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## FRENCH CLUB HISTORY

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book, singing of folk songs, conversational games, and occasional parliamentary drills in French. The membership of twenty-five at the close of the first year included four who were past presidents of the Woman's Library club.

Beginning with the second year, to facilitate ear-training, a lecture course was arranged for the first Wednesday of each month in the Hawthorn school, and the willingness of French instructors to speak for the club on these occasions was very gratifying. A partial list of those who addressed the club includes John Glace, De Forrest Walton, Andre de Lattre, Arthur Allais, Prof. Henri Croizard, Auguste Babize, Mesdames E. J. Brundage, William Bennett, Charles Ware, Ida Maehler, and Mlles. Wanda Guazzoni, Morand and Speck. John Glace of the French department of New Trier High school, assisted greatly by naming his senior French classes, "Junior Members." Following the lectures a representation from the Junior membership recited poems. At the close of the second year the club membership was twenty-seven active members, several associate members, and an indefinite number of Junior members.

In January, 1926, La Petite Causerie made its appearance among the long established French clubs, by co-operating with the Chicago clubs in tendering a reception to the Duc de Trevis, who was in America asking aid in the restoration of certain monuments in France, which had been destroyed during the war. A contribution of \$50 was sent in the name of La Petite Causerie for that cause. The presidents of the various French clubs were called together at this time by Mrs.

Edgar Martin, who had the reception in charge, and this led to the formation of a permanent society known as "Le Comite Central des Societes Francaises de Chicago." This society of which La Petite Causerie has the honor of being a member, is under the auspices of the French consul at Chicago, M. de Ferry de Fontnouvelle, and meetings are held monthly in the consulate where subjects of mutual interest are discussed.

Plans for the third year's activities of La Petite Causerie are well under way and show progress. The club text book will still be used, but an advanced reading class has been inaugurated which will read and discuss the drama. Both of these classes are open to all club members, and any member of the Woman's Library club who has studied French one year is eligible to membership in La Petite Causerie. It is not necessary to speak French to be a member. The purpose of the club is to try putting into practical use what has been studied in books. The conference of the second year will be replaced by a series of social afternoons when comedies and saynetes will be presented by club members, and these programs are arranged to instruct by means of entertainment, both the beginner and the advanced student, as well as the mother, the grandmother and the granddaughter.

The officers and chairmen for the year 1926-27 are: Mrs. Auguste Babize, chairman; Mrs. Henry M. Paynter, vice-chairman; Mrs. George A. Spalding, secretary; Mrs. Robert Brown, treasurer; committees: Mrs. Edwin H. Cassels, art; Mrs. S. R. Hurford, literature; Mrs. Robert H. Moulton, music; Mrs. Andrews Allen, social; Mrs. Fred Patton, membership and advanced classes; Mrs. Fred Clarke beginners' classes; Mrs. Harry B. Boardman, house; Mrs. Charles C. Bulkley, properties.

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