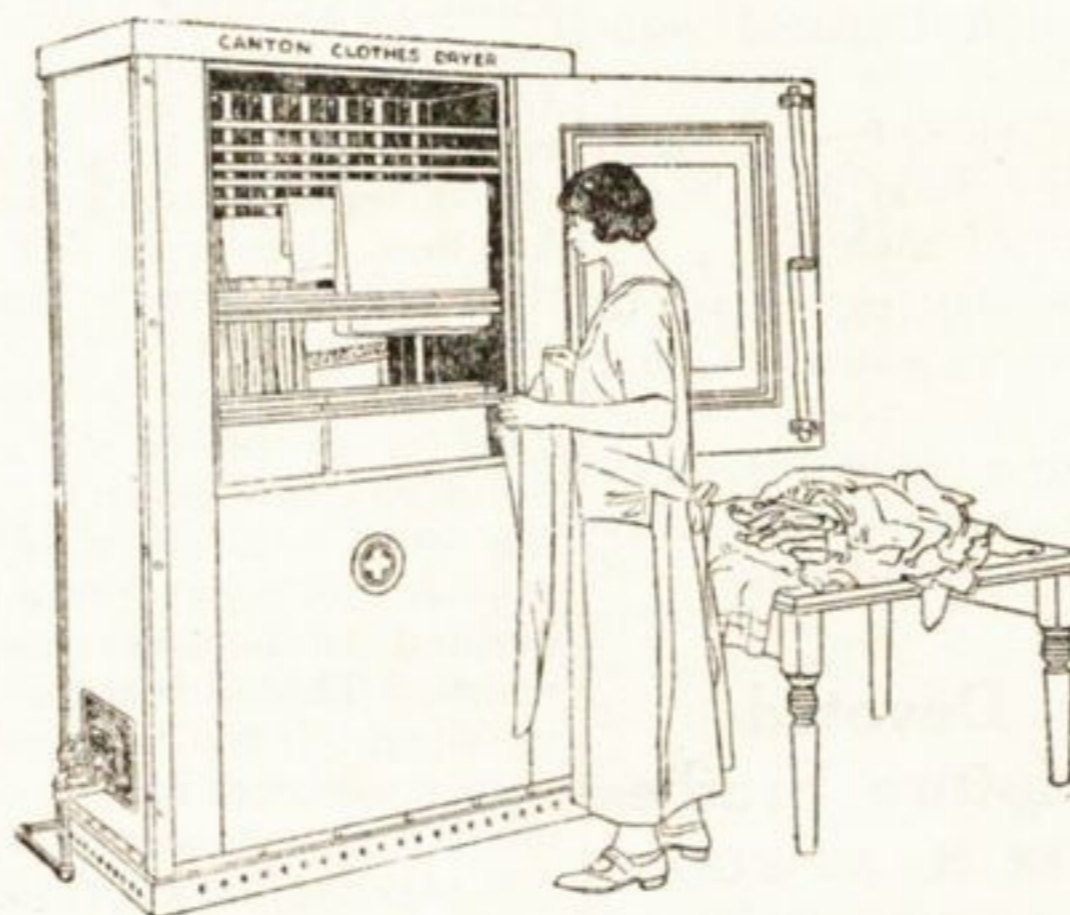


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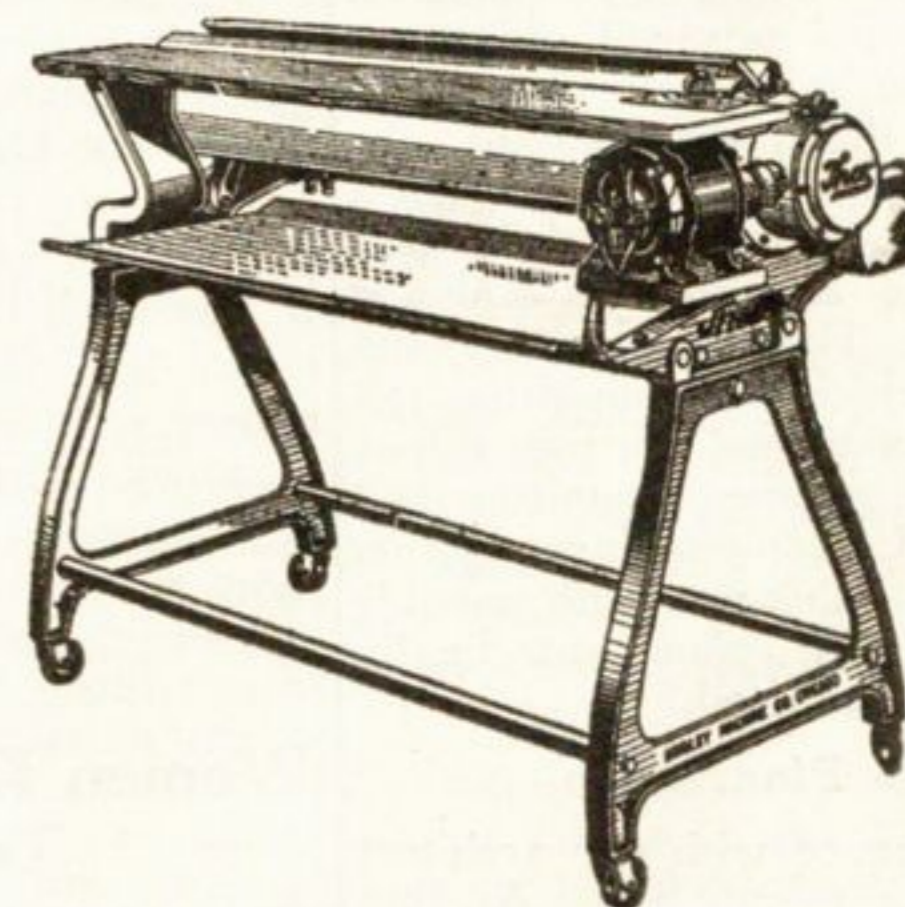
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